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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY May 2005

Master of Science, Clinical Practice with Children Youth and Families

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI May 2003

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA February 2022-Present

Assistant Professor of Social Work, Practicum Education

California State University Northridge, Department of Social Work Los Angeles, CA August 2021-December 2022

Adjunct Lecturer

Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work New York, NY September 2020-May 2021

Adjunct Instructor

University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, Los Angeles, Sept 2013- May 2019

Adjunct Instructor

Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, NY September 2008-May 2012

Course Instructor

USC TEACHING EXPERIENCE *August 2014 - Present*

Fall 2025 SOWK 591: Applied Learning in Practicum Education I
 SOWK 691: Applied Learning in Practicum Education III

Spring 2025 SOWK 593: Applied Learning in Practicum Education II

Fall 2024 SOWK 591: Applied Learning in Practicum Education I

Spring 2024 SOWK 593: Applied Learning in Practicum Education II
 SOWK 693: Applied Learning in Practicum Education IV

Fall 2023 SOWK 591: Applied Learning in Practicum Education I
 SOWK 691: Applied Learning in Practicum Education III

Spring 2023 SOWK 593: Applied Learning in Practicum Education II
 SOWK 693: Applied Learning in Practicum Education IV

Fall 2022 SOWK 591: Applied Learning in Practicum Education I
 SOWK 691: Applied Learning in Practicum Education III

Summer 2022 SOWK 591: Virtual Practicum

Spring 2019	SOWK 588: Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice
Fall 2018	SOWK 589a: Applied Learning in Field Education
Spring 2018	SOWK 588: Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice
Fall 2017	SOWK 589a: Applied Learning in Field Education
Spring 2017	SOWK 698b: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice SOWK 588: Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice
Fall 2016	SOWK 698a: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice SOWK 589a: Applied Learning in Field Education
Spring 2016	SOWK 588: Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice SOWK 589b: Applied Learning in Field Education
Fall 2015	SOWK 589a: Applied Learning in Field Education
Summer 2014	SOWK 586a: Field Practicum Lecture

USC PRACTICUM RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES *February 2022-Present*

- Course Lead for SOWK 591: Applied Learning in Practicum Education
- Facilitated full day orientation for all incoming MSW students
- Chair of the Continuous Quality Improvement Committee (CQI) for Practicum Education
- Member of the Antiracist, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Collaborative for Practicum Education
- Served on the Practicum Placement Team for both On Campus and Virtual Academic Center students
- Member of the Agency Partnerships Subcommittee
- Developed new partnerships with community-based agencies
- Re-developed agencies in need of support to optimize student learning experiences
- Lead trainer for The Blues Program in partnership with LACOE
- Supervised eight peer support specialists as part of the CalHope Program at the USC Tele-Behavioral Health Clinic

USC FACULTY SERVICE *February 2022-Present*

- Serves as a Faculty Advisor to an Undergraduate Student Organization: Love & Time
- Facilitates monthly Processing Group at the Health Sciences Campus for first-year psychiatry residents
- Served as an APR Reviewer
- Served on the planning Committee for the Practicum Instructor Appreciation Luncheon
- Served on the USC Connect Planning Committee
- Served on the Practicum Faculty Retreat Planning Committee
- Facilitated support group for California Endowment Employees impacted by the Los Angeles fires

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS *February 2022-Present*

- Statewide CQI Conference for Child Welfare and Probation
- CSWE Annual Conference 2024
- Presentation on Professionalism and Career Planning for HRSA Grant recipients
- Presentation on Maternal Child Mental Health for MSW Interns at the Tele-Behavioral Health Clinic

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California State University Northridge, Department of Social Work Los Angeles, CA Aug 2021-Dec 2022

Adjunct Lecturer

- Advanced Field Practicum I and II (SWRK 622/623)
- Field Liaison providing ongoing support to students through their internship experience.

Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work New York, NY September 2020-Present

Adjunct Instructor

- Generalist Social Work Practice I (SWK 6003)

Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, NY September 2008-May 2012

Course Instructor

- The Art and Science of Medicine, a requisite course for first year medical students at The Mount Sinai School of Medicine. This course included modules on professionalism, communications skills, and ethics.

PUBLICATIONS

Cole-Kelly, A., Amey, S., Paddock, C., Shelby, A. (2025). Continuous Quality Improvement of Community-Based Placement Sites Helps MSW Students in Child Welfare Succeed. *NASW Newsletter*.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Larchmont Charter School Los Angeles, CA *June 2017-January 2022*

Clinical Social Work Supervisor

- Provides comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment and referral services for students and families.
- Ongoing interdisciplinary collaboration with school psychologists, counselors, teachers and administrators in Student Affairs team meetings to address the individual needs of high-risk students at our school.
- Developed and administered a social emotional learning curriculum for middle and high school students in line with the five CASEL competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making.
- After receiving advanced training in suicide prevention in schools through the Los Angeles County Office of Education, I revised and updated our school's suicide prevention policy, created, and trained a crisis response team, and trained all teachers, staff and parents as critical stakeholders in the prevention of adolescent suicide.
- Received a grant from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to implement the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program at Larchmont Charter School. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is a researched based, internationally recognized, comprehensive program, known for its high degree of efficacy at reducing bullying in schools.
- Supervises two MSW interns from the University of Southern California.

Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) Los Angeles, CA *December 2012-June 2016*

Per Diem Social Worker

- Provided comprehensive psychosocial evaluation and treatment services in the evening and on weekends to patients and families throughout the hospital, with a strong emphasis on instant response and crisis management. Cases included: recent trauma, child abuse/neglect, psychiatric evaluation and suicide assessment, support around end-of-life decision making, and concrete resource management to address post-hospitalization needs.

Mount Sinai Hospital New York, NY *September 2005-August 2012*

Pediatric Social Worker *October 2008-August 2012*

- Conducted comprehensive psychosocial assessments, and provided counseling, education, advocacy and discharge planning services to patients and families in the Pediatric Emergency Department and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.
- Assignment involved addressing the psychological, emotional and social needs of patients and families impacted by child abuse and neglect, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, drug and alcohol use, homelessness, community and school violence, teen sexuality and pregnancy, acute and chronic illness, loss and bereavement.
- Supervised one full time Social Worker and two Social Work Interns

- Developed and co-led a task force that designed and implemented HIV testing protocol for the Emergency Department. Recruited and trained medical students to work as Health Educators in the Emergency Department offering HIV testing to all patients ages 13-64.
- Member of the NICE Committee (Novel Interdisciplinary Care for Emergencies), a team of Social Workers, Physicians and Nurses who worked to create individualized care plans for patients who frequently used the Emergency Room for their primary medical and social needs. Use of the emergency room by our targeted population was reduced by 65%

Adult Oncology/Medicine Social Worker *September 2005-September 2008*

- Worked as part of an interdisciplinary team conducting psychosocial assessments, providing short term counseling and discharge planning services to hospitalized patients to help them cope with their acute or chronic illness and ensure their safety upon returning to the community.

POST GRADUATE TRAINING

New York University School of Social Work

Post Masters Certificate in Palliative and End of Life Care

Los Angeles County Office of Education & Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

SPORT 2 Suicide Prevention and Ongoing Resiliency Training Program

PESI Seminar

Activity Based Mindfulness for Children and Adolescents

Albert Ellis Institute for Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy

Primary Practicum Certificate: Intensive training in theory and practice of Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy

SKILLS/INTEREST

Public speaking, group facilitation, computer proficient with IBM/Mac, Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and SPSS

References Available Upon Request