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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Clinical Assistant Professor, New York University, 2019 - present
Clinical Instructor, New York University, 2016 – 2019
Adjunct Lecturer, Sarah Lawrence College, 2014 - 2016
Adjunct Lecturer, Borough of Manhattan Community College, 2015-2016
Adjunct Lecturer, New York University, 2011 - 2016
Adjunct Lecturer, Hunter College, City University of New York, 2008 - 2011

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Jiang, N., Gill, E., Thorpe, L.E., Rogers, E.S., Luu, B., **de Leon, C.L.**, Anastasiou, E., Kaplan, S., Shelley, D. (2021). Implementing the federal smoke-free public housing policy in New York City: Understanding challenges and opportunities for improving policy impact. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 18(23): 12565
<https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph182312565>

Dempsey, A., Lanzieri, N., Luce, V., **de Leon, C.L.**, Malhotra, J., Heckman, A. (2021). Faculty respond to COVID-19: Reflections-on-action in field education. *Clinical Social Work Journal*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10615-021-00787-y>

Pilowsky, D.J., Hoover, D., Hadden, B., Fuller, C., Ompad, D.C., Andrews, H.F., **de Leon, C.L.**, Hoepner, L., Xia, Q., Latkin, C. (2007). Impact of social network characteristics on high-risk sexual behaviors among non-injection drug users. *Substance Use & Misuse*. 42(11):1629-49.

Castor, D., Hadden, B., Fuller, C., Ompad, D.C., **de Leon, C.L.**, Neils, G., Hoepner, L., Andrews, H.F., Latkin, C., Hoover, D. (2010). Sexual risk-reduction among non-injection drug users: Report of a randomized controlled trial. *AIDS Care*. 22(1):62-70.

PRESENTATIONS

“Attitudes and Perceptions of NYC Public Housing Residents Regarding the Federal Smoke-free Policy within the Context of COVID-19”. Poster Presentation at the Annual American Public Health Association Meeting, 2022.

“Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI) – A Tool for Changing Conversations”. Presentation at the 66th Annual Conference of the Council on Social Work Education, online. (Co-Presenter w/ Lanzieri, N. & Malhotra, J.), 2020

“Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods”. Zelda Foster Leadership Fellowship, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022

“Young Women in Bio: Careers for Women”. Panelist for Women in Bio. 2015

“*The ACTION Project: Communicating and Negotiating the Use of the Female Condom*”. Presentation at the 2003 Annual Conference of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Women and HIV/AIDS Unit, 2003

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Principal Investigator, NYU Seed Grant, 2020 - Present

Examining the Smoke-Free Compliance Challenges and Social Norm Fluctuations among NYC Public Housing Residents during COVID-19 to Inform Policy Implications and Support Services

Diagnostic Interviewer and Consultant, 1996-2019

Provided training, supervision, and consultation to students and employees on structured diagnostic measures. Conduct structured interviews via telephone and in-person for various studies at Beth Israel Medical Center, Rutgers State University of New Jersey, Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, and Columbia University

Project Director, Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, 2002-2007

ACTION: Testing a Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Sexually Active Non-Injective Drug Users in New York City

Senior Clinical Evaluator, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1999-2002

Interpersonal Psychotherapy for Adolescents for Depressed Teens in New York City Public Schools

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Director, Silver Undergraduate Program, New York University 2021 – Present

- Oversee coordination and planning of all facets of the Silver BS Program
- Interview, hire and supervise all undergraduate faculty and staff on campus
- Liaise with counterparts from all NYU schools and Advising Deans
- Liaise with larger University entities around admissions and yield events
- Provide academic advisement to all students

Campus Coordinator, New York University 2019 - 2021

- Coordinate and direct all facets of NYU Silver branch campus in Westchester, NY
- Liaise with Sarah Lawrence College in all facets of campus coordination including but not limited to space contracts and facilities access
- Oversee interviewing, hiring and supervision of all faculty and staff at campus
- Provide academic advisement to all students
- Provide faculty advisement to all pre-field students
- Liaise with all NYU Silver Departments including but not limited to marketing, communications, and development to enhance and elevate branch campus presence
- Collaborate with local BSW and MSW programs in Westchester and Connecticut

Assistant Campus and Field Coordinator, New York University 2016-2019

- Assist in coordination of NYU Silver branch campus in Westchester, NY
- Provide faculty advisement to all Advanced Standing students
- Liaise with all NYU Silver Departments including but not limited to marketing, communications, and development to enhance and elevate branch campus presence
- Field placement coordinator for all students living in Westchester and Connecticut
- Develop new field placement opportunities in Westchester and Connecticut
- Resolve field placement disruptions for all students
- Collaborate with local BSW and MSW programs in Westchester and Connecticut

TEACHING

Health Education

Human Behavior in the Social Environment II - Online

Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
Research Methods I
Research Methods II
Seminar in Field Instruction – In person and online

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- Seminar in Field Instruction: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and COVID curriculum for online, asynchronous course content, 2020
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II: update curriculum for ONRAMP online, asynchronous course content, 2020-2021

PEDAGOGY AND CLINICAL TRAINING

- Anti-Racist Pedagogy Seminar Participant: NYU Silver School of Social Work, 2020
- Protection of Human Research Participants, 2020
- Interpersonal Psychotherapy for Adolescents (IPT-A), 2003
- HIV Pre- and Post-test Counselor Certification (2000)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member, Westchester Educational Alliance on Aging, 2021
Member, Institutional Review Board, Sarah Lawrence College, 2018 – Present
Member, Smoking Policy Committee of Sarah Lawrence, 2017

NYU SILVER COMMITTEE SERVICE

University Senate, Continuing Contract Faculty Representative, 2020 – Present
University Senate, Policy and Procedures Subcommittee, 2020 – Present
University Senate, Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Sexual Misconduct Subcommittee, 2020 – Present
Education Technology Faculty Board 2019 -Present
Admissions Committee, 2019 – 2021
Field Learning & Community Partnerships Committee, 2018 - 2020
Social Action Committee, 2017 - 2018

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

School Representative, Hackley School, 2017- Present
Volunteer, AFYA, 2019 – Present
Career Coach, The Posse Foundation, 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Lab Data Manager

Columbia University – Mailman School of Public Health, NY, 2007 – 2012

- Cleaned, coded, and managed data for New York City cohort of the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health
- Wrote SPSS syntax and simple schema for various research projects within the Center for Environmental Health Sciences
- Worked with various study staff on instrument development and modification

Clinical Social Worker

Jewish Board of Family and Children Services – Manhattan North Clinic, NY, 1996 - 1999

- Provided clinical treatment for children, adults, and families with broad range of clinical diagnoses
- Conducted ongoing medication group for Spanish speaking clients
- Facilitated Loss and Bereavement Program which included short term groups for children
- Conducted initial diagnostic interviews and coordinated treatment planning

- Provided off-site trauma counseling
- Coordinated intake application process
- Supervised volunteer and graduate student intern staff

Social Work Intern

Jewish Board of Family and Children Services – Coney Island Clinic, NY, 1995 – 1996

Social Work Intern

Metropolitan Hospital – Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program, NY, 1995

EDUCATION

New York University – Silver School of Social Work
PhD Candidate, Present

Columbia University – Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health
Master of Public Health, February 2004

New York University – Silver School of Social Work
Master of Social Work, May 1996

New York University – College of Arts and Science
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Politics, May 1994

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS/LICENSURES

NASW member

APHA member

New York University Social Sector Leadership Fellow

NYS Licensed Clinical Social Worker