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EDUCATION

PhD	Columbia School of Social Work Concentration: Advance Practice Dissertation: Mental health of refugees and asylum-seekers in low- and middle-income countries Committee: Nabila El-Bassel (sponsor), Ellen Lukens (chair), Mingway Chang, Qin Gao, Yao Lu	June 2023
MSW	Boston College School of Social Work Concentration in Clinical Global Practice	May 2010
BS	University of Connecticut Major: Psychology; Cum Laude	May 2008

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANTS

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Doctoral Minority Fellowship Program SAMHSA-funded national fellowship targeted for racial/ethnic minorities pursuing a doctoral degree in Social Work (\$25,836)	2022-2023
Columbia Center for Teaching & Learning: Teaching Observation Fellow (\$2000)	2022-2023
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Doctoral Minority Fellowship Program SAMHSA-funded national fellowship targeted for racial/ethnic minorities pursuing a doctoral degree in Social Work (\$25,836)	2021-2022
Columbia School of Social Work Travel Grant (\$1000)	2021-2022
Columbia School of Social Work Travel Grant (\$470)	2020-2021

AWARDS AND HONORS

Wilma and Albert Musher Scholarship Scholarship awarded to support doctoral studies at Columbia School of Social Work	2018-2019
Alfred J. Kahn Doctoral Fellowship Fund Fellowship awarded to support doctoral studies at Columbia School of Social Work	2017-2018
Dean's List Awarded per semester to undergraduate students with a GPA of at least 3.5	2004-2007
New England Scholar Awarded to undergraduate students with a GPA of at least 3.7 during Spring & Fall semester	2006

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATE

Massachusetts Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) [#117559]	2013 – present
Massachusetts Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) [#216744]	2010-2013
Seminar in Field Instruction (Sifi) Certificate	2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Exploring the impact of COVID-19 on mental health and gender-based violence among Syrian refugee women, vulnerable Jordanians, and service providers in Jordan
Columbia School of Social Work 2021-2023

Role: Co-investigator, Project ASPIRE

Developed research protocol and qualitative survey questionnaire, collaborated with research partners to support data collection.

PIs: Drs. Anindita Dasgupta & Nabila El-Bassel

Examining the gendered health and mental health needs of Syrian refugee women living in non-camp settings in Jordan
Columbia School of Social Work 2017-2021

Role: Data Manager, Project ASPIRE

Supported protocol development, IRB submissions, and survey development. Managed data cleaning and coding, day-to-day project management, and quantitative data analysis. Disseminated findings through peer-reviewed publications and conferences

PIs: Drs. Nabila El-Bassel, Neeraj Kaushal, & Anindita Dasgupta

Secondary trauma and mental health of service providers working with Syrian refugees in Istanbul Turkey: a mixed-method study
Columbia School of Social Work 2017-2021

Role: Doctoral Research Assistant, Project ASPIRE

Assisted with survey development, supported protocol development, collaborated with in-country team partners, conducted data quantitative data analysis, disseminated results in peer-reviewed publication and presented findings in conferences

PIs: Drs. Nabila El-Bassel, Neeraj Kaushal, & Anindita Dasgupta

Mental health screening in Haitians: building links between primary care providers and community-based organizations
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health 2012-2014

Role: Research and Scientific Writing Intern & Project Coordinator

Received CBPR-related project training, supported data collection and qualitative data analysis, conducted in-depth literature review, and drafted/edited research manuscript

Co-PIs: Drs. Linda Marc, Marcia Testa, & Astrid Desrosiers

Religion and spirituality among congestive heart failure patients
University of Connecticut Department of Psychology 2007-2008

Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant

Supported quantitative data cleaning and coding, conducted literature review, assisted with manuscript writing and scientific presentation of results

PI: Dr. Crystal Park

DIRECT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Director of Cultural Broker Program for Refugees 2016-2017

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.

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.	2014-2016
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.	2011-2015
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.	2010
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.	2008-2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Instructor of Record. SOCWT7012. Social Work Practice II: Direct Practice with Individuals, Families & Groups. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY Class size: 25 students	Summer 2023
Instructor of Record. SOCWT7102. Social Work Practice II: Direct Practice with Individuals, Families & Groups. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY. Class size: 23 students. Teaching evaluation: 4.35 – 4.88 of 5.00	Spring 2023
Instructor of Record. SOCWT660A. Human Behavior and the Social Environment. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY. Class size: 25 students. Teaching evaluation: 3.63 – 4.69 of 5.00	Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistant. SOCWT6501. Social Work Research. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY. Class size: 44 students. Teaching evaluation: 4.80 – 4.93 of 5.00	Fall 2020
Teaching Assistant. SOCWT660. Human Behavior and the Social Environment. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY. Class size: 45 students. Teaching evaluation: 4.76 – 4.83 of 5.00	Fall 2020

Guest Lecturer

Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660C. <i>Forced migration: mental health and trauma.</i> Topics in Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Trauma and Its Impact. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.	Summer 2023
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- Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660C. *Trauma, mental health and forced migration*. Summer 2022
Topics in Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Trauma and Its Impact.
Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.
- Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660C. *Refugee mental health and trauma*. Summer 2021
Topics in Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Trauma and Its Impact. Columbia
School of Social Work. New York, NY.
- Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660B. *Mental health and wellbeing*. Spring 2021
Topics in Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Global Health. Columbia School of Social
Work. New York, NY.
- Guest Lecturer. SOCWT6501. *Research with refugees and vulnerable population*. Fall 2020
Social Work Research. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY
- Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660. *Refugee mental health and the global humanitarian crisis*. Fall 2020
Human Behavior in the Social Environment. Columbia School of Social Work.
New York, NY.
- Guest Lecturer. SOCWT7102. *Self-care and working with traumatized clients*. Summer 2018
Direct practice with individuals, families, and groups. Columbia School of Social
Work. New York, NY
- Guest Lecturer. Social Work with Individual and Families. *Working with challenging clinical presentations during a crisis intervention*. Fall 2013
Elms College. Chicopee, MA

Advance Training

- Center for Teaching & Learning: Teaching Development Program. 2022-2023
Program designed to support teaching preparation, pedagogical training, application
and practice. Columbia University, New York, NY.
- Center for Teaching & Learning: Essentials of Teaching and Learning Summer 2022
Workshop designed to incorporate inclusive teaching, backward design for class
planning, active learning strategies, and equitable assessment/grading practices.
Columbia University, New York, NY.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Research Publications

- Brooks, M. A.**, Dasgupta, A., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Meinhart, M., Tekin, U., Yüksek, D., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, N. Secondary traumatic stress, depression, and anxiety symptoms among service providers working with Syrian refugees in Istanbul, Turkey. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. (2022).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-022-01344-6>
- Brooks, M. A.**, Meinhart M., Samawi, L., Mukherjee, T., Jaber R., Alhomsh, H., Kaushal, N., Al-Qutob, R., Khadra, M., El-Bassel, N. & Dasgupta, A. Mental health of clinic-attending Syrian refugee women in Jordan: associations between social ecological risk factors and mental health symptoms. *BMC Women's Health*. 22, 4 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12905-021-01584-y>
- Cratsley, K., **Books, M. A.**, & Mackey, T. K. Refugee Mental Health, Global Health Policy, and the Syrian Crisis. *Front. Public Health*. 9:676000 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2021.676000>

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 (2020). [doi:10.1146/annurev-publhealth-040119-094230](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-publhealth-040119-094230)

Lombe, M., Newransky, C., Stokes, C., & **Brooks, M. A.** 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 (2010). [doi:10.1080/01488376.2010.493852](https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2010.493852)

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

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.

Other Publications

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.

Manuscripts Under Review

Jiwatram-Negron, T., **Brooks, M.A.**, Ward, M., & Meinhart, M. (revised and resubmitted). Systematic review of interventions to address suicidal behaviors among people with a history of intimate partner violence: Promises and gaps across the globe. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Brooks, M.A., Mukherjee, T., Pillai, V., Khooshnood, K., Kim, R., and El-Bassel, N. (in preparation). Utilization of mental health counseling services among clinic-attending refugees and asylum-seekers in Malaysia.

Brooks, M.A., Meinhart, M., Mukherjee, T., Dasgupta, A., and El-Bassel, N. (in preparation). Suicidal behaviors among Syrian refugee women in Jordan: trauma, social isolation, and post-migration stressors.

Brooks, M.A., Dasgupta, A., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Meinhart, M., Tekin, U., Yüксеker, D., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, N. (in preparation). Vicarious posttraumatic growth among service providers working with Syrian refugees in Istanbul, Turkey.

Dasgupta, A., Mukherjee, T., Al-Salman, Y., **Brooks, M.A.**, El-Bassel, N., Meinhart, M., Singh, A., Jaber, R., Al-Qotob, R., & Khadra, M. (in preparation). Barriers to care: factors associated with unmet need for mental health care among Syrian refugee women in Jordan.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations

Brooks, M.A., Mukherjee, T., Pillai, V., Khooshnood, K., Kim, R., and El-Bassel, N. (2022, January). *Utilization of mental health counseling services among clinic-attending refugees and asylum-seekers in Malaysia*. Oral presentation session titled: Supportive services and intervention for refugees. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research.

Brooks, M.A., Dasgupta, A., Meinhart, M., Yüксеker, D., Tekin, U., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, N. (2021, January). *Vicarious posttraumatic growth among service providers working with Syrian refugees in Istanbul, Turkey*. Symposium paper entitled: Centering mental health for social change: a multi-country initiative advancing evidence-informed research and programming with Syrian refugees in Jordan and Turkey. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research.

Brooks, M.A., Dasgupta, A., Meinhart, M., Mukherjee, T., Al-Qotob, R., Jaber R., Khadra, M., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, N. (2021, January). *Suicidal behavior among health-seeking Syrian refugee women living in non-camp settings in Jordan*. Poster session presented at Society for Social Work and Research.

Brooks, M. A., Dasgupta, A., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Meinhart, M, Tekin, U., Yüksek, D., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, N. (2020, October). *Secondary traumatic stress, depression, anxiety, among Syrian refugee service providers in Istanbul, Turkey*. Immigrant and Refugee Mental Health oral presentation session at American Public Health Association.

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.

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.

Other Presentations

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

University Service

Data Analysis Working Group. The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement and the Provost's Advisory Council for the Enhancement of Faculty Diversity to assess the impact of the *Addressing Racism Seed Grant* initiative. Columbia University, New York, NY June 2022-present

Volunteer. Columbia World Projects (CWP) Forum on Inequality. Columbia University, New York, NY. June 2018

HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee Student Leader. Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. Boston, MA. 2008-2009

Mentorship

Field Instructor. Social Intervention Group. Columbia School of Social Work, New York, NY. 2018-present

Alanna Grace Fox, MSW (Spring 2021/Fall 2021/Spring 2022)

Qicheng Yang, MSW (Fall 2019/Spring 2020)

Hani Omar Alhomsh, MSW (Fall 2018/Spring 2019)

Doctoral Student Peer Mentor. CSSW Peer Mentor Doctoral Program. Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY. 2019-present

International Collaboration

Supported a research conference on Syrian refugees in Jordan, titled: *Understanding and addressing physical health and mental health concerns of Syrian refugee Women in Jordan*. Amman, Jordan. Nov 2019

Supported a conference on Syrian refugees and policy at Columbia School of Social Work titled: *Syrian refugee health service delivery in Jordan and Turkey: Project ASPRE*. New York, NY. April 2019

Invited Presentations

Invited Speaker, International Medical Corps (IMC) mental health and psychosocial Support (MHPSS) working group on Syrian refugee mental health, Amman, Jordan. Dec 2019

Invited Speaker, Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts on *Refugee families supporting resilience*, Springfield, MA. June 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Council on Social Work Education

Member, Society for Social Work and Research