

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, 2006 to Present

Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr, PA

Adjunct Instructor, 2004-2006

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice, Philadelphia, PA

Adjunct Lecturer, 2006

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Social Work

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Welfare, 2006

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice, Philadelphia, PA

M.S.W., 2001

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice, Philadelphia, PA

B.S. in Psychology, B.A. in Biology, 1998

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Magna Cum Laud Graduate in Psychology

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Clowes Assistant Professorship in Science and Public Policy, 2009-2012

Appointed by Bryn Mawr College to this post which recognizes an outstanding scholar who is engaged in important interdisciplinary teaching and research that is at the intersection of science and public life. Provides \$3,000 per year for three years for research and travel expenses.

Principal Investigator, National Research Service Award, 2003-2006

This award from the National Institute of Mental Health is a competitive peer-reviewed grant that funds an original research project conceptualized and implemented by the grantee, as well as doctoral level training for a student pursuing a career in mental health services research.

Hal Levin Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, 2003

The faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice present this award to a doctoral student who has achieved academic excellence in completing the doctoral curriculum.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Institute on Aging and Social Work, 2007-2008

Selected to participate in this invitational institute, which provides training to social work faculty on writing and implementing Federal grant applications focused on innovative research areas in the field of aging. The institute is funded by The National Institute on Aging, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, and the John A. Hartford Foundation.

NIH Summer Institute on Design and Development of Quantitative Research on Social Work Interventions in Health, 2006

Selected to participate in this invitational institute, which provides training to social work faculty on preparing and implementing Federal grant applications focused on social work interventions in the arena of health services. The institute is funded by the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia, Adult Psychotherapy Training Program, 2006-2008

Two-year certificate program emphasizes clinical experience in psychoanalytic psychotherapy within a tripartite regimen of didactic course work, individual supervision, and personal psychotherapy or psychoanalysis.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2007-2008 **Research Consultant**
Medical Error in Inpatient Psychiatry
 Principal Investigator: Steven C. Marcus, PhD
 Funded by The National Patient Safety Foundation
- 2003-2006 **Principal Investigator**
Utilization of Physical Health Services by Persons with Severe Mental Illness:
 Funded by: National Institute of Mental Health, National Research Service Award
- 2003-2006 **Research Assistant**
Examining Medical Errors in Inpatient Psychiatry
 Principal Investigator: Steven C. Marcus, PhD
- 2003-2005 **Research Assistant**

Advanced Planning Needs of African-American Frail Elders Participating in a Program of All-Inclusive Care (PACE)

Principal Investigators: David Casarett, MD, Neville Strumpf, RN, PhD, & Beth Lewis, MSW, DSW

Funded by University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing RAND/Hartford Center for Geriatric Research

- 2001-2004 **Research Assistant**
Community Integration of Persons with Serious Mental Illness in Supported Independent Housing
 Principal Investigator: Y.L. Irene Wong, PhD
 Funded by the National Institute for Mental Health

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2008-Present **Clinical Social Worker**
Private Practice, Bryn Mawr, PA
- 2006-2010 **Clinical Social Worker**
Northwestern Human Services, Lansdale, PA
- 2003-2005 **Clinical Social Worker**
Vitas Hospice, Blue Bell, PA
- 2001 **Clinical Social Worker**
Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

CURRENT COURSES TAUGHT AT BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

Foundation Practice I
 Foundation Practice II
 Theoretical Perspectives for Social Work Practice I
 Integrative Practice for Advanced Standing Students
 Adult Development and Aging

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts Under Review

Nath, S.B. & Marcus, S.C. (Under Review) The impact of psychotic disorder on discharge disposition following a general medical stay among older adults. Submitted for review to *Psychiatric Services*

Nath, S.B., Alexander, L.B., & Solomon, P.L. (Under Review) Case Managers' perspectives on the therapeutic alliance: A qualitative study. Submitted for review to *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*

Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals

In Press

Nath, S.B., Wong, Y.L., Marcus, S.C., & Solomon, P.L. (In Press) Predictors of health services utilization among persons with psychiatric disabilities engaged in supported independent housing. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*

Published

Cullen, S.W., Nath, S.B., & Marcus, S.C. (2010) Toward understanding errors in inpatient psychiatry: A qualitative analysis. *Psychiatric Quarterly*, 81: 197-205

Nath, S.B., Hirschman, K., Lewis, B., & Strumpf, N. (2008) A place called L.I.F.E.: Reframing advance care planning for African-American PACE enrollees. *Social Work in Health Care*, 47 (3): 277-292

Wong, Y.L., Nath, S.B., Solomon, P.L. (2007) Group and organizational involvement among persons with psychiatric disabilities in supported housing. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, 34(2): 151-167

Nath, S.B. & Marcus, S.C. (2006) Medical errors in psychiatry. *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*, 14(4) :204-211

Nath, S.B., Marcus, S.C., & Druss, B.G. (2006) Retractions in the research literature: Misconduct or mistakes? *Medical Journal of Australia*, 185 (3): 152-154

Bressi, S., Marcus, S.C., & Solomon, P. (2006) The impact of psychiatric comorbidity on general hospital length of stay. *Psychiatric Quarterly*, 77(3): 203-209

DiFranco, E., Bressi, S., & Salzer, M. (2006) Consumer-informed health communication efforts in psychiatric rehabilitation. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 29 (4): 251-257

Book Chapter (s)

Nath, S.B. (In Press). Best practices for improving the health of persons with serious mental illness and co-morbid physical health conditions In V. Vandiver (Ed.) *Best Practices in Mental Health: A Pocket Guide*. Chicago, IL: Lyceum Books

Commentary

Nath, S.B. (2008) Commentary: Short stay hospitalizations do not increase readmissions compared with long stay. *Evidence-based Mental Health*, 11: 124

Book Reviews

Nath, S.B. (2008) Medicare: A policy primer. *Social Work in Health Care*, 46 (2): 92-94

Bressi, S.K. (2005) Social work research and evaluation: Quantitative and qualitative approaches. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 29 (1): 83-84

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Nath, S.B. & Marcus, S.C. (2011) Assessing the impact of serious mental illness on the discharge disposition following a general medical stay. Presented at the 15th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Tampa, FL.

Nath, S.B. & Coulter, J. (2010) The impact of serious mental illness on the discharge disposition of older adults following a general medical hospitalization. Presented at the 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA

Nath, S.B., Nath, S.R., & Gibfried, D. (2010) Wisdom in the supervisory hour: Clinical supervision and non-traditional students. Presented at the 6th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference on Clinical Supervision, Garden City, NY

Solomon, P.L., Alexander, L.A., & Nath, S.B. (2009) Voices of case managers: What do clients find helpful, unhelpful, and want in the client/case manager relationship? Presented at the 13th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA

Nath, S.B., Wong, Y.L., & Solomon, P. (2008) Utilization of medical care by persons with severe mental illness: A qualitative analysis. Presented at the 12th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

Bressi, S.K., Wong, Y.L., Solomon, P., & Marcus, S.C. (2006) Medical care of persons with serious mental illness. Presented at the 10th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, Texas

Druss B.G., Bressi, S.K. and Marcus SC. (2005) Retractions in the research literature: Misconduct or mistakes? Presented at the Fifth International Congress on Peer Review and Biomedical Publication sponsored by the JAMA and BMJ Publishing Group, Chicago, IL

Marcus, S.C. & Bressi, S.K. (2005) Medical errors in inpatient psychiatry: A qualitative study. Presented at the Annual Conference of Eastern Evaluation Research Society, Absecon, NJ

Bressi, S.K. & Lewis, B. (2005) Exploring the needs of African-American frail elders at the end of life. Presented at the *9th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, Miami, FL*

Bressi, S.K. (2004) Conceptualizing and measuring the quality of life of persons with serious mental illness Presented at the *International Society for Quality of Life Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA*

Bressi, S.K. & Marcus, S. (2004) The impact of psychiatric comorbidity on outcomes of hospitalization. Presented at the *Complexities of Co-occurring Conditions Conference of the National Institute of Mental Health, Washington D.C.*

Wong, Y.L., Bressi, S.K., Tennille, J. (2004) Improving the content validity of group membership scale with persons with serious mental illness. Presented at the *8th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, New Orleans, LA*

Wong, Y.L, Bressi, S.K. & Tennille, J. (2003). Adapting measures of program characteristics for persons with serious mental illness in supported independent housing. Presented at the *7th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference in Washington, D.C.*

OTHER SELECT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

Oct-Dec 2010 Lead Instructor: Certificate Program in Psychoanalytic Psychology, Continuing Education Course for Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research Professional Development Series

April 16th, 2010 Lead Presenter: Understanding Behavioral Health Issues Among Community-dwelling Older Adults, Continuing Education Course for the Delaware Psychological Association, Wilmington, DE

December 12th, 2008 Lead Presenter: Understanding Behavioral Health Issues among Community-dwelling Older Adults, Continuing Education Course for Mercy Life, Philadelphia, PA

November 16th, 2007 Lead Presenter: Facing forward: Advance Care Planning among Frail Elders, Continuing Education Course for Bryn Mawr's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research Professional Development Series

PEER REVIEWER

Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research
Journal of Gerontological Social Work
Journal of Palliative Medicine

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Social Workers
 Society for Social Work and Research
 Gerontological Society of America
 Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Service to the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research

Admissions Advisory Group (2010-Present)
 Chair of Human Behavior in the Social Environment Curricular Sequence (2006-2009)
 Curriculum Committee (2010-2012)
 Faculty Representative for Advanced Standing Admissions (2008-Present)
 Policy Committee (2008-2010)
 Special Committee: GSSWSR Messaging Task Force (2009)

Service to the College

Committee on Appointments Faculty Retreat Planning Committee (2010)
 Faculty Workload Working Group (2010)
 Thesis Supervisor for Undergraduate Psychology Student (2008-2009, Jessica Coulter)
 Faculty Advisor to Active Minds (2006-2008)
 Faculty Advisor for Praxis III Project (2008, Katharine Penzo)
 Provost's Faculty Retreat Planning Committee (2007)

Teaching and Learning Initiative Participation

TLI Faculty Seminar on Assessment (Spring 2011)
 TLI Faculty Seminar with Ken Bain (Fall 2010)
 TLI Faculty Seminar on Pedagogy w/ Student Observer (Fall 2007)

DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Kristine Hitchins, Achieved Candidacy 2007, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2011

Patrice Gammon, Achieved Candidacy 2007
 Stacey Green, Achieved Candidacy 2010
 Jillian Graves, Achieved Candidacy 2011
 Toni Mandelbaum, Achieved Candidacy 2011

LICENSURE

Licensed Social Worker in Pennsylvania in 2001 (#SW123682)