

Mia Ocean
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EDUCATION

Boston University	Boston, MA
PhD Sociology and Social Work	2015
<i>Dissertation title: "Managing the unmanageable: Perceptions of structural barriers and external influences on the educational attainment of Pell Grant eligible community college students"</i>	
 University of Michigan	 Ann Arbor, MI
Master of Social Work	2002
<i>Concentrations: Interpersonal Practice and Mental Health</i>	
 University of West Florida	 Pensacola, FL
BA Psychology	2000
 Palm Beach Community College	 Boca Raton, FL
AA Psychology	1998

HONORS & AWARDS

2010 Boston University Graduate Research Assistant Scholarship Program
2008 Broward College Classroom Research Award
2001 University of Michigan School of Social Work Scholars Program

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

West Chester University beginning August 2016

Assistant Professor Social Work

Teaches introductory and advanced level graduate clinical practice courses; Serves as an advisor and mentor to Master's in Social Work students; Engages in scholarship and service to the department, university, community, and profession.

Palm Beach State College Appointments 2013-present

Associate Professor Social Sciences

Teaches introductory Human Services and Sociology day, evening, and weekend courses to a diverse student population; Develops online, hybrid, and face to face courses; Initiates curriculum development and refinement at the institutional and state levels; Prepares assessment reports to maintain funding and accreditation as required at the federal level by the Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, the regional level by The Southern Association of Colleges, and state level by both the Florida Department of

Education and the Florida Certification Board for Addiction Professionals; Assists in the hiring and mentoring of adjunct professors; Created an online course template for new faculty that is disseminated by the eLearning Department; Created an Institutional Review Board (IRB) and serves as Co-Chair; Serves on the eLearning Advisory Board, Textbook Affordability Board, and Title V Advisory Council; Piloted a Research Assistantship Program for current students and completed the Emerging Leaders program

Courses taught: HUS1001 Introduction to Human Services; HUS1200 Group Dynamics; HUS1421 Assessment & Tx Planning; HUS1423 Group Counseling in Substance Abuse; HUS1424 Counseling the Chemically Dependent Person; HUS1440 Family Issues in Chemical Dependency; SYG2430 Sociology of Marriage and Families

Boston University Appointments, 2011-present

Section Instructor

Boston University School of Social Work

Provides synchronous instruction through Live Classroom technology in BlackBoard; Assists in the development and upgrade of course content; Created grading rubrics to ensure course requirements are clearly communicated to students and aligned with CSWE accreditation standards; Completes formal training annually on BlackBoard updates and technological advances; Hosts virtual office hours through Bb Instant Messenger; Grades individual assignments, papers, and projects; Participates in weekly conference calls to discuss any student issues or problems arising in the courses

Courses taught: HB720 Human Behavior in the Social Environment; SR 743 Introduction to Social Work Research I; SR 744 Social Work Research II; WP700 Social Welfare Policy I: Conceptions, Scope, History, and Philosophies of Social Welfare; WP 701 Social Welfare Policy II: Contemporary Social Policy Analysis

Faculty Advisor

Boston University School of Social Work

Serves as local academic advisor and assists students with learning problems, tutoring needs, areas of specialization, and career paths; Identifies potential field placement sites and completed agency visits; Recommends grades for students' field education course

Project Manager (2012-2015)

Project: Climbing the Ivory Tower

Drew on an empowerment framework in order to motivate and encourage staff and interns to complete assignments efficiently without sacrificing quality; Managed project budget in a fiscally responsible manner; Contracted as needed with outside vendors to ensure deadlines and outcomes were met

Research Assistant (2011-2012)**Project: National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Mentoring Program**

Conducted thematic analysis and coding of interviews in ATLAS.ti; Worked with the team to identify themes and findings; Assisted with presentation for Society for Research on Adolescents and drafting manuscript for publication

Broward College Appointments, 2006 - 2013**Faculty Counselor****Student Success Center**

Worked as a clinical social worker specializing in serving individuals who have lived through trauma including sexual violence and war; Developed internship opportunities and supervised subsequent graduate and undergraduate interns; Counseled a diverse, multi-cultural, multi-abled, and multi-linguistic student body on educational and occupational opportunities available at community colleges through graduate study; Provided career counseling for students ranging from those directly out of high school to those who are returning to the educational arena after decades in the workforce; Served in various roles including as Associate Dean of Student Success in her absence, Cyber Advisor, International Student Advisor, Designated School Official (for immigration purposes), and a member on college-wide committees

Adjunct Professor**Behavioral Sciences**

Taught introductory behavioral science courses; Utilized multimedia to present social work history, practice, and concepts in an accessible, student friendly format while maintaining rigorous standards of assessment

Courses taught: SOW2020 Introduction to Social Welfare; SOW2054 Social Service Field I

2005 – 2006

Counselor**University of North Florida Counseling Center**

Supervised master's level interns and group therapy programming; Assessed clients' symptoms, created treatment plans, documented progress toward goals, and completed termination when appropriate; Specialized in serving clients who lived through sexual trauma, military personnel, people with disabilities, and sexual orientation minorities

2005

Social Worker**Tenet Healthcare Facilities**

Assessed clients in acute care, in-patient, psychiatric unit and provided individual, group, and family counseling services; Served as on-call social worker ready to assist with emotional support for individuals and families in crisis in medical hospital

2003 – 2005

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

Florida Atlantic University Equal Opportunity Programs

Served as the University's ADA Coordinator ensuring compliance with local, state and federal accessibility guidelines; Received, investigated, and summarized findings of allegations of discrimination presented by students, faculty, and staff; Revamped University's ADA policy, website, and documentation procedure, creating forms for the various accommodation processes; Chaired and served on a number of University committees including the ADA Accessibility Committee, the Institutional Review Board, and the Title IX Compliance Council

2002

Therapist

Washtenaw County Department of Public Health, Sexual Assault Crisis Center

Supervised and recruited bachelor's level interns and volunteers; Provided short-term, long-term and group counseling to survivors of sexual abuse; Performed on-call outreach to survivors at local hospitals and served as a court advocate; Developed and implemented training for staff development on counseling LGBT clients, intersexual clients and clients with disabilities

2001 – 2002

Grader

University of Michigan, Psychology Department

Graded Psychology course's essay tests and term papers; Graded independently while maintaining the integrity of values developed for uniform grading

1999 – 2000

Resiliency Teacher

FL Department of Juvenile Justice/UWF, Blackwater Career Development Center

Developed and implemented innovative curriculum for adolescent psychoeducational group work; Completed crisis intervention as required; Established community-based programs to provide clients access to Medicaid benefits and ability to complete community service hours prior to graduation; Supervised Direct Care staff and modeled effective ways to interact with residents

PRESENTATIONS

“‘Somebody who was on my side’: A qualitative examination of youth initiated mentoring in the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe program,” Society for Research on Adolescents Biennial Meeting, March 2012, Vancouver, CA

“A collegiate conversation about counseling and community: A comparative analysis of the counseling services provided by Florida's community college,” American College Counseling Association annual Conference, October 2010, St. Louis, MO

“Looking at PTSD through a biopsychosocial model,” The American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference, April 2008, Boston, MA

“What exactly are the B & T of LGBT? Bisexual and transgender experiences in an inclusive light,” NASW-FL Annual Conference, June 2007, Orlando, FL

“Self-massage after a day of fighting the machine,” Radical Activist Annual Conference, January 2007, Miami, FL

“Bisexuality: You mean there’s more than straight and gay?!?” NASW FL Chapter Annual Conference, June 2006, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

“The ADA reasonable accommodation process: How to comply without sacrificing morale,” College and University Professional Association for Human Resources Summer Conference, June 2005, St Petersburg, FL

“Disability legislation 101: Rights, responsibilities, and reasonable accommodations,” NASW FL Chapter Annual Conference, June 2005, Ft. Orlando, FL

“The ADA & Much, Much, More!: Ethical and Conflict Resolution for Managers,” National Institute for People with Disabilities, Annual International Conference, May 2005, New York, NY

“Social Services for women in the sex industry: A national survey,” *Prostitution, Sex Work, and the Commercial Sex Industry: The State of Women’s Health Annual Conference*; pp. 73-83; presented and published in conference proceedings, September 2004, Toledo, OH

PUBLICATIONS

Ocean, M. (accepted). Financially eligible Pell Grant community college students’ perceptions of institutional integration. *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory, and Practice*.

Ocean, M. & Hirschi, M. (2015). Public and tribal community college Institutional Review Boards: A national descriptive analysis. *Community College Journal of Research & Practice*. doi:10.1080/10668926.2015.1031409

Ocean, M., Hawkins, D., & Chopra, K. (2014). Counseling models at community colleges: Racial disparities, influential factors, and treatment evaluations. *Community College Journal of Research & Practice*, 38(12), 1142-1156. doi:10.1080/10668926.2012.752770

Spencer, R., Tugenberg, T., Ocean, M., Schwartz, S.E.O., & Rhodes, J.E. (2013). “Somebody Who Was on My Side”: A Qualitative Examination of Youth Initiated Mentoring. *Youth & Society*, 1-23. doi:10.1177/0044118X13495053

Ocean, M. (2008). Bisexuals are bad for the same sex marriage business. *Journal of Bisexuality*, 7(3-4), 303-311. doi:10.1080/15299710802171373

RELEVANT COMMUNITY APPOINTMENTS & ACTIVITIES

2013-present

**Institutional Review Board Member
Broward College**

Serves as IRB committee member and consultant on federal research review guidelines to ensure participants' rights are protected and researchers' responsibilities to ethical research are followed

2007-2016

**Career Consultant
Palm Beach State College**

Serves as resource and mentor for students interested in professions in which I possess experience including social work, human services, and counseling

2009-2012

**Scholarship Coordinator
Transgender Equality Rights & Initiatives (TERI)**

Disseminated applications and collects completed application packets; Chaired scholarship committee and presented finalists to Board

2006-2009

**Bisexual Group Facilitator
Gay and Lesbian Community Center of South Florida**

Facilitated support group open to bisexual identified individuals, partners of bisexuals, and those questioning their sexual orientation and gender identity; Promoted a respectful environment, supporting individuals where they are

2002

**Educational Speaker
University of Michigan LGBT and Allies Speakers' Bureau**

Spoke to graduate, undergraduate, and high school students to educate against intolerance of LGBT peoples both within and outside of the LGBT community; Answered questions from audience in a non-confrontational and affirming manner

2000

**Research Assistant
University of West Florida/Escambia Aids Services and Education**

Provided nonjudgmental environment to discuss clients' sexual and substance use histories; Recorded clients' data for research and funding purposes; Utilized educational intervention skills to provide clients with sexual health information

2000

Psychology Web Page Designer

University of West Florida Counseling Center

Created department website to appeal to university students advocating for acceptance of one's body to prevent and lessen the occurrence of eating disorders; Utilized cognitive theory to challenge societal standards of beauty

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

FL Licensed Clinical Social Worker, SW 8139

FL Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, MT 2431

FL Qualified Supervisor of Registered Clinical Social Work Interns, Mental Health Counselor Interns, & Marriage and Family Therapy Interns

FL Certified Addiction Professional 5379