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Education

Boston University
PhD Sociology and Social Work
Dissertation title: *“Managing the unmanageable: Perceptions of structural barriers and external influences on the educational attainment of Pell Grant eligible community college students”*

Boston, MA
2015

University of Michigan
Master of Social Work
Concentrations: *Interpersonal Practice and Mental Health*

Ann Arbor, MI
2002

University of West Florida
BA Psychology

Pensacola, FL
2000

Palm Beach Community College
AA Psychology

Boca Raton, FL
1998

Teaching Experience

West Chester University
Department of Social Work
Courses taught face to face:

August 2018-present
August 2016-May 2017
Assistant Professor

- SWG501 Social Work Practice I
- SWG502 Social Work Practice II
- SWG560 Mental Health: A Recovery Approach
- SWG562 Advanced Social Work Practice with Families
- SWG596 Field Practicum I
- SWG597 Field Practicum II

Bakersfield College
Behavioral Sciences Department
Courses taught face to face:

August 2017-May 2018
Professor

- PSYC-B1A General Psychology

Palm Beach State College
Social Sciences Department
Courses taught face to face:

August 2013-May 2016
Associate Professor

- 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

Courses developed and taught fully online (asynchronous) or hybrid:

- 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
School of Social Work

January 2012-May 2015
Section Instructor

Courses taught fully online (with synchronous component):

- HB720 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SR743 Introduction to Social Work Research I
- SR744 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

Broward College
Behavioral Sciences Department

May 2007-May 2012
Adjunct Instructor

Courses taught face to face:

- SOW2020 Introduction to Social Welfare
- SOW2054 Social Service Field I

Research Experience

Project: A Bottom-up Study of Top-down Assessment: Community College Administrators' Perceptions of Accountability Assessments

Role: Primary Investigator (PI)

Mixed methods survey research to gather the perceptions of community college administrators and employees on community college assessment.

Project: Community College Addiction Studies Students' Beliefs about Addiction, Recovery Status, and Career Goals

Role: Co-PI

Mixed methods survey research exploring connections between community college addiction studies students' beliefs about causes of addiction and their personal experiences of addiction.

Project: Student Behavioral Problems and Remediation Practices in Community College Addiction Studies Programs

Role: Co-PI

Mixed methods survey research exploring gatekeeping practices in addiction studies programs at community colleges

Project: Climbing the Ivory Tower

Role: PI (2012-2015)

Funder: Boston University, School of Social Work \$10,000

Completed a pilot qualitative research study investigating student perceptions of community colleges and high ranking social work graduate programs.

Project: Youth Initiated Mentoring: Investigating an Innovative Approach to Mentoring At-Risk Youth

Role: Qualitative Research Assistant (2011-2012)

Funder: Annie E. Casey Foundation, subcontract from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, \$14,577

Qualitative study exploring the impact of self-selected mentorships on at risk youth long-term outcomes.

Project: Family Based Intervention with Traumatized Service Members and Their Young Children

Role: Lead Clinician (2010-2011)

Funder: Department of Defense \$1,583,843

Mixed methods study investigating standardized intervention modules to facilitate family re-integration post deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom military members with children under three in the home.

Project: Escambia AIDS Testing and Prevention Model

Role: Research Assistant (2000)

Recruited, interviewed, and gathered data detailing sexual and substance use histories.

Department & Institutional Service

West Chester University

2018-present; 2016-2017

Co-Chair of Field Committee; Department Representative for APSCUF; Serves as an advisor and mentor to students throughout their program and in preparation for employment or doctoral study; Creates and presents professional development workshops for local community colleges based on research findings; Serves on departmental, college, and university committees including field and grade appeal committees; Piloted new software (TK20) for field evaluations; Secured funding to allow students in to complete DNA/Ancestry testing and incorporated the learnings into a specialized practice course; Serves as Faculty Advisor to student-led publication Voices.

Bakersfield College

2017-2018

Developed a new alcohol and other drug studies certificate program for the college; Developed curriculum in accordance with multiple accreditation bodies, in consultation

with industry leaders, and informed by evidenced-based practice; Built community partnerships to enhance relationships and existing services, in addition to, creating future internship opportunities for students; Served as Faculty Chair of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Advisory Council which included consulting on recruiting and retaining employees reflective of the student body and providing oversight on the college and district EEO plans; Provided consultation on relevant local, state, and federal legislation ensuring, at minimum, compliance

Palm Beach State College

2013-2016

Initiated curriculum development and refinement at the institutional and state levels; Prepared 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; Assisted in the hiring and mentoring of professors; Created an online course template for new faculty that is disseminated by the eLearning Department; Created an Institutional Review Board (IRB) and served as Co-Chair; Served on the eLearning Advisory Board, Textbook Affordability Board, Diversity Committee, and Title V Advisory Council; Piloted a Research Assistantship Program for current students and completed the Emerging Leaders program

Boston University

2011-2016

Served as local academic advisor and assisted graduate level students with learning problems, tutoring needs, areas of specialization, and career paths.

Broward College

2006-2013

Developed internship opportunities and supervised subsequent graduate and undergraduate interns; 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), Safe Zone trainer, and a member on college-wide committees; With colleagues developed an IRB for the College

Social Work Field Experience

Broward College

2006 – 2013

Student Success Center

Tenured Faculty Counselor

University of North Florida

2005 – 2006

Counseling Center

Counselor

Tenet Healthcare Facilities

2005

West Boca Medical Center & St. Mary's Psychiatric Unit

Social Worker

Florida Atlantic University Equal Opportunity Programs	2003 – 2005 Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
Washtenaw County Department of Public Health Sexual Assault Crisis Center	2002 Therapist
Women in Distress Crisis Shelter	2001 Case Worker
FL Department of Juvenile Justice/University of West Florida Blackwater Career Development Center	1999 – 2000 Resiliency Teacher

Peer Reviewed Manuscripts (*denotes student co-authors)

- Ocean, M. (under review). "...How Do I Tell My Daughter to Stay in School if I Don't...": Sources of Motivation for Financially Eligible Pell Grant Community College Students.
- Ocean, M. Thompson, C., Allen, R. & Lyman, K. (under review). TIPs as texts: Community college student perceptions of free, alternative textbooks.
- Ocean, M., *Cronin, J., & *Granat, J. (in press). Doing it the community college way: Community college specific programming. *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*.
- Ocean, M. *Tigertail, K., *Keller, J., & *Woods, K. (2018). Developing and implementing a participatory action research assistantship program at the community college. *The Qualitative Report*, 23(2), 456-469. <https://nsuworks.nova.edu/tqr/vol23/iss2/13/>
- Ocean, M. Allen, R. Thompson, C., & Lyman, K. (2016). Team-based course design: Increasing resource utilization and collaboration across campus. *Community College Journal of Research & Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10668926.2016.1241961>
- Ocean, M. (2016). Financially eligible Pell Grant community college students' perceptions of institutional integration. *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory, and Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1521025116630757>
- 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

Book Chapters

Stoupas, G. & Ocean, M. (in press). LGB addiction recovery and community membership. In J. S. Whitman & C. J. Boyd (Eds.), *The therapist's notebook for sexual and gender identity diverse clients*. New York, NY: Harrington Park Press.

Ocean, M. & Stoupas, G. (in press). Exploring the concept of honesty with transgender clients in recovery from addiction. In J. S. Whitman & C. J. Boyd (Eds.), *The therapist's notebook for sexual and gender identity diverse clients*. New York, NY: Harrington Park Press.

Reports

Ocean, M., McLaughlin, J. A., & Hodes, J. (2018). *A bottom-up study of top-down assessment: Community college administrator perceptions of external accountability assessments*. West Chester, PA.

Refereed Presentations

Ocean, M., Lyman, K., Young, D., Duff, S., Stoupas, G., Thompson, C., Allen, R., & Floreal, R. (forthcoming January 2019). *From community college to state college: Engaging in qualitative research in a shifting institutional landscape*. The Qualitative Report Annual Conference.

Ocean, M. (forthcoming 2019, January). *Open-ended prompts as game changers: Shifting a primarily quantitative study to a primarily qualitative study*. The Qualitative Report Annual Conference.

Ocean, M. (2017, April). *From a feeling of “family” to “getting screwed over”: Financially eligible Pell Grant community college students’ perceptions of institutional connection*. The Council for the Study of Community Colleges Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Ocean, M. *Woods, K., *Keller, J., & *Tigertail, K. (2017, January). *Piloting a participatory action research assistantship program at the community college: Practical steps and lessons learned*. Conference on Academic Research in Education Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

- Ocean, M. (2017, January). *“I’m not a failure”: The nonsensical nature of established quantitative measures for low-income community college students*. Ethnographic & Qualitative Research Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Ocean, M., Lyman, K., Allen, R., & Thompson, C. (2016, November). *Team-based course design: Increasing resource utilization and collaboration*. The League for Innovation in Community Colleges STEMtech Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Spencer, R., Tugenberg, T., Ocean, M., Schwartz, S. E. O., & Rhodes, J. (2012, March). *“Somebody who was on my side”: A qualitative examination of youth initiated mentoring in the National Guard Youth ChalleNge Program*. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.
- Ocean, M., Hawkins, D., & Chopra, K. (2010, October). *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, St. Louis, MO.
- Ocean, M. (2008, April). *Looking at PTSD through a biopsychosocial model*. The American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
- Ocean, M. (2007, June). *What exactly are the B & T of LGBT? Bisexual and transgender experiences in an inclusive light*. NASW-FL Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Ocean, M. (2006, June). *Bisexuality: You mean there’s more than straight and gay?!?* NASW FL Chapter Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Ocean, M. (2005, June). *The ADA reasonable accommodation process: How to comply without sacrificing morale*. College and University Professional Association for Human Resources Summer Conference, St Petersburg, FL.
- Ocean, M. (2005, June). *Disability legislation 101: Rights, responsibilities, and reasonable accommodations*. NASW FL Chapter Annual Conference, June 2005, Ft. Orlando, FL
- Ocean, M. (2005, May). *The ADA & much, much, more!/: Ethical and conflict resolution for managers*. National Institute for People with Disabilities, Annual International Conference, New York, NY.
- Ocean, M. (2004, September). *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, Toledo, OH.

Relevant Professional & Community Appointments

NAACP, Coatesville Chapter
Executive Board Nominations Committee Member

2018-present

Palm Beach State College Institutional Review Board Member	2017-present
Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory, and Practice Manuscript Reviewer	2016-present
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Peer Evaluator	2016-present
Broward College Institutional Review Board Member	2013-present
Council for the Study of Community Colleges Annual Conference Proposal Evaluator	2017
NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Conference Proposal Evaluator for Region II Conference & The Symposium on Collegiate Financial Well-Being	2017
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Peer Evaluator	2014-2016
Palm Beach State College Career Consultant	2007-2016
Transgender Equality Rights & Initiatives (TERI) Scholarship Coordinator	2009-2012
Gay and Lesbian Community Center of South Florida Bisexual Group Facilitator	2006-2009
University of Michigan LGBT and Allies Speakers' Bureau Educational Speaker	2002
University of West Florida Counseling Center Psychology Web Page Designer	2000

Honors & Awards

2017	NIAAA Faculty Fellowship
2013	Boston University Dissertation Award
2011	Boston University Pilot Research Project
2008	Broward College Classroom Research Award
2001	University of Michigan School of Social Work Scholars Program

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

Professional Affiliations

National Association of Social Workers