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Silberman School of Social Work
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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Social Work
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare, 2006

Dissertation: Individual determinants of first admission, mental health service utilization, and clinical and functional outcomes in first episode psychosis: The Suffolk County Mental Health Project, 1989-1992 versus 1993-1995.

Chair: Edward Mullen

University of California, Berkeley
Master of Social Welfare, 1997
Concentration: Community Mental Health

Barnard College
Bachelor of Arts, 1990
Major: English Literature

HONORS & AWARDS

Salute to Scholars, City University of New York, 2015, 2016

Center Scholar, NIMH Center for Homelessness Prevention Studies, 2008

Policy Scholar, New York State Psychiatric Institute and
New York State office of Mental Health, 2007

Travel Award for NIMH Collaborative Psychiatric Epidemiology Surveys Workshop, 2007

National Research Service Award, NIMH Post-doctoral Training
in Psychiatric Epidemiology, 2006-2009

Dissertation Award, Columbia University School of Social Work, 2004

National Research Service Award, NIMH Pre-Doctoral Training in
Mental Health Services Research, 1999-2002

Department of Psychiatry Performance Award
University of California at San Francisco 1999

Graduate Minority Award, University of California at Berkeley, 1996-7

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Post-doctoral Fellow, NIMH Psychiatric Epidemiology Training program, 2006-2009

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, CUNY 2014-present

Assistant Professor, Social Welfare PhD Program, The Graduate Center, CUNY 2016-present

Associate Professor, Touro College School of Social Work 2012-2014

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia University School of Social Work 2011

Lecturer, Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education, City College, CUNY 2008, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed articles

Nossel, I., Wall, M.M., Scodes, J., Marino, L.A., Zilkha, S., Bello, I., Malinovsky, I., **Lee, R.**, Radigan, M., Smith, T.E., Sederer, L., Gu, G., & Dixon, L. (2019). Results of a coordinated specialty care program for early psychosis and predictors of outcomes. *Psychiatric Services*, in press.

Rolin S.A. Marino L.A., Pope L.G., Compton, M.T., **Lee, R.**, Rosenfeld, B., Rotter, M., Nossel, I., & Dixon, L. (2018) Recent violence and legal involvement among young adults with early psychosis enrolled in Coordinated Specialty Care. *Early Intervention in Psychiatry*, in press.

Pena, J., Kuerbis, A., **Lee, R.**, & Herman, D. (2018). Risk profiles for suicide attempts drug use, and violence among Dominican, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and non-Hispanic White youth in New York City: Implications for suicide prevention initiatives. *Centro: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*, 30(1).

Cabassa, L., Piscitelli, S., Haselden, M., **Lee, R.**, Essock, S., & Dixon, L. (2017). Understanding Pathways to Care of Individuals Entering A Specialized Early Intervention Service for First Episode Psychosis. *Psychiatric Services*, 69(6): 648-656.

Drapalski, A. Piscitelli, S., **Lee, R.**, Medoff, D., & Dixon, L. (2017). Family involvement in the clinical care of individuals with first episode psychosis in the RAISE Connection Program. *Psychiatric Services*, 69(3): 358-361.

Bello, I., **Lee, R.**, Malinovsky, I., Watkins, L., Nossel, I., Smith, T., Ngo, H., Birnbaum, M., Marino, L., Sederer, L., Radigan, M., Gu, G., Essock, S., Dixon, L. (2017). OnTrackNY: The development of a coordinated specialty care program for individuals experiencing early psychosis. *Psychiatric Services*, 68(4): 318-320.

Kuerbis, A., Muench, F., **Lee, R.**, Pena, J., & Hail, L. (2016). An exploratory pilot study of mechanisms of action within normative feedback for adult drinkers. *Peer J*, 4, e2114.

Nossel, I., **Lee, R.**, Isaacs, A., Herman, D., Marcus, S., & Essock, S. (2016). An adaptation of Critical Time Intervention for frequent users of the psychiatric emergency room. *Psychiatric Services*, 67(5):479-481.

Dixon, L.B., Goldman, H.H., Bennett, M.E., Wang, Y., McNamara, K., Mendon, S.J., Goldstein, A.B., Choi, C.W., **Lee R.**, Lieberman, J.A., Essock, S.M. (2015). Implementing Coordinated Specialty Care for early psychosis: The RAISE Connection Program. *Psychiatric Services*, 66(7):691-698

Nguyen, D. & **Lee, R.** (2013). Nativity and level of need: Toward an integrative perspective of Asian American mental health. *Journal of Immigrant Minority Health*, 15(6):1129-32.

Nguyen, D. & **Lee, R.** (2012). Asian immigrants' mental health service use: An application of the life course perspective. *Asian American Journal of Psychology*, 3(1):53-63.

Sinkewicz, M. & **Lee, R.** (2011). Prevalence, comorbidity and course of depression among black fathers in the US. *Research on Social Work Practice* 21(3):289-297.

Verma, N., **Lee R.**, Su, C., Chan, C., & Muennig, P. (2010). The psychosocial health of Shan children in Northwest Thailand. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* 8(4):445-449.

Henderson, C., **Lee, R.**, Dragatsi, D., & Herman, D. (2009). From psychiatric advanced directives to the Joint Crisis Plan. *Psychiatric Services*, 60:1390-1391.

Muennig, P., Haomiao, J., **Lee, R.**, & Lubetkin, E. (2008). I think therefore I am: Perceived ideal weight as a determinant of health. *American Journal of Public Health*, 98(3):501-6.

Lee, R. & Curran, L. (2003). Serving the "hard-to-serve": The use of clinical knowledge in welfare reform. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 30, 3, 59-79.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

Anglin, D., **Lee, R.**, Yang, L., Lo, G., and Opler, M. (2009). Ethnicity and psychosis: Examining the nature of the relationship in A. Fortier and S. Turcotte (Eds.), *Health Education: Challenges, Issues and Impact*. Nova Publishers: Hauppauge, New York.

Professional reports and manuals

Intervention Manuals (* All OnTrackNY Manuals are available at <http://www.ontrackny.org/Resources>)

*OnTrackNY Team Manual (2018)**

Contributors: Primary Author and Editor: Melanie Bennett, Ph.D. University of Maryland School of Medicine and RAISE Connection Program Investigators

OnTrackNY: **Rufina Lee, Ph.D.**, Liza Watkins, LMSW, Iruma Bello, Ph.D., Patricia Deegan, Ph.D., Sascha Altman DuBrul, MSW

*OnTrackNY Delivering Culturally Competent Care in FEP Manual (2018)**

Contributors: New York State Center for Cultural Competence at the New York State

Psychiatric Institute Contributors: Roberto Lewis-Fernandez, MD, Oscar Jimenez-Solomon, MPH, and Samantha Diaz, MA

OnTrackNY: Iruma Bello, PhD, Igor Malinovsky, PsyD, Ilana Nossel, MD, Hong Ngo, PhD, Sarah Piscitelli, MA, Liza Watkins, LMSW, **Rufina Lee, PhD**, Cindy Chang, BA, and Lisa Dixon, MD, MPH

*OnTrackNY Peer Specialist Manual (2017)**

Contributors: New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services Contributors: Mike Dorr, CPRC, Ede Schwartz, DSW, LCSWRA, and Tamara Stevens

OnTrackNY: Sascha Altman DuBrul, MSW, Patricia Deegan, Ph.D., Iruma Bello, Ph.D., Ellen Dean, LCSW, Emily Grossman, M.A., CPRP, Cindy Chang, B.A., Liza Watkins, LMSW, Sarah Piscitelli, M.A., **Rufina Lee, Ph.D.**, Hong Ngo, Ph.D., Ilana Nossel, M.D., Anastasiya Vardin, M.A., and Lisa Dixon, M.D.

*OnTrackNY Primary Clinician Manual (2015)**

Contributors: Family Intervention Program developed by Amy Drapalski, PhD and Lisa Dixon, MD. Developed from RAISE Connection Materials: Richard Goldberg, PhD and Melanie Bennett, PhD; Lin Sikich, MD. Safety Planning developed by Barbara Stanley, PhD, Gregory Brown, PhD and Maria Oquendo, MD

OnTrackNY: Iruma Bello, PhD, **Rufina Lee, PhD**, Paul Margolies, PhD, and Liza Watkins, LMSW

Adaptation of Critical Time Intervention for the New York City Supportive Transition and Recovery Team (NYC-START) at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (2015). Primary Author: **Rufina Lee**

Reports:

Lee, R. (2010). The Joint Crisis Plan Intervention for adults with serious mental illness who reside in supported housing. Report submitted to Columbia Center for Homelessness Prevention Studies.

Engstrom, M., **Lee, R.**, Ross, R., Harrison, M., McVeigh, K., Josephson, L., Plapinger, J., Herman, D., King, C., & Sederer, L. (2003). Children's mental health needs assessment in the Bronx. New York: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Planning, Evaluation and Quality Improvement.

Engstrom, M., **Lee, R.**, Plapinger, J., Herman, D. & Sederer, L. (2002). Prevalence and burden estimates of psychiatric and substance use disorders and mental retardation and developmental disabilities in New York City. New York: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Planning, Evaluation and Quality Improvement.

RESEARCH & TRAINING GRANTS

Develop a payment decision-support tool for payers and providers of early interventions for psychosis

Funding: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Role: Consultant (PI Yuhua Bao, Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University) 2019-2021

OnTrackNY: Coordinated Specialty Care for Young People with Recent Onset of Psychotic Symptoms

Funding: New York State Psychiatric Institute, Center for Practice Innovations at Columbia Psychiatry

Role: Principal, 2014 to present

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Connections to Care with STRIVE and Union Settlement

Funding: Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, Corporation for National and Community Service's Social Innovations Fund, Center for Economic Opportunity, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Role: Trainer

2016-2017

Recovery After Initial Schizophrenia Episode Impact and Evaluation Study (RAISE-IES):

Duration of Untreated Psychosis Study.

Funding: NIMH

Role: Co-investigator (PI Lisa Dixon, New York State Psychiatric Institute)

2014-2016

A Delphi study of Critical Time Intervention

Funding: President's Fund for Faculty Advancement, Hunter College

Role: Principal investigator

2015-2016

NYC START: Adaptation, training, and consultation of Critical Time Intervention model for the New York City Supportive Transition and Recovery Team

Funding: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Role: Principal

2014-2015

Twelve-month Follow-up of A Pilot Study of the Joint Crisis Plan Intervention for Residents of NY/NY Housing.

Funding: NIMH Columbia Center for Homelessness Prevention

Role: Principal investigator

2009-2010

Critical Time Intervention for Frequent Users of the Columbia Presbyterian Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program

Funding: New York State Health Foundation

Role: Co-investigator (PI Ilana Nossel, New York State Psychiatric Institute)

2008-2011

A Pilot Study of the Joint Crisis Plan Intervention for Residents of NY/NY Housing.

Funding: New York State Psychiatric Institute and New York State Office of Mental Health Policy Scholars Program

Role: Principal investigator

2007-2008

A Pilot Study of the Joint Crisis Plan for People with Severe Mental Illness

Funding: MacArthur Research Network on Mandated Community Treatment

Role: Co-investigator (PI Claire Henderson, Bronx State Psychiatric Center)

2004-2006

Consultation of county-wide implementation of Critical Time Intervention

Funding: Coordinated Care Service, Erie County Department of Health, New York

Role: Principal, 2011-2012

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Other awards

Presidential Travel Award, Hunter College, CUNY
2017, 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MSW: Human Behavior in the Social Environment III; Mental Health Policy; Research I and II;
Evidence-based Psychosocial Interventions for Adults with Serious Mental Illness;
Organizational Context

MSW Field Instruction

New York University School of Social Work, New York New York, 2011-12, 2009-10
Columbia University School of Social Work, New York New York, 2010-11, 2004-5
Fordham University School of Social Work, New York New York, 2002-3

MD: Epidemiology

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Justin Cabrera, LCSW, PhD Candidate in Social Welfare, Graduate Center, CUNY
2018 to present,

Jeanette Sucre, LCSW, PhD Candidate in Social Welfare, Graduate Center, CUNY
2018 to present

Dianne Ciro, LCSW, PhD, Social Welfare, Graduate Center, CUNY
2016-18

Hee Chul Kim, MSW, PhD, Social Welfare, University of Albany
2015-2018

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Presentation

"OnTrackNY: Utilizing Assertive Outreach to Promote Participant Engagement" (by I. Bello, H. Ngo, R. Lee, L. Dixon). Paper presented at the International Early Psychosis Association 11 Conference, October 7-10, 2018

"A Qualitative Study of the Influences on the Pathway to Care for Individuals Experiencing Early Psychosis" (by L. Dixon, L. Cabassa, S. Piscitelli, M. Haselden, S. Essock, R. Lee). Paper presented at the 16th International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Mar 24 - 28, 2017.

"Coordinated Specialty Care for Individuals with Recent Onset of Psychotic Symptoms: The OnTrackNY Initiative" (by R. Lee, L. Watkins, I. Bello, I. Malinovsky, L. Dixon). Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, January 11-15, 2017.

"Pathways to Care for First Episode Psychosis: Gaps and Bottlenecks." (by L. Cabassa, S. Piscitelli, M. Haselden, R. Lee, S. Essock and L. Dixon). Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, January 11-15, 2017.

"From Onset to Early Intervention Services: Research on First-Episode Psychosis." (by S. Piscitelli, L. Cabassa, M. Haselden, S. Essock, R. Lee, L. Dixon). International Early Psychosis Association 10 Conference, October 20-22, 2016.

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“The State-wide Roll Out and Initial Positive Outcomes of New York State’s FEP Program: OnTrackNY.” (by L. Dixon, L. Marino, L. Watkins, L. Sederer, I. Bello, S. Essock, T. Smith, R. Lee, J. Scodes, M. Wall, M. Birnbaum). International Early Psychosis Association 10 Conference, October 20-22, 2016.

“A Delphi study of Critical Time Intervention: Examining implementation and identifying critical elements.” (by R. Lee, F. Chen, S. Conover, and D. Herman). Paper presented at the Third International Conference on Practice Research, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, June 9-11, 2014.

“Prevalence of serious mental illness by race/ethnic group in the US” (by R. Lee, M. Sinkewicz, P. Muennig, and B. Link). Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, January 14-17, 2010.

“Pilot studies of the Joint Crisis Plan intervention for adults with serious mental illness in the United States” (by R. Lee). Paper presented at Department of Epidemiology, Psychiatric Epidemiology Seminar, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, June 11, 2009.

“The Joint Crisis Plan intervention for residents of New York/New York supported housing ” (by R. Lee, C. Henderson and D. Herman). Paper presented at the NIMH Trainees Meeting at the American Psychopathological Association Annual Meeting, March 5-7, 2009.

“Policy changes and mental health service utilization in early psychosis” (by R. Lee, E. Lukens, and D. Herman). Paper presented at Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, January 15-18, 2009.

“Prevalence of serious mental illness by race/ethnic group in the US” (by R. Lee, M. Sinkewicz, P. Muennig, and B. Link). Poster presented at the American Psychopathological Association Annual Meeting, March 6-8, 2008.

“Pathways to care in first episode psychosis.” (by R. Lee, D. Herman, and E. Bromet). Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, January 17-20, 2008.

“Pathways to care for Asian Americans in their first episode of psychosis: Findings from the Suffolk County Mental Health Project.” (by R. Lee and G. Lo). Poster presented at the Asian American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 16-17, 2007.

“Medication Compliance in the Psychiatric Inpatient setting: The Role of Ethnicity and Immigrant Status.” (by R. Lee). Paper presented in Symposia entitled Treatment Issues

Social Stressors Faced by Chinese Immigrants with Severe Mental Illness (with L. Yang and Y. Chou) at the 24th Annual Teachers College Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education: Traditional and Non-Traditional Approaches to Addressing Race and Culture in Psychology and Education, New York City, February 16-17, 2007.

Invited Presentations

“OnTrackNY: Review of Background, Context and Model” (by R. Lee). Invited Talk at New York State Office of Mental Health - Dean’s Consortium Schools of Social Work Project for Evidence-based practices in Mental Health Annual Meeting, April 5, 2019.

“Recovery After Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) Coordinated Care for Young People with Recent Onset of Psychotic Symptoms: The OnTrack Program.” (by R. Lee). Invited talk at National Alliance on Mental Illness Connecticut Annual State Conference, October 14, 2016.

“Adaptation of Critical Time Intervention for individuals hospitalized for the first time due to psychosis.” Invited talk at Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, June 8, 2015.

“Critical Time Intervention.” Invited speaker, Learned Lunch Speaker Series, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, November 12, 2011.

“Project Connect: An adaptation of Critical Time Intervention for frequent users of the psychiatric emergency room. Paper given at Social Work Grand Rounds, New York State Psychiatric Institute (by I. Nossel and R. Lee). October 11, 2010.

“Prevalence and Burden Estimates of Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders and Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities in New York City.” (by M. Engstrom, R. Lee, J. Plapinger, D. Herman, & L. Sederer.) Paper presented to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City, November 12, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist IV
New York State Psychiatric Institute
2009-2014

Research Scientist
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
2002-2004

Research Assistant
New York State Psychiatric Institute
2000-2006

Clinical Social Worker
Center for Urban Community Services, New York, New York
1999

Clinical Social Worker
University of California San Francisco, Department of Psychiatry
1997-1999

Social Work Intern
University of California San Francisco, Department of Psychiatry
1996-1997

Case Manager
American Indian Family Healing Center, Oakland, California
1996

Social Work Intern
American Indian Family Healing Center
1995-1996

Program Administrative Director
Community Access, New York, New York
1994-1995

Team Supervisor
Community Access
1993-1994

Case Manager
Community Access
1991-1993

SERVICE TO ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

University Service

- 2018-present Member, Executive Committee, Doctoral Faculty, Social Welfare, The Graduate Center at CUNY
- 2017-present Member, Faculty Search Committee, Psychology, The Graduate Center at CUNY
- 2016-present Member, Admissions Committee, Doctoral Faculty, Social Welfare, The Graduate Center at CUNY
- 2007-2009 Internal Grants Reviewer, City College of New York, CUNY

Hunter College Service

- 2018-present Member, Hunter College Presidential Task Force on the Bell Schedule
- 2017-2019 Member (alternate), Hunter College Senate, elected
- 2016 Member, Hunter College Student Advisory Task Force Committee

Silberman School of Social Work Service

- 2018-present Associate Director, Center for the Advancement of Critical Time Intervention at the Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College
- 2018-2019 Silberman faculty liaison to New York State Office of Mental Health- Schools of Social Work Dean's Consortium Project for Evidence Based Practice Mental Health
- 2017 Member, Silberman search committee for Assistant Director of Student Services, Office of Student Services
- 2016-2017 Member, Silberman search committee for Academic Advisors, Office of Student Services

- 2016-2017 Member, Silberman Research Curriculum Committee
- 2015-present Chair, Silberman Student Services and Advisement Committee
- 2015-2018 Member, Silberman Faculty Development Committee
- 2015-2018 Member, Steering committee, Center for the Advancement of Critical Time Intervention at the Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College
- 2014-present Member, Silberman Health and Mental Health Field of Practice Committee
- 2014-present Member, Silberman Social Welfare Policy Curriculum Committee
- 2014-present Member, Silberman Human Behavior in the Social Environment Curriculum Committee

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- 2012-2016 Abstract review for annual conference, Society for Social Work and Research
- 2005-2014 Member, Board of Directors, Burmese Refugee Project
- 2005 Volunteer, New York City Homeless Shadow Count
- 2003-2009 Member, Board of Directors and Chair of Program and Planning Committee New York Asian Women’s Center (AKA Womankind)
- 1991-1993 Volunteer, domestic violence hotline, New York Asian Women’s Center

2004 to present: Ad-hoc Peer Reviewer for academic journals including *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal Of Psychiatric Rehabilitation*, *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, *Psychiatry Research*, *Psychological Medicine*, *Research on Social Work Practice*, *Schizophrenia Bulletin*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Society for Social Work Research
- IEPA Early Intervention in Mental Health