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Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College
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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

Dissertation: Heterogeneity among Juvenile Sexual Abusers: An Exploration of Crime Characteristics,
Family Context, and Mental Health
Chair: Curtis McMillen, PhD, MSW

Smith College, Master of Social Work

Thesis: Understanding Male Juvenile Sexual Offenders: An Investigation of Experiences and Internalized
Masculinity
Chair: David L. Burton, PhD, MSW

Colby College, Bachelor of Arts

Major: English
Minor: Spanish

HONORS & AWARDS

Presidential Travel Award, Hunter College	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Stuart Travel Award, CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences	2018
Faculty Research Fellow, Hunter College	2017

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Clinical Social Worker
New York State License No: 087578

Date of Licensure: beginning 2018, expires 10/31/21

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker
Massachusetts State License No: 121590

Date of Licensure: beginning 2018, expires 08/28/21

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker
Washington State License No: 60513696

Date of Licensure: beginning 2014, expires 08/28/20

Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Illinois State License No: 149.014343

Date of Licensure: beginning 2010, expires 11/30/21

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, CUNY	2016-Present
Faculty Affiliate, Silberman Center for Gender and Sexuality, Hunter College, CUNY	2018-Present
Adjunct Professor, Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton MA	2012-2016
Lecturer, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL	2014-2015

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Yoder, J., Grady, M.D., **Brown, A.**, and Dillard, R. (2020). Criminogenic needs as intervening mechanisms in the relation between insecure attachment and youth sexual violence. *Sexual Abuse, 32*(3), 247-272.
- Brown, A.** and Grady, M.D. (2019). Helplessness and hopelessness in adolescents who commit sexual and non-sexual crimes. *Victims and Offenders: An International Journal of Evidenced-Based Research, Policy, and Practice, 14*(1), 15-31.
- Brown, A.** (2019). Using latent class analysis to explore subtypes of youth who have committed sexual offenses. *Youth, Violence, and Juvenile Justice, 7*(4), 413-430.
- Grady, M.D., Yoder, J., and **Brown, A.** (2018). Childhood maltreatment experiences, attachment, sexual offending: Testing a theory. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Advance online publication.
- Tan, K., **Brown, A.**, and Leibowitz, G. (2018). School, social-communicative, and academic challenges among delinquents and juvenile sexual offenders. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal, (36)*6, 577-585.
- Sorrentino, R., **Brown, A.**, Berard, B., and Peretti, K. (2018). Sex offenders: General information and treatment. *Psychiatric Annals, 48*(2) 120-128.
- Brown, A.** (2016). Masculinity is not pathology: An exploration of masculinity among juvenile sexual abusers and general delinquents. *Journal of Juvenile Justice, 5*(2), 121-133.
- Brown, A.**, Courtney, M.E., and McMillen, J.C. (2015). Behavioral health needs and service use among those who've aged-out of foster care. *Children and Youth Services Review, 58*, 163-169.
- Brown, A.** (2011). Boys, violent behavior and sexual abusing. *FOCUS/National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter, June 38*(6).
- Brown, A.** and Burton, D.L. (2010). Exploring the overlap in male juvenile sexual offending and general delinquency: Trauma, alcohol use, and masculine beliefs. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse, (19)*4, 450-468.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- Prince J.D., Mora O., Lalayants M., and **Brown A.** (*under review*). Why Can't We Be Friends? Friendships between Helping Professional and Members of Mental Health or other Human Service Organizations. Part 1: Dimensions of Staff-Member Friendships.
- Prince J.D., Mora O., Lalayants M., and **Brown A.** (*under review*). Why Can't We Be Friends? Friendships between Helping Professional and Members of Mental Health or other Human Service Organizations. Part II: Benefits and Challenges of Staff-Member Friendships.
- Brown, A.**, Yoder, J., and Fushi, K. (*under review*). Trauma and Maternal Caregivers as Risks for Executive Function Deficits among Youth Who Have Sexually Harmed.

Yoder, J., **Brown, A.**, Grady, M. Dillard, R., and Kennedy, N. (*under review*). Cumulative Traumatic Events as Distinguishable Risks for Youth Sexual Violence: Trauma Symptomatology and Mitigating Effects of Positive Caregiving Styles.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

Brown, A. What MSW students need to know about sexual abusers.

Brown, A. Context matters: The relationship of sexual behaviors to family and mental health among youth who have sexually harmed.

Brown, A. and Sorrentino, R. Factors associated with failure to disclose sexual abuse victimization.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Burton, D.L., Nelligan, K., Burton, A., Gockel, A.M., Session, P., **Brown, A.** and Jenks, J. (2012). *Preliminary Massachusetts Department of Youth Services Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Evaluation.*

Courtney, M., Dworsky, A., **Brown, A.**, Cary, C., Love, K. and Vorhies, V. (2011). *Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth: Outcomes at age 25 and 26.* Chicago: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.

RESEARCH & TRAINING GRANTS

FUNDED RESEARCH

PSC-CUNY Research Award \$12,000 Beginning July 1, 2019

Boys to Men: A Qualitative Exploration of the Internalized Toxic Masculinity of Youth who have Sexually Harmed

The primary purpose of this study is to develop a theory of the relationship between gender identity and the commission of sexual crimes among adolescent males.

FUNDING ATTEMPTS

NIJ-2019-15527 \$2,000,000 Submitted April 29, 2019-NOT FUNDED

Research into Desistance from Crime, FY 2019

With colleagues from three universities, we submitted a proposal for an innovative approach to advance the field of criminal justice in desistance from sexual offending among juveniles.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, City University of New York

Field Simulation Seminar

Clinical Practice I: Individuals, Families, and Small Groups

Clinical Practice III: Differential Assessment and Intervention

Human Behavior in the Social Environment III: Psychopathology

Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA

Thesis Advisor

Human Behavior in the Social Environment I: Sociological Concepts

Sexual Abuse: Theory, Assessment, and Treatment of those who Sexually Harm Others

Social Work Research Methods: Introductory to Quantitative and Qualitative

University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration

Social Intervention: Direct Practice I

Social Intervention: Direct Practice II

PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Brown, A.** & Yoder, J. (January 17, 2020). *Trauma and Maternal Attachment as Risks for Executive Function Deficits among Youth Who Have Sexually Harmed*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
- Brown, A.**, Yoder, J., and Fushi, K. (November 8, 2019). *Trauma and Attachment as Risks for Executive Function Deficits among Youth Who Have Sexually Harmed*. Presentation at the annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Grady, M.D., Yoder, J., and **Brown, A.** (January 18, 2019). *Childhood Maltreatment Experiences, Attachment, Sexual Offending: Testing a Model*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Yoder, J., **Brown, A.**, and Dillard, R. (January 18, 2019). *Attachment Styles, Dysregulation, Criminogenic Needs, and Successive Sexual Offending*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Brown, A.** and Grady, M.D. (October 18, 2018). *Helplessness and Hopelessness: The Relationship of Negative Emotional States to Offending Behaviors among Youth*. Presentation at the annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Grady, M.D., Yoder, J., and **Brown, A.** (October 18, 2018). *Childhood Maltreatment Experiences, Attachment, Sexual Offending: Testing a Model*. Symposium presentation at the annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Yoder, J., Grady, M.D., **Brown, A.**, and Dillard, R. (October 18, 2018). *Attachment Styles, Dysregulation, Criminogenic Needs, and Successive Sexual Offending*. Symposium presentation at the annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Brown, A.** and Grady, M.D. (January 13, 2018). *Hope as a protective factor: The Relationship of Hopefulness to Sexual and Nonsexual Crimes among Juvenile Sexual Abusers*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
- Brown, A.** (October 26, 2017). *Heterogeneity among Juvenile Sexual Abusers: A Latent Class Analysis of Sexual Behaviors*. Poster presentation at the annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Brown, A.** (January 15, 2017). *Heterogeneity among Juvenile Sexual Abusers: An Exploration of Latent Classes Emerging from Sexual Crime Characteristics*. Presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Brown, A.**, Tan, K., Leibowitz, G., and Burton, D.L. (January 16, 2015). *Violence Exposure as a Pathway to Delinquency: A Proposed Cycle of Abuse and Neglect among Incarcerated Juvenile Sexual Abusers*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

- Tan, K., **Brown, A.**, and Burton, D.L. (January 18, 2014). *Five Types of Child Maltreatment and Subsequent Delinquency: Physical Neglect as the Most Significant Predictor*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX.
- Courtney, M.E. and **Brown, A.** (September 16, 2013). *Prevalence of PTSD and Depression and Receipt of Mental Health Services among Care Leavers*. Symposium on “Disabled Children and Young People in Out-of-Home Care,” 13th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Dublin, Ireland.
- Brown, A.** and Courtney, M.E. (January 18, 2013). *When the System Goes Away, Does Treatment Need Follow? Behavioral Health Needs and Service Use Among Youths Aging Out of Foster Care*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
- Brown, A.** and Tan, K. (January 17, 2013). *Tough Guys and Tough Guise: Subtypes of Aggression among Youth Sexual Abusers*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
- Tan, K. and **Brown, A.** (January 17, 2013). *Juvenile Sexual Abusers: Typologies of Family Social Environment*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
- Brown, A.** and Burton, D. (October 19, 2012). *Attachment, Youth Sexual Abusing and Delinquency: The Role of Foster Care*. Presentation at the annual conference for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Denver, CO.
- Brown, A.** and Burton, D. (April 13, 2012). *Masculinity is not Pathology: Masculine Subtypes, Sexual Abusing and Delinquency Among Male Youth*. Presentation at the annual joint conference for the Massachusetts Adolescent Sex Offender Coalition and the Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Marlborough, MA.
- Brown, A.** (March 30, 2012). *Boys Being Boys? Addressing Violence in Schools*. Presentation at the national conference for the School Social Work Association of America, Boston, MA.
- Brown, A.** and Burton, D. (March 29, 2012). *The Role of Executive Functioning in Youth Sexual Abuse and Delinquency*. Presentation at the bi-annual symposium for the National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter, Framingham, MA.
- Brown, A.** and Tan, K. (January 12, 2012). *Pathways in the Victim-to-Victimizer Relationship: A Comparison of Incarcerated Juvenile Sexual Abusers and General Delinquents*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
- Tan, K. and **Brown, A.** (January 12, 2012). *Beyond School Bonding: Comparing the Schooling Experiences Between Juvenile Sexual Abusers and Nonsexual Abusers*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
- Brown, A.** (November 10, 2011). *Empathy not Pathology: New Considerations in the Assessment and Treatment of Youth Sexual Abusers*. Presentation at the annual conference for the National Association of Social Workers, IL Chapter, Oakbrook, IL.
- Brown, A.**, Burton, D. and Tan, K. (November 3, 2011). *Trauma, Executive Functioning, and Delinquency: A Comparison of Youth Sexual Abusers and General Delinquents*. Poster presentation at the annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference, Toronto, Canada.
- Brown, A.** and Burton, D. (April 15, 2010). *Exploring the Overlap in Male Juvenile Sexual Offending and General Delinquency: Trauma, Alcohol Use, and Masculinity*. Presentation at the bi-annual symposium for the National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter, Framingham, MA.

- Burton, D., **Brown, A.** and Leibowitz, G. (October 1, 2009). *Adolescent Abusers are not Adult Offenders: Exploration and Comparison of Salient Treatment Concepts*. Presentation at the annual conference for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Dallas, TX.
- Burton, D., Belanger, S., Trebby, J., **Brown, A.**, Bovard-Johns, R. and Robertson, C. (April 1, 2009). *Cutting Edge Research Translated into Direct Clinical Methods for Sexual Abusers*. Presentation at the annual joint conference for the Massachusetts Adolescent Sex Offender Coalition and the Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Marlborough, MA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Brown, A.** (May 21, 2019). *Bridging the Gap: Research into Practice in Work with Youth who have Sexually Harmed*. New York Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers annual conference. Saratoga, NY.
- Brown, A.** (May 17, 2019). *Filling the Gaps for Best Practices with Youth with Research Knowledge*. Maryland Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers annual conference. Annapolis, MD.
- Brown, A.** (August 28, 2017). *What Caregivers Need to Know About Sexual Abusers*. Family Health Center of Harlem. New York, NY.
- Brown, A.** (May 14, 2013). *What Everyone Who Works with Victims Needs to Know About Offenders (Part 2 of 2)*. The 21st Annual Children's Justice Conference. Seattle, WA.
- Brown, A.** (May 14, 2013). *What Everyone Who Works with Victims Needs to Know About Offenders (Part 1 of 2)*. The 21st Annual Children's Justice Conference. Seattle, WA.
- Brown, A.** (May 14, 2013). *Mindfulness Practices (Home Safety and Supervision) and Sexually Aggressive Youth*. The 21st Annual Children's Justice Conference. Seattle, WA.
- Brown, A.** (May 13, 2013). *Experiences of Racial Discrimination and Adolescent Sexual and Nonsexual Criminality*. The 21st Annual Children's Justice Conference. Seattle, WA.
- Brown, A.** (May 13, 2013). *What Trauma Caused What Behavior among Juvenile Sexual Abusers?* The 21st Annual Children's Justice Conference. Seattle, WA.
- Brown, A.** (May 13, 2013). *Neurobiology: The Relationship between Attachment and Executive Functioning for Juveniles with Sexual Behavioral Problems: What do We do Now?* The 21st Annual Children's Justice Conference. Seattle, WA.
- Brown, A.** (August 5 & 11, 2010). *How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk*. Certification training for foster parents at Northeast Center for Youth and Families, Inc., Easthampton, MA & Pittsfield, MA.
- Brown, A.** (June 17 & 30, 2010). *OCD, PTSD, ADD, ODD, CD... HUH? Common Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Diagnoses and What these Mean for Caregivers*. Certification training for foster parents at Northeast Center for Youth and Families, Inc., Easthampton, MA & Pittsfield, MA.
- Kaplan, E. and **Brown, A.** (April 8, 2010). *Paradoxical Interviewing with Treatment Resistant Clients*. Clinical training at the annual joint conference for the Massachusetts Adolescent Sexual Offender Coalition and the Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Marlborough, MA.
- Brown, A.**, Sorrentino, R., Anechiarico, B. and Ball, C. (April 8, 2009). *Effective Management of Post-Incarceration Sexual Offenders in the Community*. Panelist for case presentation and discussion of a registered, high-risk sex offender at Northeastern University, Boston, MA.
- Brown, A.** (March 22, 2009). *Assertiveness in the Workplace and in the Community: The Difficult Conversation*. Workshop for the clinical and administrative staff of the Northeast Center for Youth and Families, Inc., Easthampton, MA.

Brown, A. (March 12, 2008, January 12 & 22, 2009). *Privilege: Carrying our Invisible Knapsacks of Power and Oppression*. Workshop for the clinical and administrative staff of the Addiction Recovery Program at Faulkner Hospital, Boston, MA; high school students at the Williston School, Easthampton, MA; the administrative and clinical staff of Northeast Center for Youth and Families, Inc., Easthampton, MA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Expert Consultant 2019- Present
Park Dietz & Associates, Inc., Newport Beach, CA
Forensic and mental health assessments focused on youth and young adults accused of sexual harm
Expert witness

Private Practice 2010- Present
Consultant to those working with sexually reactive/abusive youths and their families.
Youth and adult forensic and mental health assessments.
Individual, group, and family treatment focused on problem sexual behaviors.

Clinical Social Worker 2014
Presbyterian Homes, Chicago, IL
Case management and psychotherapy services to senior citizens living in rent-subsidized independent living programs.

Program Administrator 2013-2014
New Foundations, Chicago, IL
Director of programming and clinical services for a program aimed at reducing sexual offense recidivism among adults newly released from state, county, or federal custody.
Designed therapeutic program for participants and their families.

Clinician and Case Manager 2008-2010
Northeast Center for Youth and Families, Inc., Easthampton, MA
Specialization in sexually abusive behaviors among youths in the child welfare system.

Clinician 2008-2010
Servicenet, Inc., Northampton, MA
Provided outpatient assessment and treatment for adults, couples, adolescents, children, and families in a community mental health clinic.

SERVICE TO ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

University Service

Senator 2017-2019
Elected by colleagues to represent the Silberman School of Social Work on Hunter College Faculty Senate for a two-year term

School Service

Educational Review Committee 2018- Present
Faculty Search Committee: Doctoral Lecturer 2018
Faculty Committee: Field of Practice: Sexuality and Gender 2018- Present
Faculty Committee: Human Behavior in the Social Environment 2016- Present
Faculty Committee: Clinical Practice 2016- Present

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Rise Above Foundation	2017- 2019
Prevention Committee, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)	2012- 2016
Executive Board, Illinois Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers	2013- 2014
Executive Board, Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers	2008- 2010

Ad-hoc peer-reviewer for following publications: *Psychology, Crime and Law*; *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*; *Journal of Social Work*; *Children and Youth Services Review*; *Journal of Juvenile Justice*; *Research on Social Work Practice*; *Smith College Studies in Social Work*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Faculty Success Program	since 2018
National Organization of Forensic Social Work (NOFSW)	since 2017
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)	since 2010
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)	since 2007
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)	since 2007