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Silberman School of Social Work
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EDUCATION

PhD	Columbia School of Social Work Concentration: Advance Practice Dissertation: Mental health of refugees and asylum-seekers in low- and middle-income countries Committee: Nabila El-Bassel (sponsor), Ellen Lukens (chair), Mingway Chang, Qin Gao, Yao Lu	Oct 2023
MSW	Boston College School of Social Work Concentration in Clinical Global Practice	May 2010
BS	University of Connecticut Major: Psychology; Cum Laude	May 2008

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor – Silberman School of Social Work Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, NY	2025-present
Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow – NYU Silver School of Social Work New York University Provost Postdoctoral Fellowship Program Mentor: Michelle R. Munson, PhD	2023-2025

AWARDS AND HONORS

Wilma and Albert Musher Scholarship Scholarship awarded to support doctoral studies at Columbia School of Social Work	2018-2019
Alfred J. Kahn Doctoral Fellowship Fund Fellowship awarded to support doctoral studies at Columbia School of Social Work	2017-2018
Dean's List Awarded per semester to undergraduate students with a GPA of at least 3.5	2004-2007
New England Scholar Awarded to undergraduate students with a GPA of at least 3.7 during Spring & Fall semester	2006

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATE

Massachusetts Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) [#117559]	2013 – present
Massachusetts Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) [#216744]	2010-2013
Seminar in Field Instruction (Sifi) Certificate	2018

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANTS

New York University Postdoctoral Research and Professional Development Support Grant (\$2,500)	2024-2025
New York University Provost Postdoctoral Fellowship Research Fund (\$2,000)	2024-2025
New York University Silver School of Social Work Office for Research: Small Seed Grant Award (\$10,000)	2023-2025

New York University Provost Postdoctoral Fellowship Research Fund (\$2,000)	2023-2024
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Doctoral Minority Fellowship Program SAMHSA-funded national fellowship targeted for racial/ethnic minorities pursuing a doctoral degree in Social Work (\$25,836)	2022-2023
Columbia Center for Teaching & Learning: Teaching Observation Fellow (\$2000)	2022-2023
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Doctoral Minority Fellowship Program SAMHSA-funded national fellowship targeted for racial/ethnic minorities pursuing a doctoral degree in Social Work (\$25,836)	2021-2022
Columbia School of Social Work Travel Grant (\$1000)	2021-2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Engaging refugees in mental health treatment and services: exploring the role of Cultural Brokers (\$14,500) NYU Silver School of Social Work Role: Principal investigator, <i>NYU Silver Small Seed Grant Award</i> Develop research protocol, qualitative survey questionnaire, IRB submission, conducted qualitative interview, day-to-day project management, and data analysis. Co-PIs: Drs. Michelle Munson & Ifrah Magan	2023-2025
Exploring the impact of COVID-19 on mental health and gender-based violence among Syrian refugee women, vulnerable Jordanians, and service providers in Jordan Columbia School of Social Work Role: Co-investigator, Project ASPIRE Developed research protocol and qualitative survey questionnaire, collaborated with research partners to support data collection. PIs: Drs. Anindita Dasgupta & Nabila El-Bassel	2021-2023
Examining the gendered health and mental health needs of Syrian refugee women living in non-camp settings in Jordan Columbia School of Social Work Role: Data Manager, Project ASPIRE Supported protocol development, IRB submissions, and survey development. Managed data cleaning and coding, day-to-day project management, and quantitative data analysis. Disseminated findings through peer-reviewed publications and conferences PIs: Drs. Nabila El-Bassel, Neeraj Kaushal, & Anindita Dasgupta	2017-2021
Secondary trauma and mental health of service providers working with Syrian refugees in Istanbul Turkey: a mixed-method study Columbia School of Social Work Role: Doctoral Research Assistant, Project ASPIRE Assisted with survey development, supported protocol development, collaborated with in-country team partners, conducted data quantitative data analysis, disseminated results in peer-reviewed publication and presented findings in conferences PIs: Drs. Nabila El-Bassel, Neeraj Kaushal, & Anindita Dasgupta	2017-2021
Mental health screening in Haitians: building links between primary care providers and community-based organizations Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health	2012-2014

Role: Research and Scientific Writing Intern & Project Coordinator

Received CBPR-related project training, supported data collection and qualitative data analysis, conducted in-depth literature review, and drafted/edited research manuscript

Co-PIs: Drs. Linda Marc, Marcia Testa, & Astrid Desrosiers

Religion and spirituality among congestive heart failure patients

2007-2008

University of Connecticut Department of Psychology

Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant

Supported quantitative data cleaning and coding, conducted literature review, assisted with manuscript writing and scientific presentation of results

PI: Dr. Crystal Park

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Research Publications

Brooks, M.A., Mukherjee, T., Pillai, V., Khooshnood, K., Kim, R., and El-Bassel, N. (2024). Utilization of mental health counseling services among clinic-attending refugees and asylum-seekers in Malaysia.

Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research, 1-12 (2024).

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10488-024-01427-6>

Brooks, M.A., Dasgupta, A., Khadra, M., Bawaneh, A., Kaushal, N., and El-Bassel, N. (2024) Suicidal behaviors among refugee women in Jordan: PTSD, social isolation, and post-displacement stressors. *BMC Public Health*, 24(1), 2677. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-024-20128-1>

Jiwatram-Negron, T., **Brooks, M.A.**, Ward, M., & Meinhart, M. (2023). Systematic review of interventions to address suicidal behaviors among people with a history of intimate partner violence: Promises and gaps across the globe. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 101871. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2023.101871>

Brooks, M. A., Dasgupta, A., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Meinhart, M, Tekin, U., Yürkseker, D., Kaushal, N., & El-Bassel, N. (2022). Secondary traumatic stress, depression, and anxiety symptoms among service providers working with Syrian refugees in Istanbul, Turkey. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 24(6), 1421-1430. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-022-01344-6>

Brooks, M. A., Meinhart M., Samawi, L., Mukherjee, T., Jaber R., Alhomsh, H., Kaushal, N., Al-Qutob, R., Khadra, M., El-Bassel, N. & Dasgupta, A. (2022). Mental health of clinic-attending Syrian refugee women in Jordan: associations between social ecological risk factors and mental health symptoms. *BMC Women's Health*. 22, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12905-021-01584-y>

Cratsley, K., **Books, M. A.**, & Mackey, T. K. (2021). Refugee Mental Health, Global Health Policy, and the Syrian Crisis. *Front. Public Health*, 9, 676000. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2021.676000>

Frounfelker, R. L., Miconi, D., Farrar, J., **Brooks, M. A.**, Rousseau, C., & Bentancourt, T. S. (2020). Mental Health of Refugee Children and Youth: Epidemiology, Interventions, and Future Directions. *Annual Review of Public Health*, 41(1), 159-176. [doi:10.1146/annurev-publhealth-040119-094230](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-publhealth-040119-094230)

Lombe, M., Newransky, C., Stokes, C., & **Brooks, M. A.** (2010). Exploring Moderating Effects of Violent Conflict on Household Welfare in a Resource Constrained Environment: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 36(4), 289-302. [doi:10.1080/01488376.2010.493852](https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2010.493852)

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Park, C. L., **Brooks, M. A.**, & Sussman, J. (2009, 3rd Quarter). Dimensions of Religion and Spirituality in Psychological Adjustment in Older Adults Living with Congestive Heart Failure. In A. Ai & M. Ardelt (Eds.), *The role of faith in the well-being of older adults: Linking theories with evidence in an interdisciplinary inquiry*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

Other Publications

Parker, S., **Brooks, M. A.**, Desrosiers, A., Piton, J., Testa, M. A., & Marc L. G. Report: Mental Health Screening for Haitians: Building Links between Primary Care Providers and Community Based Organization. Funded by Harvard Catalyst through the Community Health Innovation Program, 2012-2013.

Manuscripts Under Review

Brooks, M.A., Dasgupta, A., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Meinhart, M, Tekin, U., Yüksek, D., Kaushal, N., & El-Bassel, N. (under review). Vicarious posttraumatic growth among refugee service providers in Istanbul, Turkey. *Transcultural Psychiatry*.

Brooks, M.A., Rodwin, A.H., Gwadz, M., Wilton, L., Serrano, S., Sherpa, D., & Munson, M.R. (under review). Black & Latinx Foreign- and U.S. Born Young and Emerging Adults Living with HIV: Examining Social Ecological Risk Factors and Their Association with Depression, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and Comorbid Depression/PTSD. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

Hartmann, J., Khadra, M., **Brooks, M.A.**, Singh, A., Al-Qutob, R., Jaber, R., Kaushal, N., El-Bassel, N., & Dasgupta, A. (under review). Intimate Partner Violence, Mental Health Symptomology, and Mental Health and Protective Service Use among Syrian Refugee Women with Children in Jordan. *Violence Against Women*.

Kilaberia, T.R., Akbary, H., Sullivan, K., **Brooks, M.A.**, Beckman, S. (under review). Synergistic Trauma: Life Course Lessons from Protracted Displacement in Georgia. *Migration Studies*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Brooks, M.A., Rodwin, A.H., Gwadz, M., Wilton, L., Serrano, S., Sherpa, D., & Munson, M.R. (in preparation). Mental Health Service Use Among Black and Latinx Youth and Emerging Adults Living with HIV: Comparing U.S. and Foreign-Born Youth.

Brooks, M.A., Magan, I., Abdirahman M., & Munson, M.R. (in preparation). Exploring the role of cultural brokers in mental health engagement of recently resettled refugees.

Munson, M., **Brooks, M.A.**, Rodwin, A.H., Banya, M., Moore, K., Narendorf, S.C., Clifton, R., & Yanos, P. (in preparation). A paradox of acceptance: young adults' perspective on health and coping.

Hartmann, J., Khadra, M., **Brooks, M.A.**, Singh, A., Al-Qutob, R., Jaber, R., Kaushal, N., El-Bassel, N., & Dasgupta, A. (under review). Intimate Partner Violence and Health Service Use among Syrian Refugee Women with Children in Non-Camp Settings in Jordan.

Moore, K.L., Downey, D., **Brooks, M.A.**, Gwadz, M., et al. (in preparation). An exploratory study of ethnic identity and engagement in HIV care among Black and Latiné sexual and gender minority emerging adults

Dasgupta, A., Mukherjee, T., Al-Salman, Y., **Brooks, M.A.**, El-Bassel, N., Meinhart, M., Singh, A., Jaber, R., Al-Qotob, R., & Khadra, M. (in preparation). Barriers to care: factors associated with unmet need for mental health care among Syrian refugee women in Jordan.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations

Brooks, M.A., Rodwin, A.H., Gwadz, M., Wilton, L., Serrano, S., Sherpa, D., & Munson, M.R. (2025, January). *Mental Health Service Use Among Black and Latinx Youth and Emerging Adults Living with HIV: Comparing U.S. and Foreign-Born Youth*. Oral presentation session titled: Social work support for immigrants and refugees wellbeing. Society for Social Work and Research.

Brooks, M.A., Rodwin, A.H., Gwadz, M., Wilton, L., Serrano, S., Sherpa, D., & Munson, M.R. (2025, January). *Mental Health of Black & Latinx Youth and Emerging Adults Living with HIV: Examining Social Ecological Risk Factors and Their Association with Depression, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and Comorbid Depression/PTSD*. Oral presentation session titled: Transitioning/emerging adults with mental health challenges. Society for Social Work and Research.

- Brooks, M.A.,** Mukherjee, T., Pillai, V., Khooshnood, K., Kim, R., and El-Bassel, N. (2022, January). *Utilization of mental health counseling services among clinic-attending refugees and asylum-seekers in Malaysia*. Oral presentation session titled: Supportive services and intervention for refugees. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research.
- Brooks, M.A.,** Dasgupta, A., Meinhart, M., Yüксеker, D., Tekin, U., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, N. (2021, January). *Vicarious posttraumatic growth among service providers working with Syrian refugees in Istanbul, Turkey*. Symposium paper entitled: Centering mental health for social change: a multi-country initiative advancing evidence-informed research and programming with Syrian refugees in Jordan and Turkey. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research.
- Brooks, M.A.,** Dasgupta, A., Meinhart, M., Mukherjee, T., Al-Qotob, R., Jaber R., Khadra, M., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, N. (2021, January). *Suicidal behavior among health-seeking Syrian refugee women living in non-camp settings in Jordan*. Poster session presented at Society for Social Work and Research.
- Brooks, M. A.,** Dasgupta, A., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Meinhart, M., Tekin, U., Yüксеker, D., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, N. (2020, October). *Secondary traumatic stress, depression, anxiety, among Syrian refugee service providers in Istanbul, Turkey*. Immigrant and Refugee Mental Health oral presentation session at American Public Health Association.
- Brooks, M. A. & Project ASPIRE.** (2019, May) *Mental health outcomes among Syrian refugee women in Jordan and service providers in Turkey*. Poster session presented at Columbia University Committee on Forced Migration, New York, NY.
- Park, C. L., Sussman, J., **Brooks, M. A.,** Gagne, M., Sebben, M., & Edmondson, D. (2008, August). *Spiritual Struggle in Advanced Heart Failure Patients: Correlates and Consequences*. Paper session presented at American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

Other Presentations

- Reiniger, K., **Brooks, M. A.,** Ahmed, Y., & Dulal, P. (2017, May). *Refugee families supporting resilience*. Workshop session presented at Western New England University Annual Social Work Conference, Springfield, MA.
- Park, C. L., Sussman J., & **Brooks M. A.** (2007, November). *Religious/Spiritual Predictors of Post-traumatic Growth in Heart Failure Patients*. Poster session presented at Culture, Diversity, Social Issues and Public Policy, 23rd ISTSS Meeting, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

DIRECT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

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| Director of Cultural Broker Program for Refugees
Jewish Family Service of Western MA, Springfield, MA
Directed and managed a culturally diverse professional and paraprofessional team that provided behavioral health services (case management, in-home therapy, and domestic violence intervention) for refugee and asylum seekers in Western Massachusetts. | 2016-2017 |
| Coordinator of Refugee Mental Health Services
Jewish Family Service of Western MA, Springfield, MA
Managed and supervised a team of paraprofessionals that provided behavioral health case management for refugee and asylum seekers in Western Massachusetts. | 2014-2016 |
| Emergency Services Mental Health Crisis Clinician
Behavioral Health Network Inc., Springfield, MA
Provided crisis intervention and counseling for clients struggling with acute mental illness, substance use, suicidal/homicidal behaviors, and/or psychosis. | 2011-2015 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Instructor. MSWPF-GS.2001. Social Work Practice I Fall 2024
New York Silver School of Social Work. New York, NY
Class size: 15 students. Teaching evaluation average score: 4.19

Instructor. MSWFD-GS.2100. Practicum Instruction I Fall 2024
New York Silver School of Social Work. New York, NY
Class size: 15 students. Teaching evaluation average score: N/A

Adjunct Instructor. SOCWT7012. Social Work Practice II: Direct Practice with Summer 2024
Individuals, Families & Groups. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY
Class size: 29 students. Teaching evaluation average score: 4.71 of 5.00

Instructor. UNDSW-US25. Independent Study. Spring 2024
Silver School of Social Work. New York, NY
Class size: 1 student.

Instructor. MSWPF-GS.2007. Human Behavior in the Social Environment. Spring 2024
Silver School of Social Work. New York, NY
Class size: 25 students. Teaching evaluation average score: 4.33 of 5.00

Instructor of Record

Instructor of Record. SOCWT7012. Social Work Practice II: Direct Practice with Summer 2023
Individuals, Families & Groups. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY
Class size: 25 students. Teaching evaluation average score: 4.64 of 5.00

Instructor of Record. SOCWT7102. Social Work Practice II: Direct Practice with Spring 2023
Individuals, Families & Groups. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.
Class size: 23 students. Teaching evaluation average score: 4.61 of 5.00

Instructor of Record. SOCWT660A. Human Behavior and the Social Environment. Fall 2022
Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.
Class size: 25 students. Teaching evaluation average score: 4.23 of 5.00

Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistant. SOCWT6501. Social Work Research. Columbia School of Fall 2020
Social Work. New York, NY.
Class size: 44 students. Teaching evaluation average score: 4.88 of 5.00

Teaching Assistant. SOCWT660. Human Behavior and the Social Environment. Fall 2020
Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.
Class size: 45 students. Teaching evaluation average score: 4.79 of 5.00

Guest Lecturer

Guest Lecturer. MSWEL-GS 2115. *Forced migration, mental health and trauma.* Spring 2024
Social Work Practice with Immigrants and Refugees.
Silver School of Social Work. New York, NY.

Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660C. *Forced migration: mental health and trauma.* Summer 2023
Topics in Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Trauma and Its Impact.
Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.

Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660C. <i>Trauma, mental health and forced migration</i> . Topics in Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Trauma and Its Impact. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.	Summer 2022
Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660C. <i>Refugee mental health and trauma</i> . Topics in Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Trauma and Its Impact. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.	Summer 2021
Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660B. <i>Mental health and wellbeing</i> . Topics in Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Global Health. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.	Spring 2021
Guest Lecturer. SOCWT6501. <i>Research with refugees and vulnerable population</i> . Social Work Research. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY	Fall 2020
Guest Lecturer. SOCWT660. <i>Refugee mental health and the global humanitarian crisis</i> . Human Behavior in the Social Environment. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY.	Fall 2020
Guest Lecturer. SOCWT7102. <i>Self-care and working with traumatized clients</i> . Direct practice with individuals, families, and groups. Columbia School of Social Work. New York, NY	Summer 2018
Guest Lecturer. Social Work with Individual and Families. <i>Working with challenging clinical presentations during a crisis intervention</i> . Elms College. Chicopee, MA	Fall 2013

Advance Training

Center for Teaching & Learning: Teaching Development Program. Program designed to support teaching preparation, pedagogical training, application and practice. Columbia University, New York, NY.	2022-2023
Center for Teaching & Learning: Essentials of Teaching and Learning Workshop designed to incorporate inclusive teaching, backward design for class planning, active learning strategies, and equitable assessment/grading practices. Columbia University, New York, NY.	Summer 2022

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

University Service

Data Analysis Working Group. The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement and the Provost's Advisory Council for the Enhancement of Faculty Diversity to assess the impact of the <i>Addressing Racism Seed Grant</i> initiative. Columbia University, New York, NY	2022-2023
Volunteer. Columbia World Projects (CWP) Forum on Inequality. Columbia University, New York, NY.	June 2018
HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee Student Leader. Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. Boston, MA.	2008-2009

Mentorship

Faculty Advisor. Gallatin Global Fellows. New York University, New York, NY. Raea Lovett (Spring 2024)	Spring 2024
Field Instructor. Social Intervention Group. Columbia School of Social Work,	2018-2022

Alanna Grace Fox, MSW (Spring 2021/Fall 2021/Spring 2022)

Qicheng Yang, MSW (Fall 2019/Spring 2020)

Hani Omar Alhomsh, MSW (Fall 2018/Spring 2019)

Doctoral Student Peer Mentor. CSSW Peer Mentor Doctoral Program. Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY. 2019-2023

International Collaboration

Supported a research conference on Syrian refugees in Jordan, titled: *Understanding and addressing physical health and mental health concerns of Syrian refugee Women in Jordan*. Amman, Jordan. Nov 2019

Supported a conference on Syrian refugees and policy at Columbia School of Social Work titled: *Syrian refugee health service delivery in Jordan and Turkey: Project ASPRE*. New York, NY. April 2019

Invited Presentations

Invited Speaker, International Medical Corps (IMC) mental health and psychosocial Support (MHPSS) working group on Syrian refugee mental health, Amman, Jordan. Dec 2019

Invited Speaker, Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts on *Refugee families supporting resilience*, Springfield, MA. June 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Council on Social Work Education

Member, Society for Social Work and Research

ADD-HOC REVIEWER

Springer Social Work