

2009-2012

Research Fellow/Research Coordinator

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH

NIDA Funded RO1: *The Role of Personal Social Networks in Post Treatment Functioning for Women in Treatment for Substance Dependence*

P.I.: Elizabeth M. Tracy, PhD

- Assisted in the resubmission of this RO-1 to the National Institute of Drug Addiction (NIDA)
- Trained, coordinated, and supervised research interviewers
- Coordinated research interviews and research protocols at three community agencies
- Analyzed data using SPSS, Ego-net and UCI-net software programs
- Assisted with focus group implementation with treatment program staff and clients and analysis of qualitative focus group data
- Prepared professional presentations and research papers for dissemination

2010

Data Analyst

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH

ODMH funded study, *Making the Transition, Supportive Relationships, Illness Identity and Service Use among Transitioning System Youth with Mood Disorders*

P.I.: Michelle Munson, PhD

- Thematic analysis of qualitative data using Atlas ti data analysis program
- Data presented at the Society for Social Work Research conference, January, 2011.

2009

Data Analyst

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH

NIMH KO8, *Youth Subjective Experience of Psychotropic Treatment*

P.I.: Jerry Floersch, PhD

- Qualitative data analysis using thematic and structural data analysis techniques
- Analyzed data using Atlas ti qualitative data analysis program

2008-2009

Research Fellow

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH

Center on Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Coordinating Center of Excellence: Center for Evidence Based Practices

Director: Lenore Kola, PhD

- Coordinated pilot study evaluating the use of a Consumer Outcomes Monitoring Tool in four community mental health agencies
- Developed data base, data analysis manual, and supervised data entry staff for Consumer Outcomes Monitoring Tool (COMT) Project

2008

Research Interviewer

Kent State University

Cleveland, OH

Violence Prevention Project

- Conducted research interviews with children and their parents in residential treatment programs using structured data collection tools

2007-2009

Doctoral Research Fellow

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
Ohio Mental Health Network for School Success (OMHNSS)

- Participated in monthly meetings of the Network with area mental health professionals
- Evaluated school mental health program for inclusion in the OMHNSS list of Ohio evidence based programs in school-based mental health
- Developed a policy brief with best practices for mental health services in schools

GRANTS

2014-Present **Perceived Parenting Competence among Mothers with Substance Use Disorders.** University Research Grant. PI: Suzanne Brown, PhD, School of Social Work, Wayne State University. \$10,000.

2014-Present **Substance Use, Violence, and Mental Health Research Collaborative.** School of Social Work Research Grant. Co-PI: Suzanne Brown, PhD, School of Social Work, Wayne State University. \$10,000.

2003-2006 **Suicide Prevention: Rapid Identification and Treatment of Children and Adolescents at Risk for Suicide.** The United Way of Tri-County. PI: The May Institute, Boston, MA

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Brown, S., Tracy, E.M., Jun, M., Park, H., & Min, M.O. (In Press). Personal network recovery enablers and relapse risks for women with substance dependence. *Qualitative Health Research.*

Munson, M., **Brown, S.,** Spencer, R., Edguer, M., & Tracy, E.M. (In Press). Supportive relationships among foster system youth with mental health challenges. *Journal of Adolescent Research.*

Hong, J.S., Ryan, J.P., Hernandez, P.H., & **Brown, S.** (2014). Termination of parental rights for parents with substance use disorder: For whom and then what? *Social Work in Public Health, 29*(6), 1-15.

Brown, S. & Groza, V. (2013). A comparison of adoptive parents' perceptions of their child's behavior among Indian children adopted to Norway, the United States and within country: Implications for adoption policy. *Child Welfare, 92*(3), 119-143.

Blanks-Wilson, A., **Brown, S.,** Breen-Wood, Z., & Farkas, K. (2013). Teaching direct practice skills using web-based simulations: Home visiting in a virtual world. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work, 33*(4-5), 421-437.

- Min, M.O., Tracy, E.M., Kim, H., Park, H., Jun, M., **Brown, S.**, McCarty, C., & Laudet, A. (2013). Changes in personal networks of women in residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 45(4), 325-334.
- Brown, S.**, Tracy, E. M., Kim, H., & Jun, M. (2013). The impact of dual disorders, trauma, and social support on quality of life among women in treatment for substance dependence. *Journal of Dual Diagnosis*, 9(1), 61-71. DOI: 10.1080/15504263.2012.750147. PMC Journal-In Process.
- Tracy, E., Kim, H., **Brown, S.**, Min, M.O., Jun, M.K., & McCarty, C. (2012). Substance abuse treatment stage and personal social networks of women in substance abuse treatment. *Journal of the Society for Social Work Research*, 3(2), 65-79. DOI: 10.5243/jsswr.2012.5. NIHMS369141. PMCID: PMC3358724.
- Tracy, E. M., Laudet, A. B., Min, M. O., Kim, H., **Brown, S.**, Jun, M. K., & Singer, L. (2012). Prospective patterns and correlates of quality of life among women in substance abuse treatment. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 124(3), 242-249. DOI:10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2012.01.010. NIHMS357064. PMCID: PMC3366154.
- Brown, S.** (2012). Book review of “*Mindfulness-based relapse prevention for addictive behaviors*”. *Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 12(2), 316-317. DOI: 10.1080/1533256x.2012.703917.
- Brown, S.**, Biegel, D., & Tracy, E. M. (2011). Factors associated with likelihood of asking for help in caregivers of women with substance use disorders. *Care Management Journal*, 12(3), 1-7. DOI: 10.1891/1521-0987.12.3.94. NIHMS369196. PMCID: PMC3336365.
- Brown, S.**, Smalling, S., Groza, V., & Ryan, S. (2010). The experiences of gay men and lesbians in being and becoming adoptive parents. *Adoption Quarterly*, 12, ¾, 229-246. DOI: 10.1080/10926750903313294.
- Biegel, D.E., Katz, S., Meeks, D., **Brown, S.**, & Tracy, E. (2010). Predictors of depressive symptomatology in family caregivers of women with substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 13, 1, 25-44. DOI: 10.1080/10522150903437458. NIHMS176726. PMCID: PMC2834204.
- Brown, S.** & Tracy, E.M. (2008). Building Communities of Practice to advance mental health services in schools. *The Community Psychologist*, Spring.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW OR REVISION

- Brandell, J. & **Brown, S.** (Under Review). The New “bridge to adulthood”: Seeking meaning and cohesion through cyber technology. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*.
- Kim, H., Tracy, E.M., **Brown, S.**, Jun, M., Park, H., Min, M.O., & McCarty, C. (Under Review). Personal networks of women in residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Brown, S., Tracy, E.M., & Min, M.O. (in progress). The role of bonding history in the parenting competence and child placement status of mothers with substance dependence. Target Journal: *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

Brown, S. & Tracy, E.M. (in progress). Early bonding experiences, social support, and quality of life among women with substance dependence. Target Journal: *Attachment and Human Development*.

Brown, S. & Tracy, E.M. (in progress). The personal network interview as intervention for women with substance dependence. Target Journal: *Qualitative Social Work*.

Resko, S.M., **Brown, S.**, Mendoza, N.S., West, S., & Gonzales-Prendes, A. (in progress). Perceived treatment needs among women with co-occurring substance use disorders and PTSD.

Brown, S. (in progress). Intersubjectivity in social work practice. Target Journal: *Clinical Social Work Journal*.

PUBLICATIONS NON PEER REVIEWED

Brown, S. (2009). School-based mental health services policy brief. Developed at the request of the Ohio Mental Health Network for School Success.

Brown, S. & Tracy, E.M. (2008). School support service summit: Building Communities of Practice to advance mental health services in schools. *Network News* (The quarterly newsletter of the Ohio Mental Health Network for School Success), 5(2), 1-4.

Brown, S. (2006). When a patient suicides, *Focus*, 33(12).

Brown, S. (2006). The Massachusetts mental health parity law, *Focus*, 33(6), 2-11.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Tracy, E.M., & **Brown, S.** (In Press). Working with and strengthening social networks. In A. R. Roberts (Ed.). *Social workers desk reference (3rd ed.)*. NY: Oxford University Press.

Brandell, J.R., & **Brown, S.** (In Press). Using Self Psychology in clinical social work. In A.R. Roberts (Ed.). *Social workers desk reference (3rd ed.)*. NY: Oxford University Press.

Begun, A., & **Brown, S.** (2013). Neurobiology of alcoholism and other substances. In L. Straussner (Ed.). *Clinical social work with substance abusing clients (3rd ed.)*. New York: Taylor Francis.

- Matto, H., & **Brown, S.** (2013). Substance abuse. In H. Matto, J. Strolin-Groltzman, & M.S. Ballan (Eds.). *Neuroscience for social work: Current research and practice*. New York: Springer Publishing Company.
- Ryan, S., & **Brown, S.** (2012). Gay and lesbian adoptive parents: Stressors and strengths. In D.M. Brodzinsky, & A. Pertman (Eds.). *Adoption by lesbians and gay men: A new dimension in family diversity*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Tracy, E.M., & **Brown, S.** (2011). Social networks and social work practice. In F. Turner (Ed.). *Social work treatment: Interlocking theoretical approaches (5th ed.)*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Chatterjee, P., & **Brown, S.** (2011). Cognitive theory in social work practice. In F. Turner (Ed.). *Social work treatment: Interlocking theoretical approaches (5th ed.)*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Groza, V. & **Brown, S.** (2011). Genograms in health care practice. In M.J. Craft-Rosenberg & S. Pehler (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of family health*. New York: Sage Publications.

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Brown, S.**, Tracy, E.M. (2014). *The personal network interview as intervention for women with substance dependence*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Brown, S.**, Tracy, E.M. (2014). *Early bonding experiences, social support, and quality of life among women in substance abuse treatment*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Brown, S.**, Tracy, E.M., Jun, M.K., Park, H., & Min, O.M. (2013). *By the company she keeps: Client and provider perspectives of facilitators and barriers to personal network change for women in treatment for substance dependence*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Brown, S.**, Tracy, E.M., & Min, M.O. (2013). *Parenting competence and child status among mothers with substance dependence: The role of bonding history and social networks*. Poster presented at Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Tracy, E.M., Min, M.O., Park, H., Jun, M.K., & **Brown, S.** (2013). *Personal networks and substance use at 12 month post treatment among dually diagnosed women*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Brown, S.**, Breen-Wood, Z., & Blank-Wilson, A. (2012). *Using virtual reality to enhance practice skills in social work education*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Washington, D.C.

- Brown, S.,** Tracy, E.M., Min, O.M., Kim, H., & Jun, M.K. (2012). *Impact of social support on quality of life among women with substance use disorders*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Laudet, A., Min, O.M., Tracy, E.M., Kim, H., **Brown, S.,** Singer, L., & Jun, M.K. (2011). *Prospective patterns and correlates of quality of life among women in substance abuse treatment*. Poster presentation at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Conference, Hollywood, Fla.
- Tracy, E.M., Min, O.M., Kim, H., McCarty, C., Laudet, A., **Brown, S.,** & Jun, M.K. (2011). *Longitudinal Patterns of Social Networks of Women in Substance Abuse Treatment*. Poster presentation at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Conference, Hollywood, Fla.
- Munson, M. R., Edguer, M. N., **Brown, S.,** Tracy, E. M., & Spencer, R. (2011). *Exploring relationships between young adults with mental illnesses and those that support them*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, Tampa, Fla.
- Tracy, E.M., Kim, H., **Brown, S.,** Jun, M., & O Min, M. (2011). *Personal social networks of women in relation to stage of substance abuse treatment*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, Tampa, Fla.
- Brown, S.,** & Ryan, S. (2010). *Becoming adoptive parents: Experiences of gay fathers*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Tracy, E. M., **Brown, S.,** & Jun, M.K. (2010). *Mapping women's social networks to support sobriety: Implications for practice and teaching*. Oral presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Tracy, E. M., Singer, L., Severson, L., **Brown, S.,** Oh Min, M., Laudet, A., McCarty, C., Kim, H., & Jun, M. (2010). *Personal social networks of women with substance use and co-occurring disorders*. Oral presentation at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Conference, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Brown, S.,** Biegel, D., & Tracy, E.M. (2010). *Factors associated with likelihood of asking for help in family caregivers of women with substance use disorders*. Poster presented at Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Brown, S.,** Smalling, S., & Ryan, S. (2010). *Challenges and joys of adoptive parenting: Experiences of gay men and lesbians*. Poster presented at Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Smalling, S., **Brown, S.,** & Ryan, S. (2009). *Barriers to becoming adoptive parents: Experiences of lesbians and gay men*. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Brown, S. (2009). *Outcomes in international social work study abroad trips*. Roundtable presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Farkas, K., & **Brown, S.** (2009). *Ethical issues: Supervisory practices to help social work students develop cultural competence and manage value conflicts*. Roundtable presentation at the International Interdisciplinary Conference on Clinical Supervision, Buffalo, NY.

Brown, S. & Trzepacz, A. M. (2006). *Are personality disorders predictive of poor treatment outcomes?* Poster presented at the New England Psychological Association, Manchester, NH.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Brown, S. (February, 2014). *Women in Treatment for Substance Dependence: Navigating Social Network Relationships*. Colloquium, Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, Wayne State University.

Brown, S. (October, 2013). *Special Topics in Substance Abuse*, Continuing Education Program, Wayne State University School of Social Work.

Brown, S. (October, 2013). *Parenting Competence and Child Status in Mothers with Substance Dependence*, Brown Bag Presentation, Psychology Department, Wayne State University.

Brown, S. (April, 2013). *Neurobiological Dimensions of Addiction and Trauma: Implications for Treatment*, Brown Bag Presentation, Wayne State University School of Social Work.

Brown, S. (March, 2013). *The Road from the Qualifying Exam through the Dissertation*, Brown Bag Presentation, Case Western Reserve University Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences.

Provided legislative testimony on mental health parity to the Massachusetts legislature, representing the MA National Association of Social Workers, May 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2012-Present

Assistant Professor

Wayne State University School of Social Work

Detroit, MI

- *SW 9210: Social Work Theory I: Theories for Practice and Research with Individuals*-doctoral level course
- **Lead Instructor: Family Practice Concentration**
- *SW 8680/8690: Interpersonal Practice with Diverse Families*-master's level course
- *SW 8540/8610: Interpersonal Practice with Families*-master's level course
- *SW 7560: Human Behavior in the Social Environment I: Human Development*-weekly format, master's level course

SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committees

- Graduate Council, Wayne State University, 8/2014-Present
- MSW Curriculum Committee, Wayne State School of Social Work, 8/2013-Present
- Lead Instructor, Family Practice Concentration, 8/2013-Present

Article Reviewer for Peer Review Journals

- *Psychoanalytic Social Work*
- *Substance Use & Misuse*
- *International Journal of Population Research*
- *Journal of GLBT family studies*
- *Child and Family Social Work*

Conference Abstract Reviewer

- Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Conference: 2013

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

1999-2007

Clinical Director

May Institute

Boston, MA

- Oversaw clinical programs across two mental health sites
- Trained and supervised social work, psychology, and nursing students
- Provided administrative and clinical supervision to a diverse clinical, paraprofessional, and support staff
- Participated in monthly research group meetings to discuss agency research projects, data collection, writing projects, research implementation, and ethics
- Collected data using the BASIS-32, Beck's Depression and Anxiety Inventories, and the Behavioral Assessment System for Children
- Pursued funding opportunities by writing grants and program proposals to the United Way, Project Bread, and the Lilly Corporation
- Established and maintained protocol for Utilization Review of all clinical records

1998-1999

Outpatient Clinician, Trauma Team/Eating Disorders Team

Health and Education Services

Beverly, MA

- Provided time-limited, focused psychotherapy, in accordance with managed care contract protocols
- Provided ongoing psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and families, as part of two specialized treatment teams
- Received training in EMDR, Trauma informed interventions, and CBT interventions specific to the treatment of individuals with eating disorders

1994-1998

Outpatient Clinician, Adult Counseling Center

Boston Community Services

Boston, MA

- Led Dialectical Behavior Therapy group for clients diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder

- Fall 2009 **Teaching Mentorship**
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH
- 2007-2009 **Research Fellowship funded by the Ohio Mental Health Network for School Success**
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH
- 1999 **May Institute Trustees Award for Excellence**
May Institute
Boston, MA

VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- 2011 **Graduate Research Contest Judge for Project SOURCE**
School of Undergraduate Studies, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
- 2009-2010 **Doctoral Writing Group Facilitator**
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
- 2007-2009 **Student Representative to the PhD Executive Committee**
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences Cleveland, OH
- 2005-2007 **Treasurer**
NASW Political Action for Candidate Election Committee Boston, MA
- 2005-2007 **Committee Co-Chair**
NASW Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee Boston, MA
- Oct 2003 **Red Cross volunteer**
Cross-Cultural Solutions Dharamsala, India
- 1994-1997 **Counselor and Founding Member**
Women's-Place Counseling Collective Brighton, MA

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS and LICENSURE

- American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work, 2012-Present
- Council on Social Work Education, 2007-Present
- Society for Social Work Research, 2005-Present
- National Association of Social Workers MA chapter, 1994-Present
- Massachusetts Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, 1996-Present
- Michigan Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 2013-Present