# Suzanne Brown, PhD, LMSW

Assistant Professor
Wayne State University School of Social Work
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# **EDUCATION AND LICENSURE**

5/2012 **PhD in Social Welfare** 

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

Dissertation: The Impact of Mother's Bonding History and Personal Social Networks on Parenting Competence among Mothers with Substance Dependence and Dual Disorders

Licensure

1996-Present Massachusetts Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)

2013-Present Michigan Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LMSW)

8/1994 Master of Science in Social Work

**Smith College School for Social Work** 

Northampton, MA

Master's Thesis: The Effects of Therapist Self-Disclosure on the Quality of the Therapeutic

Relationship

6/1986 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

**University of Vermont** 

Burlington, VT

# ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Michigan Psychoanalytic Council

Ann Arbor, MI

9/2013-Present Self and Relational Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training

Center for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis

Detroit, MI

June, 2013 Mediation and Moderation

Center for Attachment Research at the New School for Social Research

New York, NY

July, 2012 Reflective Functioning Training Seminar: Rating Reflective Functioning in

the Adult Attachment Interview

**Washington University School of Medicine** 

St. Louis, MO

July, 2010 Diagnostic Interview Schedule-Research Interviewer Training

# ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

8/2012-Present **Assistant Professor** 

School of Social Work, Wayne State University

Detroit, MI

1/2009-5/2012 **Adjunct Instructor** 

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

2009-2012 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

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

2009 Data Analyst

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

NIMH KO8, Youth Subjective Experience of Psychotropic Treatment

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

2008 Research Interviewer

Kent State University Cleveland, OH

**Violence Prevention Project** 

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)

### **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.

# PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Kim, H., Tracy, E.M., **Brown, S.,** Jun, M., Park, H., Min, M.O., & McCarty, C. (In Press). Personal networks of women in residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment. *Addictions Research and Theory*.
- **Brown, S.,** Tracy, E.M., Jun, M., Park, H., & Min, M.O. (2015). Personal network recovery enablers and relapse risks for women with substance dependence. *Qualitative Health Research*, 25(3), 271-285.
- Munson, M., **Brown, S.**, Spencer, R., Edguer, M., & Tracy, E.M. (2014). Supportive relationships among foster system youth with mental health challenges. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, doi:10.1177/0743558414554803.
- 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 Sates 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, 3/4, 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

- **Brown, S.**, & Tracy, E.M. (Under Review). *Child custody status among mothers with substance dependence: The role of bonding history and social support.*
- Barron, C., & **Brown**, **S.** (Under Review). Building relational possibilities: The theoretical roots of infant mental health practice in the case of Alycia.
- **Brown, S.**, Barron, C., & Tracy, E.M. (Under Review). *Parenting competence in mothers with substance dependence: The role of bonding history and social networks.*
- Resko, S. M., **Brown, S.,** Mendoza, N. S., West, S., & Gonzales-Prendes, A. (Under Review). Perceived treatment needs among women with co-occurring substance use disorders and PTSD.
- Tracy, E.M., Min, M.O., Jun, M., Park, H., **Brown, S**., Francis. (Under Review). *Personal networks and substance use at 12 months*.
- Brandell, J., & **Brown, S.** (Under Review). *The new "bridge to adulthood": Seeking meaning and cohesion through cyber technology.*

# 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). Social networks and social work practice. In F. Turner (Ed.). *Social work treatment: Interlocking theoretical approaches* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Chatterjee, P., & **Brown, S**. (In Press). Cognitive theory in social work practice. In F. Turner (Ed.). *Social work treatment: Interlocking theoretical approaches* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Tracy, E.M., & **Brown, S.** (In Press). Working with and strengthening social networks. In A. R. Roberts (Ed.). *Social workers desk reference* (3<sup>rd</sup> 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* (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup>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* (5<sup>th</sup> 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* (5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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# ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Brown, S.**, & Tracy, E.M. (2015). Parenting competence and the role of children for mothers with substance dependence. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Resko, S. M., **Brown, S.,** Mendoza, N. S., West, S., & Gonzales-Prendes, A. (2015). *Perceived treatment needs among women with co-occurring substance use disorders and PTSD*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- **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., Sevenson, L., **Brown, S**., Oh Min, M., Laudet, A., McCarty, C., Kim, H., & Jun, M. (2010). *Personal social networks of women with substance use and cooccurring 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.** (October, 2014). *Special Topics in Substance Abuse*, Continuing Education Program, Wayne State University School of Social Work.
- **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**-master's level course
- SW 7660: Human Behavior in the Social Environment II: Diversity-master's level course

Spring 2009-Fall 2011 Adjunct Instructor

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH

- Theory and Practice Approaches in Direct Social Work Practice-weekly format, master's level course
- Social Work Practice in Mental Health: Adults-Intensive Weekend format, master's level course
- Theory and Practice Approaches in Direct Social Work Practice-Intensive Weekend format, master's level course
- Women's Issues in Social Work Practice-Intensive Weekend format, master's level course

• Capstone Seminar Mental Health Treatment with Children and Adolescents, weekly format, master's level course

# Fall 2008-Spring 2011 **Teaching Assistant**

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH

Doctoral Level Courses:

- Measurement Issues in Quantitative Research
- Social Statistics and Data Analysis-Regression
- Social Statistics and Data Analysis

#### Masters Level Courses

- Direct Social Work Practice Methods (Micro)
- Capstone Seminar Mental Health Treatment with Adults
- International Social Work: Child Welfare in Guatemala- Travel study course to Guatemala with students and faculty. Facilitated reflection and process groups with students and supervised students on visits to Guatemalan child welfare agencies.

# Spring 2009-2011 Guest Lecturer

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

- Borderline Personality Disorder and Substance Abuse, *Social Work Interventions in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse*, master's level course
- Personal Social Networks of Women with Substance Use Disorders, Social Work Interventions in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, master's level course
- GLBT Positive Practice, *Diversity, Discrimination and Oppression*, master's level course

### 2005, 2006 Seminar Series Lecturer

May Institute May Institute APA approved Doctoral Internship Program

Norwood, MA

- Clinical Issues and the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Population.
- Case Management Interventions and Chronic Mental Illness.
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy.

2000-2006 Field Instructor

May Institute Boston, MA

# SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### **Committees**

- Doctoral Program Steering Committee, 8/2015-Present
- Graduate Council, Wayne State University, 8/2014-Present
- Faculty Mentor, LGBT Student Group, Wayne State School of Social Work, 8/2014-1/2015
- Faculty Senate, 8/2014-1/2015
- MSW Curriculum Committee, Wayne State School of Social Work, 8/2013-Present
- Lead Instructor, Family Practice Concentration, 8/2013-Present

#### **Reviewer for Peer Review Journals**

- Social Work Practice in the Addictions: Guest Co-Editor for special issue on violence and addiction
- Psychoanalytic Social Work: Editorial board member
- 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

2014-Present **Psychotherapist Private Practice** Ypsilanti, MI 1999-2007 **Clinical Director** Boston, MA **May Institute** 1998-1999 Outpatient Clinician, Trauma Team/Eating Disorders Team **Health and Education Services** Beverly, MA 1994-1998 **Outpatient Clinician, Adult Counseling Center Boston Community Services** Boston, MA 1996-1998 **Social Work Consultant New England Geriatrics** Springfield, MA 1993-1994 Social Work Intern, Outpatient Counseling Center North Suffolk Mental Health Association Revere, MA 1992-1993 Social Work Intern, Inpatient Medical Unit

**Residential Counselor** 

Northeastern Family Institute Burlington, VT

# **HONORS and AWARDS**

**Beth Israel Hospital** 

1987-1991

John Yankey Award for Outstanding Adjunct Teacher of the Year Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH

2009-2012 **NIDA Funded Research Fellowship** 

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

Boston, MA

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, 1994-Present
- Massachusetts Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, 1996-Present
- Michigan Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 2013-Present