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EDUCATION

May 2016 **PhD** **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**, School of Social Work

Dissertation: Examining relationships between student empowerment, sense of community, and the implicit curriculum: a multi-group analysis of race and ethnicity

May 2013 **MSW** **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**, School of Social Work
Concentration: Clinical Social Work
Licensed Certified Social Worker (Massachusetts)
License # 220126

May 2002 **M.Div.** **Harvard University**
Concentration: applied feminist ethics, emancipatory education, and liberation theologies
Thesis: The Role of Storytelling in Social Justice Movements

May 1998 **B.A.** **Boston College**
Major: English
Minor: Women's Studies
Magna cum laude

Fall 1997 **National University of Ireland**, Galway, Ireland
Study abroad program
Research for senior thesis: Representations of Women in Irish History

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary prevention of sexual and relationship violence among college students through training as empowered bystanders; restorative justice as a tool for prevention and intervention in sexual misconduct on college campuses; sense of community and empowerment among college students; and leveraging the implicit curriculum in social work education to build inclusive, just communities.

PUBLICATIONS

- Stylianou, Amanda M. & **McMahon, Sheila M.** (Under Review.) "Stalking", *Encyclopedia of Rape and Sexual Violence*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- McMahon, Sarah, Banyard, Victoria L., & **McMahon, Sheila M.** (2015). "Incoming College Students' Bystander Behaviors to Prevent Sexual Violence." *Journal of College Student Development* 56.5, 488-493.
- Silva-Martinez, Elithet; Stylianou, Amanda M.; Hoge, Gretchen L.; Plummer, Sara, **McMahon, Sheila M.**; and Postmus, Judy L. (2015). Implementing a Financial Management Curriculum With Survivors of IPV: Exploring Advocates' Experiences. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 1-17.
- McMahon, S., Allen, C. T., Postmus, J. L., **McMahon, S. M.**, Peterson, N. A., & Lowe Hoffman, M. (2014). Measuring bystander attitudes and behavior to prevent sexual violence. *Journal of American College Health*, 62(1), 58-66.
- McMahon, S., Hoffman, M.L., **McMahon, S.M.**, Zucker, S.& Koenick, R.A. (2013). What would you do? Sexual violence bystander intervention strategies for college students. *Journal of College and Character*, Vol. 14, No. 2.
- McMahon, S.** (2012). Health Belief Model. In J. Postmus (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Sexual Violence and Abuse*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- McMahon, S.** (2012). Religious Groups (Overview). In J. Postmus (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Sexual Violence and Abuse*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- McMahon, S.** (2012). Theory, Diffusion of Innovations. In J. Postmus (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Sexual Violence and Abuse*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- McMahon, S.M.** (2012). Theory, Feminist. In J. Postmus (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Sexual Violence and Abuse*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO

PRESENTATIONS

- Williamsen, Kaaren and **McMahon, Sheila M.** (June 13, 2017). Restorative Justice Approaches to Campus Sexual Misconduct. Everfi Campus Prevention Network Conference, Boston, MA.
- McMahon, Sheila M.**, Karp, David, Williamsen, Kaaren, and Shackford-Bradley, Julie. (January 18-21, 2017). *What difference does the Community make?: Restorative Justice as a Tool for Prevention of Sexual & Relationship Violence*. Mini-Institute at the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Conference: A NASPA Strategies Conference, Austin, TX.
- McMahon, Sheila M.** and Basile, Jessica. (January 18-21, 2017). *Navigating Pitfalls and Possibilities in Violence Prevention Education for Graduate Students*. Mini-Institute at the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Conference: A NASPA Strategies Conference, Austin, TX.

McMahon, Sheila M. (November 3-6, 2016). *The Implicit Curriculum and Students' Professional Empowerment: A Multigroup Analysis*. Interactive Poster Presentation at the 62nd Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.

Hoge, Gretchen, **McMahon, Sheila M.**, and McMahon, Sarah. (October 15-18, 2015). *College Students' Reactions to Sexual Violence Bystander Prevention Programming: A Qualitative Exploration*. Presentation at the 61st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.

McMahon, Sheila M. (Fall 2014). *Understanding Title IX and Clery Act Requirements in Primary Prevention of Sexual Assault On-Campus*. Invited Guest Lecture for Rutgers University, School of Social Work Masters' Class Women's Issues.

McMahon, Sheila M., and McMahon, Sarah. (January 16-20, 2013). *Applying the Theory of Planned Behavior to Sexual Violence Prevention*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Diego, CA.

McMahon, Sheila M., Plummer, Sara Beth, and Hoffman, Melanie L. (January 16-20, 2013). *Recruitment and Retention in Longitudinal Studies On IPV and SA*. Workshop presented at the 17th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Diego, CA.

McMahon, Sarah and **McMahon, Sheila M.** (November 9-12, 2012). *Policy Day: Engaging students in policy practice to address violence against women*. Paper presented at the 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, DC.

Plummer, S. Beth, **McMahon, Sheila M.** and Stylianou, Amanda. (November 9-12, 2012). *How Celebrity Gossip, YouTube & Bubble Wrap Ignites Student Engagement*. Workshop presented at the 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, DC.

McMahon, Sheila M. *Teen Dating Violence*. (October 2012). Invited Guest Lecture for Rutgers University, School of Social Work Masters' Class Clinical Social Work with Adolescents.

Stylianou, Amanda, Hoge, Gretchen, and **McMahon, Sheila M.** (June 2012). *Managing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Among Battered Women*. NJADVP (New Jersey Association of Domestic Violence Professionals), 10th Annual Conference.

Hoffman, Melanie, **McMahon, Sheila M.**, and Stylianou, Amanda. (June 2012). *Trapped in Abuse and Affluence*. NJADVP 10th Annual Conference.

McMahon, Sheila M. and Stylianou, Amanda. (October 27-30, 2011). *Training Social Workers in Violence Against Women* Think tank presented at the 57th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, Georgia.

Stylianou, Amanda and **McMahon, Sheila M.** (May 2011). *Training Social Workers in Violence Against Women*. Affilia Conference: Unsettling Feminisms.

McMahon, Sheila M. and Stylianou, Amanda. (May 2011.) *CEU's for Social Workers in Violence Against Women*. Rutgers IRW Conference.

McMahon, Sheila M. *Bystander Intervention*. (March 2011.) Invited Guest Lecture for Rutgers University, School of Social Work Masters' Class Social Welfare Policy & Services.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Barry University, Miami, FL

Assistant Professor

- *Ways of Knowing* (Fall 2017)
- *Introduction to Social Work* (Fall 2017)

Rutgers University School of Social Work, New Brunswick, NJ

Part-time Lecturer, MSW online courses

- *Social Welfare Policy and Services I (SWPS I)* (September 2013 – present)
- *Women's Issues* (MSW Course) (Spring 2015 – present)
- *Social Welfare Policy and Services II (SWPS II)* (Summer 2017)

Boston College Lynch School of Education, Chestnut Hill, MA

Part-time Lecturer

- *Introduction to Counseling for Higher Education Professionals* (Summer 2017)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Brandeis University, Waltham MA / November 2013 – July 2017

Director, Sexual Assault Services & Prevention

- Serve as inaugural director for a new campus initiative to meet the requirements of the Clery Act and Title IX, including development, implementation, and evaluation of bystander education trainings for undergraduates, baseline training on sexual violence prevention and Title IX training for graduate students across schools of business, policy, and Arts & Sciences
- Supervise one professional staff member and 13 undergraduate student workers
- Provide consultation for staff and trainings for graduate student Teaching Assistants regarding their role as Responsible Employees
- Establish a train-the-trainer program for students to lead peer programs on pro-social bystander intervention in accordance with mandates under the Clery Act and Title IX
- Design and disseminate campus climate survey on sexual violence, including survey measures, management of IRB, data analysis and incentives for survey completion
- Provide crisis counseling for sexual assault survivors and other students with related concerns
- Coordinate with campus-wide committee to revise campus policies on student sexual misconduct
- Stay abreast of the latest trends in evidence-based practices in higher education and implement these changes at Brandeis, through initiatives such as Brandeis Bystander Education and restorative justice options in misconduct cases

Irayna Court, Supportive Housing Development, Highland Park, NJ / December 2011- July 2013

Resident Advisor

- Provided case management for a group of six young women (18-23) aging out of the foster care system
- Met regularly one-on-one with each resident to develop transition plans
- Coordinated regular community dinners and meetings for community-building and problem-solving

- Met monthly with team of providers to address residents' needs regarding SSI benefits, welfare, mental health concerns, and other housing matters
- Coordinated crisis care for residents with severe and persistent mental illness due to psychosis, lack of adherence to medication, and family crises

Boston College Women's Resource Center, Chestnut Hill, MA / August 2006 – July 2010

Director

- Hired, trained, supervised and evaluated 7 undergraduate students, 2 graduate assistants, and 6 graduate student interns who comprise the office staff
- Developed learning outcomes and created educational programs to support women's development in areas ranging from body image to wage negotiation
- Conducted program evaluations to assess Center programs and included these outcomes in strategic planning processes
- Provided consultation, crisis intervention, support and advocacy to faculty, staff, and students who had concerns ranging from first year transition issues and vocational discernment to eating disorders and sexual assault.
- Chaired the WRC Advisory Committee, the Body Confidence Committee, and the Sexual Assault Network, working closely with university offices and committees in order to assess, articulate, and address the needs of women students and the gender-related concerns of all women and men students on campus

HONORS & AWARDS

2016	Avon Foundation Grant Recipient & Participant in The National Leadership Institute: Changing the Narrative on Campus Gender-Based Violence	\$10,000
2012	Rutgers Graduate School Summer Research Scholarship	\$1800
2010-2013	Rutgers University Graduate Assistantship	\$24,000 per annum
2001-2002	Harvard Divinity School Social Justice Merit Scholarship	\$16,000 + tuition

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

January 2017	<i>Restorative Justice Facilitation and Conflict Resolution Skills Train-the-Trainer Workshop</i> at Brandeis with consultant Duke Fisher, Learning Laboratories
September 2016	<i>Getting Started with R</i> , Brandeis Library Technology Services Training Course
May 2016	<i>Building Cultural Competence on Campus</i> – Brandeis Workshop with Black Women's Blueprint, Participant

May 2016	Harvard Medical School, Department of Continuing Education, Meditation & Psychotherapy course, Participant
April 2016	<i>Restorative Justice for College Student Misconduct & Residence Life</i> , The Campus PRISM Project, Facilitator Certification
February 2016	<i>Trauma-Informed Approaches to Campus Adjudication of Sexual Misconduct</i> Training with Dave Markel (http://markel-consulting.com/biography/)
June 2015	<i>Learning and Applying Trauma Informed Responses</i> (Boston Title IX Consortium), Participant
December 2014	Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA), Title IX Investigator certification
September 2011 – May 2013	Rutgers Pre-Doctoral Leadership Development Institute, Fellow

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) (2013 – present)

Member, National Association of Student Personal Administrators (NASPA) (2010-present)

Member, Campus Advocates & Prevention Professionals (CAPP) (2015 – present)

Licensed Social Worker (LCSW), Massachusetts (2014)

SERVICE

Brandeis University Search Committee for Director of Religious & Spiritual Life (November 2016 – present)

Brandeis University Task Force for Sexual Assault Services & Response, Member (2014-present)

Brandeis University Diversity Committee, Member (2013-2014)

Rutgers School of Social Work Doctoral Executive Committee, Student Representative (2011-2012)

Boston College Arrupe International Service Trips, Adult Leader for Jamaica Trip (2007-08) and BorderLinks Trip to Mexico (2009-2010)

Boston College Kairos Retreat Program, Adult Leader (K61, K77/2007-2009)