

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Bridgewater State College

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts

Field of Study: Clinical social work

Degree granted: 1997

Dissertation Title: *To Hear and to Respond: The Influence of Zen Buddhist Meditation on the Practice of Clinical Social Work.*

Master of Social Work, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

Field of Study: Clinical Social Work

Degree granted: 1980

Field Placements: Children and Family Services, Manchester, NH
Greater Lynn Community Mental Health Center, Lynn, MA

Bachelor of Arts, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts

Field of Study: Human Services

Degree granted: 1978

Internship: Holyoke Boys Club, Mental Health Unit, Holyoke, MA

ADVANCED CLINICAL TRAINING

Greater Lawrence Training Institute, Lawrence, MA

Commonwealth Fellow, Strategic and Systemic Family Therapy, 1984-1985

ADMINISTRATIVE FELLOWSHIP

Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA

Administrative Fellow, Administrative Fellows Program, 2009- 2010

FULL-TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA. 2003 -

PART-TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. 2003

Simmons College School of Social Work, Boston, MA. 1997 - 1999

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Assistants Seminar. 2001 - 2002
Massachusetts Mental Health Center, Boston, MA

Social Work Student Seminar. 1991 - 1997
Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, MA

Systemic Therapy: The Theory and Practice of Working with Multi-Problem Families. 1990
Stonehill College, Easton, MA

Advanced Seminar in Family Therapy. 1985 - 1986
South Shore Mental Health Center, Quincy, MA

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Bridgewater State College	Associate Professor	2008 -
	Assistant Professor	2003 - 2008
Harvard Medical School	Instructor of Psychiatry	2002 - 2003
	Research Associate	1999 - 2002
Salem State College School of Social Work	Field Instructor	1992 - 1997
Boston University School of Social Work	Field Instructor	1991 - 1997
Smith College School of Social Work	Clinical Instructor	1989 - 1991
Simmons College School of Social Work	Clinical Instructor	1985 - 1989
	Clinical Associate	1991 - 1997
	Instructor	1997 - 1999
Boston College School of Social Work	Field Instructor	1983 - 1997

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Research Associate Commonwealth Research Center / Harvard Medical School	1998 - 2003 Boston, MA
Primary Clinician / Team Leader Medfield State Hospital / Difficult to Manage Unit	1991 - 1998 Medfield, MA
Clinical Social Work Supervisor South Shore Mental Health Center	1987 - 1991 Hingham, MA
Senior Clinical Social Worker South Shore Mental Health Center	1985 - 1987 Quincy, MA
Principal Clinical Social Worker Mayflower Counseling Center	1983 - 1985 Plymouth, MA
Clinical Social Worker Cape Cod Family and Children's Services	1980 - 1983 Hyannis, MA

Additional Professional Activities

Private Psychotherapy Practice Canton, MA	1987 - 1992
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MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Coordinator/ Master of Social Work Program Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA	2009 -
Coordinator of Field Education Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA	2003 - 2004
Coordinator of Graduate Social Work Training Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, MA	1991 - 1997
Team Leader /Difficult to Manage Unit Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, MA	1991 - 1997
Administrator for Child and Adolescent Emergency Services South Shore Mental Health Center, Quincy, MA	1987 - 1991

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Academy of Certified Social Workers
Massachusetts Board of Registration in Social Work
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker # 104840
Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education
Council on Social Work Education
National Association of Social Workers
Society for Spirituality and Social Work

SERVICE – BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE

College-wide service:

Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Research

CART Advisory Board, 2004- 2007

CART Small Grants Committee (Chair), 2004

CART Coordinator Screening Committee, 2005

CART May Celebration Program Committee, 2006

Faculty and Librarian Research Grant Committee, 2006-2007

CART Working Group of Teaching and Learning Program Review, 2007

Career Services

Faculty Internship Working Group Member, 2003 – 2004

Academic Affairs

New Faculty Lunches, 2007-

Faculty Advocacy Network

Advisory Board, 2008 -

Faculty Advocate, 2008 -

Department service:

MSW Scheduling Committee (Chair), 2008, 2009

MSW Assessment Committee, 2008 -

CSWE Accreditation Working Group, 2003 - 2007

Graduate Studies Committee

Academic Review Committee, 2006, 2007, 2008

Combined MSW and BSW Field Committee (Chair), 2003 - 2004
MSW Admissions Committee, 2003 - present
MSW Advisory Board, 2004 - 2008
MSW Sequence Committee Service
 Diversity Committee
 Practice Committee
 Research Committee
 Field Committee
Member of multiple MSW faculty and staff search committees including:
 Coordinator of Graduate Field Education Search Committee (Chair), 2004
 MSW Graduate Program Coordinator Search Committee (Chair), 2007

COMMUNITY SERVICE RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL WORK

Provide meditation instruction for general public, Providence Zen Center, Cumberland, R.I., 2004 -

Training for social work staff of Old Colony Elder Services, Brockton, MA, 2004

Human Studies Committee, Massachusetts Mental Health Center, 2002 - 2003

Advisor for Project Success, Harvard Medical School, 2002

Invited Participant - Simmons College Doctoral Program Self Study, 2000

In-service for clinical social work staff, *Meditation and Clinical Practice*. 2000.
Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, MA

Invited Lecturer - Dissertation Seminar, Simmons College School of Social Work, 1999

Invited Lecturer - Course on spirituality offered to MSW students at Simmons College School of Social Work, 1999

Workshop presenter at the Fatherhood Conference, Striar Jewish Community Center, Stoughton, MA, 1990

AWARDS AND HONORS

Bridgewater State College, *Award for Academic Excellence*, 2005, 2006, 2007
Bridgewater State College, *Alpha Phi Kappa Honoree, Faculty Inductee* 2004
Medfield State Hospital, *Employee of the Month*, 1995

EXTERNAL GRANTS – HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

Quetiapine in schizophrenia and comorbid substance use disorder. (2002-2003)

Funding source: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals

Role in project: Project Director, Co-Investigator

Alcoholism and schizophrenia: Effects of clozapine. (2001- 2003)

Funding Source: NIAAA # RO1AA11904

Role in Project: Project Director, Co-Investigator, Clinical Rater

Cannabis and schizophrenia: Clozapine vs. Risperidone. (2001- 2003)

Funding source: NIDA # R01DA 13196

Role in project: Project Director, Co-Investigator, Clinical Rater

Clozapine vs. Olanzapine: An Effectiveness Study. (1999 – 2003)

Funding source: Clinical Services Supplement to NIMH Grant # R01MH 49891

Role in Project: Project Director, Co-Investigator, Clinical Rater

A Prospective, Randomized, International Parallel Group Comparison of Clozaril/Leponex vs. Zyprexa in the Reduction of Suicidality in Patients with Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder who are at Risk for Suicide. (1997- 2000)

Funding Source: Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Role in Project: Project Director, Sub-Investigator, Clinical Rater

EXTERNAL GRANTS – BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE

Adoption Journeys, Program evaluation for Child and Family Service, Fall River, MA., lead agency for Massachusetts statewide post adoption service grant. (2008 – 2009)

Role in project: Principal Investigator

Adoption Journeys, Program evaluation for Child and Family Service, Fall River, MA., lead agency for Massachusetts statewide post adoption service grant. (2007 – 2008)

Role in project: Principal Investigator

Suicide Prevention Education Award, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. (2007).

Role in project: Co-Principal Investigator with Anna Martin-Jearld, Ph.D. and Sabrina Gentlewarrior, Ph.D.

Adoption Journeys, Program evaluation for Child and Family Service, Fall River, MA., lead agency for Massachusetts statewide post adoption service grant. (2006 - 2007).

Role in project: Principal Investigator

Adoption Journeys, Program evaluation for Child and Family Service, Fall River, MA., lead agency for Massachusetts statewide post adoption service grant. (2005 - 2006).

Role in project: Co-Principal Investigator with James Decker, Ph.D.

INTERNAL GRANTS – BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE

Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Research
Travel Grant (2006, 2007, 2009)
Summer Grant (2009)

PEER REVIEWED PAPERS

Brenner, M. (2009). Zen practice: A training method to enhance the skills of clinical social workers. *Social Work in Health Care*, 48(4), 462-470.

Decker, J., **Brenner, M.** and Murtagh, M. (2005). Are Baccalaureate level social workers who graduate from accredited BSW programs prepared to enter into positions working in alcohol and other drug treatment programs? *Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation*, 4(3), 25-38.

Brenner, M. and Homonoff, E. (2004). Zen and clinical social work: A spiritual approach to practice, *Families in Society*. 85(2), 261-269.

Green, A., Canuso, C., **Brenner, M.** and Wojcik, J. (2003). Detection and management of comorbidity in patients with schizophrenia. *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, 26(1), 115-139.

Green, A., Salomon, M., **Brenner, M.** and Rawlins, K. (2002). Treatment of schizophrenia and comorbid substance use disorder. *Current Drug Targets- CNS & Neurological Disorders*, 1, 129-139.

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Brenner, M. (2006). Zen practice: A training method to enhance the skills of clinical social workers. *Conference proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health*.

REPORTS FOR EXTERNAL CONSTITUENCIES

Brenner, M. (2008). Report on Service Utilization for Adoption Journeys - January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007. Report prepared for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Social Services.

Brenner, M. (2007). Report on Service Utilization for Adoption Journeys - January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006. Report prepared for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Social Services.

Martin-Jearld, A., Gentlewarrior, S., and **Brenner, M.** (2007). A Plan to Include Suicide Prevention Material in the Master of Social Work Program at Bridgewater State College. Report prepared for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Decker, J. and **Brenner, M.** (2006). Report on Service Utilization for Adoption Journeys - January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005. Report prepared for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Social Services.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services -
Consulting Editor. 2006 -

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS (* - INDICATES COMPETITIVE ENTRY)

* *Zen practice: A training method to enhance the skills of clinical social workers.* 2006.
5th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health. Hong Kong, China.

* *Mindfulness in psychotherapy: The influence of meditation on the psychotherapist.* (poster presentation) 2006.
4th Annual Conference- Integrating Mindfulness-Based Interventions into Medicine, Health Care, and Society. University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Worcester, MA.

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS (* - INDICATES COMPETITIVE ENTRY)

* *Don't just do something, sit there!: Using meditation to teach clinical practice.* 2007.
Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, with K. Cowie
San Francisco, CA.

* *Are Baccalaureate Level Social Workers Prepared to Work in the AOD Programs?* 2006.
Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. with J. Decker.
Chicago, IL.

* *Zen and Social Work: A Spiritual Approach to Practice.* 2000.
Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education.
New York, NY.

* *To Hear and to Respond: The Influence of Zen Buddhist Meditation on the Practice of Clinical Social Work.* 1999.

National Conference of the Society for Spirituality and Social Work.
Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO.

REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS (* - INDICATES COMPETITIVE ENTRY)

Behavioral Health. 2009.

Ideas into Action. with K. Morrill and D. Mumbauer. Bridgewater, MA

**Adjusting to All Phases of Faculty Life*. 2008.

CART Celebration 2008. with J.M. Bodi, T. Coogan, M. Rosenthal, P. Russell and H. Vandenburg. Bridgewater, MA.

**The Sacred and the Profane: Religion and Spirituality in Course Content and Teaching Practices*. 2008.

CART Celebration 2008. with D. O'Malley, A. Alcon, S. Gentlewarrior, J. Gonsalvez. Bridgewater, MA

* *Meditation and yoga for the "stressed out" social worker*. 2008.

Massachusetts Chapter of National Association of Social Workers Social Work Symposium '08. with P. McMurrough. Newton, MA (half day workshop)

A Science Teacher's Guide to Clinical Research Trials. 2007.

Second Annual DNA and Health Conference at Bridgewater State College. with E. Mann. Bridgewater, MA

An Informed Consumers Guide of Clinical Research Studies. 2006.

First Annual DNA and Health Conference at Bridgewater State College. with E. Mann. Bridgewater, MA

* *Clinical Research Trials: What Social Workers Need to Know*. 2006.

Massachusetts Chapter of National Association of Social Workers Social Work Symposium '06. with E. Mann. Marlborough, MA

* *Risk Factors for Suicidality in Patients with Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective Disorder*. (Poster Presentation), 2003.

Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry Research Day. With R. Meshulam, R. Dawson, and A. Green. Boston, MA

* *To Hear and To Respond: The Influence of Zen Meditation on Clinical Practice*. (Poster Presentation), 2002.

Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry Research Day. Boston, MA

* *Understanding and Addressing Violence on Inpatient Psychiatric Units*, 2000.
Massachusetts Chapter of National Association of Social Workers Social Work
Symposium '00. Boston, MA

Violence in the Workplace, 1998.
Bay Cove Mental Health Center, Boston, MA

* *Zen and Social Work: A Spiritual Approach to Practice*, 1998.
Massachusetts Chapter of National Association of Social Workers, Social Work
Symposium '98. Boston, MA

The Influence of Zen Buddhism in Social Work Practice, Part II, 1998.
Keynote address for Social Work Month. Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, MA

Exploring Alternative Containment Interventions, 1996.
Workshop presented for Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Restraint and
Seclusion Conference: Strategies for its Reduction and Effective Use on an Inpatient
Psychiatric Unit. With E. Bruck, and D. Lipka. Framingham, MA

The Influence of Zen Buddhism in Social Work Practice, 1995.
Keynote address for Social Work Month. Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, MA

Mindfulness in Therapy: The Implications of Meditation for Clinical Practice, 1993.
Social Work Lecture Series at Franciscan Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

*Creating Therapeutic Realities: The Implications of Constructivist Theory on Clinical
Practice*, 1992.
Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, MA

Working with Multi-Problem Families, 1989.
Academic Rounds in Child Psychiatry, New England Medical Center, Boston, MA

* *Off the Pedestal and into the Family: The Limits of First Order Thinking*, 1989.
Massachusetts Chapter of National Association of Social Workers, Social Work
Symposium. Framingham, MA

*Duck and Cover: A Systemic Analysis of Positioning Parallels in Human Services
and the Nuclear Arms Race*, 1985.
Participants Conference in Family Therapy. With E. Epstein. University of
Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT

Bridgewater State College

Human Behavior in the Social Environment III, DSM-IV TR

Research: Evaluating Practice
Intergenerational Family Focused Direct Practice III
Spirituality and Social Work Practice
Integrative Seminar
Advanced Clinical Practice with Individuals
Field Practice and Seminar I
Field Practice and Seminar II
Field Practice and Seminar III
Field Practice and Seminar IV

Simmons College School of Social Work
Social Work Research

Harvard Medical School
The Healer's Art

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