

## PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Translational, intervention and prevention research on HIV, substance abuse, and mental illness
- Dissemination and adaptation of interventions
- Interventions with Muslim populations

## EDUCATION

<b>Columbia University</b> <i>Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work</i> <i>Proposed Dissertation Title: HIV Risk Reduction with Muslim Migrants in Kazakhstan</i> <i>Dissertation Sponsor: Nabila El-Bassel, DSW</i>	New York, NY	2010
<b>Columbia University</b> <i>Master of Philosophy in Social Work</i>	New York, NY	2010
<b>University of Washington</b> <i>Master of Social Work</i>	Seattle, WA	2006
<b>The Evergreen State College</b> <i>Bachelors of Arts in Psychology</i>	Olympia, WA	2004
<b>Seattle Central Community College</b> <i>Associate of Applied Science in Computer Programming</i>	Seattle, WA	2002

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>Global Health Research Center of Central Asia</b> <b>Columbia University School of Social Work</b> <i>Pre Doctoral Fellow – Director: Nabila El-Bassel</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intervention Research: Collaborating on HIV prevention intervention.</li><li>• Grant writing: Drafting NIH R21, R13, F31</li></ul>	New York, NY	2008-present
<b>University of Washington School of Social Work</b> <i>Bonderman Fellow</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted a qualitative study on the interaction of religion and culture in the place of birth of the five major world religions.</li></ul>	Seattle, WA	2006-2007
<b>University of Washington School of Social Work</b> <i>Student Researcher – Professor: Rona Levy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted a quantitative study on needs of Bosnian refugee students in public school system.</li></ul>	Seattle, WA	2005-2006

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Columbia University School of Social Work</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Course: Human Behavior in the Social Environment Dr. Julien Tietler, Associate Professor <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded assignments, lead discussions, and held office hours</li></ul>	New York, NY	2008
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<b>Columbia University School of Social Work</b> <i>USA Fund Scholarship</i>	New York, NY	2008
<b>University of Washington</b> <i>Bonderman Travel Fellowship</i>	Seattle, WA	2006
<b>University of Washington School of Social Work</b> <i>Washington State Society of Clinical Social Workers Scholarship</i>	Seattle, WA	2006
<b>University of Washington</b> <i>Huckabay Teaching Fellowship</i>	Seattle, WA	2005
<b>University of Washington School of Social Work</b> <i>Hammond Memorial Scholarship</i>	Seattle, WA	2004
<b>The Evergreen State College</b> <i>National Science Foundation Scholarship</i>	Olympia, WA	2002
<b>Seattle Central Community College</b> <i>Educational Opportunity Grant</i>	Seattle, WA	2001

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Muslim Social Workers, President  
Columbia University Muslim Student Association, Member

## **LANGUAGES**

Polish

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Smolak, A. & Patnode, J. (2006, October). Honoring Muslim Families in the Academic Environment. Washington State Prevention Summit. Yakama, WA

Smolak, A. (2006, August). Working with Muslim Students. Renton Public Schools Diversity Conference. Seattle, WA.

Smolak, A. & Patnode, J. (2006, July). Creating Relevancy in the Learning Environment: Muslim Students. Secondary Model Schools Conference: Closing the Achievement Gap. Seattle, WA.

Smolak, A. & Patnode, J. (2006, July). Cultural Competence and Muslim Students in the Public School System. Ready, Set, Goals Annual Conference. Seattle, WA.

Smolak, A. & Patnode, J. (2006, May). Creating a Culturally Relevant Learning Environment for Muslim Students. Puget Sound Educational Services District. Seattle, WA.

Smolak, A. & Patnode, J. (2006, April). Cultural Competence and Muslim Students in the Public School System. Puget Sound Educational Services District. Seattle, WA.

Smolak, A. & Patnode, J. (2006, March). Honoring Muslim Families in the Academic Environment. Puget Sound Educational Services District. Seattle, WA.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Williams, M. & Smolak, A. (2007). Integrating faith matters in social work education. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work*, 26(3), 25-44.

Smolak, A. (Under Review). The context of HIV in Central Asia.

Smolak, A. (In Preparation). Muslims, domestic violence, and the West: considerations for social work practice.