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PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Child Maltreatment and Sexual Abuse
- Trauma, Violence & Loss
- PTSD and Related Disorders
- Risk and Resilience
- Direct Practice with Children, Youth & Families
- Culturally Congruent Research & Practice

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY

Doctoral Candidate

Expected Graduation: Spring 2010

Concentration: Advanced Practice

Dissertation Topic: Developmental Outcomes in a Nationally Representative Sample of Sexually Abused Boys

University of Wisconsin Madison, WI

Master of Science in Social Work, May 1998

University of Wisconsin Madison, WI

Bachelor of Arts, May 1997

Major in Psychology and Social Work

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

9/07 – Present Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY

Research Assistant (Dr. Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart)

- Collaborate on quantitative and qualitative research related to historical trauma and cultural components of grief, loss and trauma in Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. Design and implementation of focus groups, structured interviews, instruments and a survey for a cultural adaptation of an intervention for Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. Assist in organization, management and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data. Assistance with manuscript preparation, IRB protocols and grant applications. Supervision of MSW student research assistants.

8/05 – 7/06 FDNY/Columbia University Family Assessment & Guidance Program New York, NY

Project Coordinator

- Responsible for design, implementation, and analysis of the service utilization and needs assessment survey of the nearly 250-300 widows who lost a spouse/partner at the World Trade Center. Part of a larger longitudinal qualitative research study headed by Dr. Grace Christ in collaboration with the Columbia University School of Social Work and the FDNY examining the effects of the 9/11/01 attack on the families of the FDNY who lost a firefighter at the World Trade Center.

6/04 – 12/04 Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY

Research Assistant (Dr. Brenda McGowan)

- Assistance with implementation, coding, and data analysis of the NYC Borough of Queens Workforce Retention Study at the New York City Administration for Children's Services in collaboration with the

Social Work Education Consortium. Goal of the study is to understand factors that influence worker and supervisor retention in child welfare organizations.

9/03 – 8/05 Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY
Research Assistant (Dr. Neil Guterman)

- Literature review, instrument development, and statistical analyses on a study developing the first cross-culturally validated assessment instrument to measure community violence exposure among children and adolescents, drawing from Israeli Jewish, Israeli Arab, Palestinian Arab, and U. S. urban school children and adolescents.

9/02 – 12/03 Columbia University, School of Social Work New York, NY
Research Assistant (Dr. Michelle Ballan)

- Assisted professor in research related to sex offenders with developmental disabilities, sexuality in populations with disabilities, and attitudes toward the disabled. Literature review and document assistance for evaluation of offender treatment program for inmates with disabilities. Research assistance and syllabus preparation for Master's level course in Foundations of Social Work Practice.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2004 – 2009 Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY
Adjunct Lecturer

- Clinical Practice with Sexually Abused Clients; Spring 2008
- Social Work Practice w/Families; Summer 2005
- Clinical Case Evaluation, Fall 2004

Teaching Assistant

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Fall 2009
- Social Work Research Methods and SPSS Labs; Spring 2005
- Social Work Research Methods SPSS Labs; Spring 2005
- Clinical Case Evaluation; Spring 2004

Co-Facilitator/Co-Instructor

- Treatment of Childhood Sexual Abuse (online course); Spring 2007
- Advocacy in Social Work Practice (3 sections); Spring 2005
- Helping Students Cope w/Traumatic Events (online course); Spring 2004 & Spring 2005

2005 Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work New York, NY
Adjunct Lecturer

- Applied Methods in Social Work Research (2 sections); Fall 2005

2004 – 2007 Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY
Writing Center Consultant

- Tutorials with MSW students on paper development, composition, and editing.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

3/01 - 7/02 Child and Family Institute Sacramento, CA
Therapist

- Provided clinical services for clients, primarily in foster care, using group, individual, and family treatment modalities related to sexual abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence.
- Co-facilitated offender treatment groups for juvenile and adult sex offenders.
- Provided intensive case management services and coordinated interagency collaborations
- Provided court testimony when properly subpoenaed, in addition to providing written and verbal reports about client assessments and mental health evaluations.

10/00 - 2/01 Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE), Inc. Sacramento, CA
Sexual Assault Counselor

- Individual counseling for survivors of sexual assault and significant others.
- Advocacy and case management services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence with law enforcement, courts, social services agencies, and other helping professionals.
- Crisis intervention and advocacy services to walk-in and crisis hotline clients.
- Trained to provide emergency response assistance and support to victims obtaining sexual assault exams in regional medical center.

8/98 – 10/00 South Lake Tahoe Women's Center South Lake Tahoe, CA
Counselor

- Provided clinical services with adult and child victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse.
- Provided conjoint family counseling for victims of domestic violence and their children.
- Created curriculum and co-facilitated groups for children who witness domestic violence.
- Assisted in crisis intervention and advocacy services to walk-in clients.
- Developed outreach and psycho-educational materials for the community regarding domestic violence and child abuse

9/97 – 5/98 Madison Mental Health Services Madison, WI
Social Work Intern

- Psychotherapy with adults, specializing in marital and emotional problems.
- Assisted clients to regain equilibrium and control in a supportive therapeutic system.

9/96 – 5/97 Dane County Dept. of Human Services Madison, WI
Social Work Intern

- Investigated reports of child abuse and neglect; provided emergency response; and worked on child abuse reporting hotline.
- Interviewed and established rapport and trust with involuntary and resistant clients from culturally and economically diverse populations.
- Worked collaboratively with area agencies to integrate and coordinate services for families.

PUBLICATIONS

Elkins, J. (under review). Risk and resilience in sexually abused boys: A review of the literature.

Francoeur, R., & Elkins, J. (2006). Social work practice with older adults with diabetes and complications. In B. Berkman & S. D'Ambruso (Eds.) *Handbook of social work in health and aging*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Jackson, H. & Elkins, J. (2006). An online course in trauma for school personnel world wide: Collaborations, challenges and opportunities. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 9(1), 34-44.

Cameron, M., Elkins, J., & Guterman, N. (2005). Assessing trauma in children and youth. In N. Boyd Webb (Ed.) *Working with traumatized youth in child welfare*. New York, NY: Guilford Press.

Shlonsky, A., Bellamy, J., Elkins, J., & Ashare, C. (2005). The other kin: Setting the course for research, policy and practice with siblings in foster care. *Child and Youth Services Review*, 27(7), 697-716.

Shlonsky, A., Elkins, J., Bellamy, J., & Ashare, C. (2005). Siblings in foster care. *Child and Youth Services Review*, 27(7), 693-695.

Conference Presentations

Elkins, J., Jackson, H., & Garner, E. (2007, October). *Multiple technologies & lessons learned in an international online sexual abuse course*. Oral presentation at the 53rd Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, San Francisco, CA.

Professional Development

10/08	Longitudinal Data Analysis Workshop (Paul Allison)	NY, NY
10/06	Missing Data Analysis Workshop (Paul Allison)	NY, NY
3/02	Evaluation and Treatment of the Personality Disordered Adolescent	Sacramento, CA
9/98 - 11/98	80-hr CA State Certified Crisis Intervention Training	South Lake Tahoe, CA
8/98	Age-Appropriate Art Interventions w/Children & Youth; University of California Extension	Berkeley, CA
9/97 - 5/98	60-hr Trauma Counseling Certificate; University of Wisconsin Extension	Milwaukee, WI