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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **University of South Florida**
College of Behavioral and Community Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy in Behavioral and Community Sciences
Degree awarded: Fall 2020
Dissertation: *The Role of Non-Secular Involvement Towards a Comprehensive Community Approach for Addressing Opioid Use Disorder*
- M.P.H.** **Boston University**
College of Public Health
Concentration: International Health
Masters of Public Health
Degree awarded: January 2014
- B.A.** **Humboldt State University**
Bachelor of Arts
Major: Religious Studies Minor: Spanish
Degree awarded: May, 2011
- Study Abroad** **Swami Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies**
Mysore, India
Fall, 2009
- Study Abroad** **Benito Juárez Universidad de Oaxaca**
Oaxaca, Mexico
Summer 2010

Professional Focus

Interested in mixed-methods research, evaluation, and innovation to influence individual and systems-level change through improving provider skill-sets and advancing policy for improved cultural competence, empathetic and effective communication approaches, and patient-centered care in behavioral health community-level interventions. Focused on decreasing marginalization of at-risk populations and increasing patient engagement and activation through enhanced therapeutic alliances between consumers of behavioral health and their providers. Working towards improved patient empowerment and self-agency through the systematic integration of evidence-based behavior change science into medical facilities, addiction treatment organizations, harm reduction, and community-based agencies.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Ambassador
Luis de la Parte Florida Mental health Institute, Affiliate

American Public Health Association, Member
Divisions: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
American Sociological Association, Member
The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Member
Divisions: Drinking and Drugs; Society and Mental Health
Journal Reviewer
Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research

CERTIFICATIONS

Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor- Mental Health First Aid National Council for Behavioral Health; Los Angeles, CA. June, 2019.
Institute for Translational Research Education in Adolescent Drug Abuse (ITRE)- Certificate Program; University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. May 2019.
Motivational Interviewing Trainer- Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers, Member since 2016
Training of New Trainers, Montreal, Canada.

AWARDS

USF Hero Award, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
Doctoral Fellowship in the School of Public Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
Graduate Student Outstanding Behavioral Health Services Research Award, Florida Mental Health Institute, Tampa, FL
President's Volunteer Service Award, Arcata, CA
Cum Laude, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Associate, November 2020-Present
Luis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute
College of Behavioral and Community Sciences
University of South Florida

Adjunct Professor, August 2018- Present
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Religious Studies
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Director of MI Training, August 2018-Present
MySafeRx, Tampa, FL

Graduate Associate, January 2018- Present
Department of Mental Health Law and Policy
College of Behavioral and Community Sciences
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

MAT Program Evaluator, January 2018-May 2018
Agency for Community Treatment Services, Tampa, FL.

Project Manager and MI Trainer, 2015-2017
Q-consult, LLC, St. Petersburg, FL.

Health Coach and MI Coder, 2013-2015

Q-consult, LLC, St. Petersburg, FL.

Project Coordinator, 2012-2014

Clinical Addictions Research and Education Unit
Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

Acupuncture/Research Assistant, 2012

Refugee Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Clinic
Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

Health Coach, 2011

Q-consult, LLC, Portland, OR

Administrative Assistant, 2008-2009

Oregon Health and Sciences University
Health Future, Portland, OR

PUBLICATIONS

Sharp, A., Barnett, J., and Vroom, E. (2020). Community perceptions of harm reduction and its implications for syringe exchange policy. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 1–17. DOI:10.177/002204262093289.

Moore, K., **Sharp, A.,** Alitz, P., Yampolskaya, S., Kleinman, M., Carlson, M., & Argerious, A. (2020). Reconsidering success for an integrated family dependency treatment court. *Child Youth Serv Rev*, 114, 105037. doi:https://doi.org/

Rigg, K., **Sharp, A.** A New Role for Patients & Clients. (2019) *Community-based Health Interventions in an Institutional Context*. Ed. Steven L. Arxer, John W. Murphy.

Rigg, K.K., & **Sharp, A.** (2018). Nonmedical prescription drug use among African Americans who use MDMA (ecstasy/molly): Implications for risk reduction. *Addictive Behaviors*, 79, 159-165.

Rigg, K.K., & **Sharp, A.** (2018). Deaths related to MDMA (ecstasy/molly): Prevalence, root causes, and harm reduction interventions. *Journal of Substance Use*, 1-8.

Sharp, A., Moore, K.A., & Young, M.S. (2018) Relationship between substance use, bullying, and other delinquent behaviors among high school students: Secondary analysis of the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*.

Sharp, A. Carlson, M., Howell, V., Moore, K., Schuman-Olivier, Z. (in revision, August 2020). Letting the Sun Shine on Patient Voices: Perspectives about Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Florida. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Bohn, J., **Sharp, A.,** Pennicook, T., Saturday, T. (in review). FBOs and Academia: Combatting the Opioid Crisis, A Case Example Through an Institutional Logic Lens. *Journal of Religion and Health*.

Sharp, A., Brown, B., Shreve, T. (in review). Multidisciplinary Professional Perceptions of Client Engagement, Client-Centered Care, and Treatment Planning. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*.

Sharp, A. Armstrong, A., Moore, K., Riviere, C. (in review). Client Perspectives on Detox: Practical and Personal Implications. *Journal of Drug Issues*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Sharp, A.** (October, 2020) A Taste of MI for Peer Recovery Specialists. Guest speaker at the Suncoast Regional Peer Advocacy Council at Central Florida Behavioral Health Network. Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A.** Moore, K., Gerhardt, T. (July, 2020) Maintaining Safety Through an Understanding of Mental Health. Professional development workshop for The Center for Urban Transportation Research. Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A.** (October 2019) The Opioid Epidemic: Impacts and Person-Centered Responses. Key-note speaker at the Annual Faith-Based Community Nursing Conference. Saint Petersburg, FL.
- Schuman-Olivier, Z., **Sharp, A.**, Moore, K. (September 2019) Effects of Remote Motivational Enhancement and MySafeRx on Post-Detox Engagement and Retention in Buprenorphine Treatment. Presentation at the Reverse Site Visit for Grantees at the CDC. Atlanta, GA.
- Sharp, A.** Rigg, K., Moore, K. (July 2019) Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Court; Options, Benefits, and Barriers. Oral presentation at Hillsborough County Dependency Court. Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A.**, Armstrong, A. (March, 2019) Client Perspectives on Detox: Practical and Personal Implications Oral presentation at the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance Opioid Task Force Meeting. Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A.**, Armstrong, A. (February, 2019) Client Perspectives on Detox: Practical and Personal Implications Oral presentation at the 32nd Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health. Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A.** February, 2019) Patterns of Naloxone Distribution at Discharge from Detox. Poster Presentation at the “We Love Research” College of Behavioral and Community Sciences Graduate Student Research Poster Session. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A.**, Rigg, K. (November, 2018) Deaths related to MDMA (ecstasy/molly): Prevalence, root causes, harm reduction interventions. Oral Presentation at the American Public Health Association. San, Diego, CA.
- Sharp, A.** (November, 2018). Addressing Patient Engagement and Chronic Disease Self-Management: A Three-Part Process Using Motivational Interviewing. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Conference. San Diego, CA.
- Sharp, A.**, Ernst, D., Bordovsky, J., Steinkamp, J., Butler, K., Munir, Q., Schuman-Olivier, Z. (November, 2018) MySafeRx for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment: An Integrated Remote Mobile Technology Platform Powered by Motivational Interviewing. Poster Presentation at The Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers Annual Forum. New Orleans, LA.
- Hall, A., **Sharp, A.**, Butterworth, S. Motivational Interviewing Competency Assessment (MICA): Validity, Reliability, & Effectiveness in Building Clinician Proficiency in MI. (November, 2018) Oral Presentation at The Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers Annual Forum. New Orleans, LA.
- Rigg, K., **Sharp, A.** (October, 2018). MDMA: Emerging Trends, Deaths, and Interventions Oral Presentation at The National Harm Reduction Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- Rigg, K., **Sharp, A.** (August, 2018). MDMA: Emerging Trends, Deaths, and Interventions. Oral Presentation at The National Prevention Network. Boston, MA.

- Sharp, A.** Rigg, K. (August, 2018). Deaths related to MDMA (ecstasy/molly): Prevalence, root causes, harm reduction interventions. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting for the Society of the Study of Social Problems. Philadelphia, PA.
- Rigg, K., **Sharp, A.** (August, 2018). Nonmedical Rx Drug Use Among Blacks Who Use MDMA: Implications for Harm Reduction. Oral Presentation at the Annual Meeting for the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- Sharp, A.** (March, 2018). Treatment and Recovery Options for Patients with Co-Occurring Disorders. Oral Presentation at the Gracepoint CSU for mental health practitioners. Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A.** (April, 2017). Supporting a Patient-Centered Skill Set Using Telehealth. Oral Presentation at Mid-AtlanticTelehealth Resource Center Summit, Leesburg, VA.
- Sharp, A.** Butterworth, S. (April, 2017). Using Telehealth Technology to Build a Motivational Interviewing Skillset for Renal Dietitians. Poster Presentation at Mid-AtlanticTelehealth Resource Center Summit, Leesburg, VA.
- Butterworth, S., Hall, A., **Sharp, A.** (June, 2017). Successful Integration of MI in a Healthcare Setting: Utilizing the MICA Coding System for Proficiency Development. Poster Presentation at International Conference on Motivational Interviewing, Philadelphia, PA.
- Butterworth, S., **Sharp, A.** (April, 2017). Motivational Interviewing: Addressing Patient Engagement and Chronic Disease Self-Management. Poster Presentation at IHI Summit on Improving Patient Care in the Office Practice and Community, Orlando, FL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2021 Effects of Remote Motivational Enhancement and MySafeRX on Post-Detox Engagement and Retention in Buprenorphine Treatment
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Grant # - RO1-12626176)
Co-PIs: Kathleen Moore/Zev Schuman-Olivier
Role: Lead Intervention Trainer
- 2018-2019 Client Perspectives on Detox: Practical and Personal Implications
National Institute on Drug Abuse of the National Institutes of Health [Grant # R25DA031103]
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2016-2019 MySafeRX: An Integrated Mobile Platform for Buprenorphine Adherence - Pilot Study
Cambridge Health Alliance and Dartmouth College
National Institutes of Health (Grant # R34 DA040086-02)
PI: Schuman-Olivier
Role: Recovery Coach
- 2017-2018 The Spine Pain Intervention to Enhance Care Quality and Reduce Expenditure (SPINECARE): Randomized Clinical Trial
Brigham and Women's Hospital and Stanford University
Co-PIs: Chaudhry and Milstein
Role: Spine Coach in ICE arm for implementation of MI intervention
- 2014 Maximizing Successful Strategies of the Massachusetts and Vancouver Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs
Graduate Culminating Experience Project

- 2014 Improving Access to Naloxone to Decrease Fatal Overdoses in Massachusetts
Graduate Practicum Project
- 2014 “It reminds me to take my ARVs on time”: Perceptions using a real-time adherence monitoring device among HIV-positive individuals in southern China; *China Adherence through Technology Study (CATS)*
PI: Sabin
Role: Qualitative Research Analyst

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Sustainable Development and Religion. (Spring 2020). Adjunct Professor. Department of Religious Studies. REL 3167.
- Culture and Health: Applying Person-Centered Care at the Individual and Systems Level. (Fall 2019). Adjunct Professor. Department of Religious Studies. REL 3936-007.
- Summer Research Institute. (Summer 2019) Research Mentor for Veronica Powell and Curtis Smith. Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, University of South Florida.
- Person Centered Care and Harm Reduction. (March 2019) Guest Lecturer: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Behavioral Healthcare. Taught by Joshua Barnett in the Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare major within College of Behavioral and Community Sciences.
- Mental Illness and Addiction. (Fall 2018) Teaching Assistant. Course taught by Dr. Kathleen Moore, in the Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare major within College of Behavioral and Community Sciences.
- Professional Seminar for Behavioral Healthcare. (Fall 2018). Teaching Assistant. Course taught by Dr. Kathleen Moore, in the Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare major within College of Behavioral and Community Sciences.
- Motivational Interviewing: Building Your Skill Set For Improved Patient Activation. (March 2018) Guest Lecturer: Professional Seminar for Behavioral Healthcare. Taught by Dr. Kathleen Moore, in the Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare major within College of Behavioral and Community Sciences.
- Motivational Interviewing: An Intervention Approach for the Stages of Change. (March 2018) Guest Lecturer: Co-Occurring Disorders. Taught by Dr. Khary Rigg, 3-credit course offered through Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare major within College of Behavioral and Community Sciences.

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

- Sharp, A. (2020). An Intro to Motivational Interviewing: Building Your Skills for Behavior Change. The Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center, Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A. (2019). Motivational Interviewing; Building your skills for positive engagement. Faith Community Nursing, Saint Joseph’s Hospital, Tampa, FL
- Sharp, A. (2019). Motivational Interviewing: Skill-building for Effective Engagement and Activation for Patients with Opioid Addiction. New Season, Jacksonville, FL.
- Sharp, A. (2019) Effective Communication Strategies That Promote Workplace Well-Being and Avoid Burnout. Bausch and Lomb, Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A. (2018). An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing. Problem Solving Courts, Tampa, FL.
- Sharp, A. (2018). An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing. Magellan Rx, Newport, RI.
- Sharp, A. (2016). An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing. DaVita, Philadelphia, PA.
- Sharp, A. (2016). An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing. DaVita, Houston, TX.
- Sharp, A. (2015). An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing. DaVita, New York, NY.

Sharp, A. (2015). An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing. Emmi Solutions, Santiago, Chile.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2016 Training of New Trainers (TNT) (with acceptance to MINT)
Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT)
- 2015 Motivational Interviewing Competency Assessment (MICA) Coding
The Institute for Organizational and Organizational Change (IFIOC);
Instructor: Casey Jackson, MINT trainer
- 2014 Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity (MITI) 4.2.1 Coding
Health Education & Training Institute (HETI); Instructor: Ali Hall, MINT trainer
- 2014 Motivational Interviewing Health Coaching Intensive, Health Sciences Institute
www.healthsciences.org
- 2014 Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity (MITI) 3.1.1 Coding
Independent Study; Instructor: Ali Hall, MINT trainer
- 2011 Motivational Interviewing Workshop
16-hour course; Instructor: Ali Hall, MINT trainer

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Health Education Chair, 2017-2018

International Health Service Collaborative,
University of South Florida, Chitre, Panama

Needle Exchange Naloxone Trainer, 2015

Bogota, Colombia

Program Coordinator, 2015

Mariposas Amarillas, Santa Marta, Colombia

Volunteer Educator, 2010

Ollin Tlahtoalli, Oaaca, Mexico

Organizer/Educator, 2009

Ganges River Clean-up Project
Buddha's Smile School, Saranath, India

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Outreach and Founder, 2019-present

Human Kindness Campaign, Tampa, FL

Planning Committee, Public Health Chair, 2018

Hillsborough County Faith-Based and Health Leaders Collaborative, Tampa, FL

Grant Writer and Fundraising Coordinator, 2014

Stories Without Roofs, Boston, MA

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Environmental Education Program Director, 2011

Youth Educational Services
Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

Environmental Education Volunteer, 2010

Youth Educational Services
Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

R-statistical Package; Census and Statistical Processing Package (CSPro); NVivo (Qualitative analysis); Atlas tI (Qualitative analysis); SPSS (Quantitative analysis)

LANGUAGE

Proficient in Spanish

ADDITIONAL TRAINING/SKILLS

Motivational Interviewing, Motivational Interviewing Coding (MITI 3.1.1 & 4.2.1, MICA, and HCPA), Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Monitoring and Evaluation (stakeholder analysis, logic models, study design, monitoring plans), Social and Behavioral Sciences, Situational Analysis, Determinant Analysis, Theoretical Frameworks, Behavior Change Analysis, Corruption Prevention Strategies, Financial Management, Administrative Project Management, Quality Assurance, Grant Writing, Qualitative research methods, Focus group facilitation