

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Associate Professor, 2012 to Present**

Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr, PA

**Assistant Professor, 2006-2012**

Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr, PA

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. in Social Welfare, 2006**

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice, Philadelphia, PA

**M.S.W., 2001**

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice, Philadelphia, PA

**B.S. in Psychology, B.A. in Biology, 1998**

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Magna Cum Laud Graduate in Psychology

**AWARDS AND GRANTS**

**Curriculum Development Award, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as part of the Behavioral Health and Child Development**



### **Past Courses in the M.S.S. Program**

Foundation Practice I and II (2006-2020)

Relational Perspectives on Treating Vulnerable Populations (2018)

Integrated Health Care in Social Work Practice (2017)

Adult Development and Aging (Elective, Part of 2014 360 entitled *Identity Matters*) (2006-2016)<sup>1</sup>

Integrative Practice for Advanced Standing Students (2007 thru 2017)

Research Informed Practice I (2007, 2012)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals**

Petros, R., Tuohy, M.K., Bressi, S., Kerrick, G. & Solomon, P. (2021) Measuring community integration: Development and psychometrics of the community connections and engagement scale. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research* 48: 619-632, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10488-020-01095-2>

Wampole, D. and Bressi, S.K. (2020) Exploring a social work lead mindfulness-based intervention to address burnout among inpatient psychiatric nurses. *Social Work in Health Care*, 59 (8): 615-630, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2020.1827123>

Hutchison, C. and Bressi, S.K. (2020) Social work and psychedelic-assisted therapies: Practice considerations for breakthrough treatments. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10615-019-00743->

- Hanrahan, N., Bressi, S., Marcus, S., and Solomon, P. (2016) Examining the impact of comorbid serious mental illness on rehospitalization for medical and surgical inpatients. *General Hospital Psychiatry*, 42: 36-40 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.genhosppsy.2016.06.002>
- Labrum, T., Solomon, P. & Bressi, S. (2015) Physical, financial, and psychological abuse committed against older women by relatives with psychiatric disorders: Extent of the problem. *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*, 27: 377-391 <https://doi.org/10.1080/08946566.2015.1092902>
- Nath, S.B.<sup>2</sup>, Alexander, L.B., & Solomon, P.L. (2012) Case managers' perspectives on the therapeutic alliance: A qualitative study. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*, 47:1819-1826 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00127-012-0483-z>
- Nath, S.B. & Marcus, S.C. (2012) Impact of psychotic disorders on discharge dispositions of adults 65 or older after a general medical inpatient stay. *Psychiatric Services*, 63: 333-337 <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.201100332>
- Nath, S.B., Wong, Y.L., Marcus, S.C., & Solomon, P.L. (2012) Predictors of health services utilization among persons with psychiatric disabilities engaged in supported independent housing. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 35: 315-323 <https://doi.org/10.2975/35.4.2012.315.323>
- Cullen, S.W., Nath, S.B., & Marcus, S.C. (2010) Toward understanding errors in inpatient psychiatry: A qualitative analysis. *Psychiatric Quarterly*, 81: 197-205 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11126-010-9129-z>
- Nath, S.B., Hirschman, K., Lewis, B., & Strumpf, N. (2008) A place called L.I.F.E.: Reframing advance care planning for African-American PACE enrollees. *Social Work in Health Care*, 47 (3): 277-292 <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981380801985432>
- Wong, Y.L., Nath, S.B., Solomon, P.L. (2007) Group and organizational involvement among persons with psychiatric disabilities in supported housing. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, 34(2): 151-167 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11414-007-9052-8>
- Nath, S.B. & Marcus, S.C. (2006) Medical errors in psychiatry. *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*, 14(4) :204-211 <https://doi.org/10.1080/10673220600889272>
- Nath, S.B., Marcus, S.C., & Druss, B.G. (2006) Retractions in the research literature: Misconduct or mistakes? *Medical Journal of Australia*, 185 (3): 152-154 <https://doi.org/10.5694/j.1326-5377.2006.tb00504.x>

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<sup>2</sup> Prior surname



Dennelly, L. & Bressi, S.K. (2019) Promoting trauma-informed primary care: The role of social work in physician education. Poster presented at the

Solomon, P.L., Alexander, L.A., & Nath, S.B. (2009) Voices of case managers: What do clients find helpful, unhelpful, and want in the client/case manager relationship? Presented at the *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2009*

Nath, S.B., Wong, Y.L., & Solomon, P. (2008) Utilization of medical care by persons with severe mental illness: A qualitative analysis. Presented at the *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2008*

Bressi, S.K., Wong, Y.L., Solomon, P., & Marcus, S.C. (2006) Medical care of persons with serious mental illness. Presented at the *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, Texas, January 2006*

Druss B.G., Bressi, S.K. and Marcus SC. (2005) Retractions in the research literature: Misconduct or mistakes? Presented at the *Fifth International Congress on Peer Review and Biomedical Publication sponsored by the JAMA and BMJ Publishing Group, Chicago, IL*

Marcus, S.C. & Bressi, S.K. (2005) Medical errors in inpatient psychiatry: A qualitative study. Presented at the *Annual Conference of Eastern Evaluation Research Society, Absecon, NJ*

Bressi, S.K. & Lewis, B. (2005) Exploring the needs of African-American frail elders at the end of life. Presented at the *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, Miami, FL*

Bressi, S.K. (2004) Conceptualizing and measuring the quality of life of persons with serious mental illness Presented at the *International Society for Quality of Life Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia*

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- November, 2019      Lead Organizer, *Play for a Change: Therapeutic Action in Contemporary Child Psychotherapy Conference, Bryn Mawr College, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020*
- April, 2019          Invited Panel Chair for *Feet on the Ground: Leading the Way for Community Psychoanalysis* featuring Ghislaine Boulanger, PhD, NYU Postdoctoral Program; Jordan J. Dunn, MA, New School for Social Research; Almas (Ally) Merchant, PhD, Brightpoint Health
- April, 2019          Steering Committee Member for the Annual Meeting of Division 39 of the American Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- March, 2019          Invited Panel Chair for *Bryn Mawr Clinical Colloquium: Caring for Clients Using Opioids: Beyond the Recovery/Harm Reduction Binary.*
- March, 2016          *Relational Approaches with Youth*  
Continuing Education Series on Adolescent Mental Health for Bryn Mawr's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research Professional Development Series
- February, 2016      *Advancing Your Career in Human Services: Taking the Next Step*  
Continuing Education Course for Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research Professional Development Series
- November, 2015  
December, 2016  
December, 2017      *Developing Your Staff: How to Get Your Front Line Staff to Think, Feel, and Act Like Social Workers*  
Continuing Education Course for Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research Professional Development Series
- June 2015            *Depression and Older Adults* for Pennswood Village Retirement Community
- April 2015           *Separate while Connected: Professional Boundaries in Working with Vulnerable Persons* for Comhar, Inc. Professional Development Series
- November 2014      *Becoming a Princess: Development Crises and Gender Construction in Media and Marketing to Young Girls* for Bryn Mawr's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research Professional Development Series
- Jan-Feb 2012  
Jan-Feb 2013        Co-Instructor: *Certificate Program in Psychodynamic Psychotherapy*,  
Continuing Education Course for Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research Professional Development Series





**Undergraduate Theses Supervision**

Elizabeth Vandenburg, International Studies (2016)

Jessica Coulter, Psychology (2008-2009)

**DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Jillian Neil, Outside Chair, Psychology Department, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2016

Lindsey Dever, Outside Chair, Psychology Department, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2016

Kristine Hitchins, Committee Member, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2011

Michael Pfeiffer, Committee Member, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2016

Jessica Lee, Committee Member, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2016

Jillian Graves, Committee Member, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2016

Stacey Green, Committee Member, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2017

Rebecca Laster, Chair, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2018

Amy Stein, Committee Member, Achieved Candidacy 2019

Briana Bogue, Chair, Achieved Candidacy 2019

Lauren Dannelly, Chair, Achieved Candidacy 2019

Megan McCoy, Committee Member, Successfully Defended Dissertation 2021