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EDUCATION

Ph.D.: 05/2016

Wurzweiler School Of Social Work - New York, NY

MSW: 05/1994

University Of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Science: 06/1992

Union College - Schenectady, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Program Director of DSW Program, 01/2022 to Current

Wurzweiler School Of Social Work – New York, NY

- Oversee DSW program development
- Hire and monitor faculty and advisors
- Recruit, market and monitor admissions of students
- Oversee and monitor student's progress in program

Associate Clinical Professor, 09/2020 to Current

Wurzweiler School Of Social Work – New York, NY

Assistant Clinical Professor, 09/2016 to Current

Wurzweiler School Of Social Work – New York, NY

Teaching & Course Development

- Teach in traditional MSW program
- Teach in asynchronous MSW program
- Teach both asynchronous and hybrid models in PhD program
- Courses Taught Include: Generalist Practice; Advanced Clinical Practice; Group Work Practice (for majors); Social Work with Groups (non-majors); Cultural Diversity; Introduction to Psychodrama; Sociometry & Group Psychotherapy; Social Work Practice Theories
- Advise MSW and PhD students
- Advise PhD Israel cohort students
- Advise MSW students on capstone paper
- Chair of PhD dissertations
- Serve as member of PhD committees
- Advise PhD students on dissertation development
- Provide group work consultation to MSW students across programs

Sequence Chair

- Introduction to Psychodrama, Sociometry & Group Psychotherapy
- Introduction to Creative Arts & Social Work Practice

Sequence Co-Chair

- Cultural Diversity
- Trauma & Interpersonal Trauma

Certificate Chairperson

- Creative Arts & Healing

Committee Work

- Anti-Racism Committee
- Continuing Education Committee
- Curriculum, Sub-Committee: Certificate, Advisement, Capstone Assignment
- Field Instruction
- Licensing
- PhD Sub-Committee Chair: Student Review & Comprehensive Exam Revision • MSW Student Review Committee
- MSW Student Review Committee

Grants

- HRSA Training Grant "Clinical Social Work with Adolescents and Transitional-Age Youth in New York City: Trauma Informed Therapy and Group Work"
- Co PI, Clinical Educator with focus on field instruction
- Interview and recruit applicants
- Provide training seminars to recipients and field instructors

Research

- Developing pilot study with colleagues on use of digital technology and group work

University-Based Trainings

- Developed and facilitate trainings to field instructors on Group Work Practice (in-person and online); Psychodrama, and Supervision Techniques
- Developed and facilitate trainings to students on Group Work Practice (in person and online); Psychodrama; Case Conference Skills; Domestic Violence
- Developed and Facilitated Trainings in Israel for The Nachshon Project & Israeli MSW students (2019)
- Developed and Facilitated Trainings for Care Cafe (2018)

Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society Advisor

- Oversee student application process, induction ceremony and honor society programming

Adjunct Professor, 09/2013 to 08/2016**Wurzweiler School Of Social Work – New York, NY**

- Taught Advanced Clinical Practice & Generalist Social Work Practice
- Advised MSW students
- Liaise between field and MSW program
- Provided field instruction to MSW students

Certified Trainer, Educator, & Practitioner, 09/2008 to Current**Psychodrama And Creative Arts Therapy Institute – New York, NY**

- Offer trainings in psychodrama, sociometry, and group psychotherapy
- Co-facilitate residential training sessions

Field Instructor, 09/1999 to 05/2016**Various New York Area Schools Of Social Work – New York**

- Supervised students in field for the following schools of Social Work: Adelphi University, Columbia University, Fordham University, LIU-Post, New York University, Yeshiva University

Adjunct Professor, 09/2008 to 04/2016

Adelphi University School Of Social Work – Garden City, NY

- Taught Supervision in Field Instruction (SIFI)

Adjunct Professor, 09/2007 to 05/2013

LIU-Post Social Work Program – Old Brookville, NY

- Taught Field Work & Psychosocial Pathology in MSW program
- Liaison between field and MSW program
- Placed students in field placements

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

The Safe Center-LI, 8/2013-12/19

Bethpage, NY

Group Work Consultant,

- Supervised group work services for both children and adult clients
- Facilitated weekly psychodrama group for victims of interpersonal trauma

The Safe Center-LI, 3/2013-8/2013

Bethpage, NY

Associate Director of Group Work Services,

- Supervised and coordinated group work services for agency
- Developed client and staff programming
- Supervised group work assignments
- Developed and facilitated mental health staff development series
- Counseled individual clients with issues related to interpersonal trauma
- Facilitated short-term psychoeducational groups, long-term support and therapeutic groups, and psychodrama groups
- Supervised student master level interns

The Safe Center-LI, (formally NCCADV) 11/2004-2/2013

Bethpage, NY

Group Work & Student Internship Coordinator,

- Supervised and coordinated group work services for agency
- Developed client, staff, and student programming
- Coordinated student intern program for MSW and related mental health professionals
- Provided individual and group clinical services

Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) 11/2002-10/2004

Hempstead, NY

Crisis Center Coordinator,

- Supervised 24 hour Crisis Hotline
- Provided Crisis Intervention to victims of domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault
- Trained and supervised intake department
- Supervised MSW interns

YAI

New York, NY

Crisis Center Supervisor, 1/2000-10/2002

- Supervised multidisciplinary staff and MSW students
- Managed a family support program

Social Work Supervisor, 12/1997-1/2000

- Oversaw psychosocial evaluations and mental health screenings in Article 16 mental health clinic
- Supervised social work staff and MSW interns

The Women's Center at Montefiore Medical Center 9/1996-11/1997

Bronx, NY

Social Work Supervisor,

- Coordinated day treatment program for individuals and families impacted by HIV/AIDS
- Supervised after-school program for children
- Supervised case management staff

Good Shepherd Services 7/1994-8/1996

New York, NY

- Provided case management, individual and group counseling for adolescents girls in group home.

CERTIFICATIONS, LICENSES, & AFFILIATIONS

Certifications & Licenses

- New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- New York State Certified R number
- Certification in Field Instruction (SIFI), NYU, 1999
- Trainer, Educator, and Practitioner (TEP) in Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy, 2020
- Practitioner Applicant for Trainer (PAT) in Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy, 2008
- Certified Practitioner (CP) in Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy, 2008

Affiliations

- International Association of Social Work with Groups (IASWG), Board Member, Chapter Chair (Long island)
- Co-Chair of IASWG Annual Symposium, Virtual, 2020
- Co-Chair of IASWG Annual Symposium, NYU, 2016, 2017, 2019
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama (ASGPP)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Giacomucci, S. & Skolnik, S. (in press). The Experiential social work educator: Integrating sociometry into the classroom. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*.

Landis, H., & Skolnik, S. (2021). Periphery to core: scenes from a psychodrama. *Social Work with Groups*, 1-11.

Miller, R., Mason, S., & Skolnik, S. (2021). Psychodrama for Schizophrenia: adaptive techniques in mutual aid groups. *Social Work with Groups*, 44(3), 273-287.

Skolnik, S. (2019) Coming together: Factors that connect social workers to group work practice, *Social Work with Groups*, 42:1, 2-17, DOI: [10.1080/01609513.2017.1384948](https://doi.org/10.1080/01609513.2017.1384948)

Skolnik, S. (2018) A Synergistic union: Group work meets psychodrama, *Social Work with Groups*, 41:1-2, 60-73, DOI: [10.1080/01609513.2016.1268522](https://doi.org/10.1080/01609513.2016.1268522)

Skolnik, S. ed. (2021). The Creative practitioner: An introduction to psychodrama, sociometry, and group psychotherapy. *Social Work with Groups*.

Skolnik, S., & Skolnik, L. (2022). Beyond challenges: Opportunities for enhancing group work field education. *Social Work with Groups*, 45(2), 103-115.

Wilkins, C., Doel, M., Skolnik, S., Genke, J., Greenhouse Gardella, L., eds. (2019) Group work around the globe: Creating transformative connections in challenging times. Proceedings of the 38th & 39th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, London: Whiting & Birch.

Editorial review for *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy & Social Work with Groups*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Henshaw, L.A., Flaherty, H., & Skolnik, S. (2020). *Responding to Students' Indirect and Collective Experiences of Trauma in the Academic Setting: A Case Example*. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Virtual Conference

Leeman, D. & Skolnik, S. (2020) *Introduction to Social Group Work: A Sampling of Theory and Best Practices*. International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, Pre-Conference Institute, Virtual Conference

Malekoff, A., Skolnik, S., * Giffords, E. (2019) *Project Access: A Social Justice Initiative to Fight Discrimination and Improve Access to Mental Health and Addictions Care*. International Association for Social

Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, New York University, New York, NY

Skolnik, S.; Beeks, S., Johnson, Z., Williams, D. & Zeleznikow, A. (2019). *Got Group? Connecting Group Work Theory to the Realities of Contemporary Practice*. International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, New York University, New York, NY

Skolnik, S, *The Creative Practitioner: Integrating Experiential Methods into Clinical Work with Clients*.

- 2019, North Shore Child Guidance, Roslyn, NY
- 2019, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, MSW students, Jerusalem, Israel
- 2016, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Field Instructor Training, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada
- 2016, New York State Social Work Education Association (NYSSWEA) Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2015, International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC

Skolnik, S. *Coming Together: A Study of the Factors that Influence Social Workers' Connection to Group Work Practice*.

- 2018: Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 2016: International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, New York University, New York, NY
- 2016: The New York Academy of Medicine: Eighth Annual Social Work Student Recognition Night, New York, NY

Skolnik, S.; Brodlieb, P., & Meir, L. (2013). *The Group Work Ensemble: Educating the Next Generation of Group Workers*. International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, Simmons College, Boston, Mass

Skolnik, S.(2012). *Moreno's Social Atom: Implications for Group Work Practice*. International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY

Skolnik, S. & Skolnik, L. (2011). *Navigating the Currents of Group Work Practice*. International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, Long Beach, CA

Skolnik, S. *The Creative Supervisor: Integrating Action Methods into Field Instruction*.

- 2019, Field Instructor's Breakfast, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, New York, NY
- 2010, International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) Annual Symposium, Montreal, Canada
- 2010, American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama (ASGPP), Philadelphia, PA
- 2009, Counsel on Social Work Education (CSWE), Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX

AWARDS

- *Field Instructor of the Year*, 2006, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY

