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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill **08/2017-present**
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work **09/2012-05/2014**
Master of Social Work
Concentration in Clinical Social Work
Specialization in Mental Health

University of Maryland, College Park **01/2008-05/2012**
Bachelor of Arts
Major in Psychology, Women's Studies
Certificate in LGBT Studies

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Federal Public Defender **Greenbelt, MD**
Forensic Social Work Intern **09/2013-04/2014**

- Completed reports utilized by the attorneys and submitted to the judges to help mitigate client sentencing
- Conducted psychosocial and mental health evaluations of each client for preliminary assessment
- Researched background information on current prisoners and detainees awaiting trial to help with mitigation of sentencing using academic sources like journal articles and books
- Traveled to prisons and homes to interview clients and their families as part of background research for reports submitted to attorney and judge
- Attended sentencing and trials for each client as part of their legal team

Washington Adventist Hospital- Inpatient Psychiatry **Takoma Park, MD**
Psychiatric Social Work Intern **09/2012- 04/2013**

- Performed initial psychosocial intake to assess mental illness for an adult, inpatient psychiatric unit
- Constructed appropriate discharge plans for patients with severe and persistent mental illness to ensure that patient had appropriate supports to minimize readmission
- Facilitated patient satisfaction group weekly to assess how those utilizing hospital facilities perceived patient care
- Educated family members on the nature of specific psychiatric illnesses so that they could best meet the needs of their loved ones

- Contributed to interdisciplinary meetings with physicians, nurses, techs, etc. to improve patient treatment, discharge planning, and patient care

University of Maryland, College Park Help Center **College Park, MD**
Peer Counselor and External Public Relations Manager **10/2008- 05/2012**

- Provided psychosocial support to callers and walk-ins who were experiencing anything from roommate issues to suicidal ideation and sexual assault
- Assembled any public relations outreach materials to be distributed to the surrounding campus to increase awareness of organizational services as well as mental health issues that affect the college population
- Acquired and managed all external public relations activities on campus and in the community in order to publicize the organization and its services
- Delegated all external public relations activities to help center volunteers to effectively disseminate information
- Contributed to the help center's governing body as a Board Member

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill **Chapel Hill, NC**
Research Assistant **08/2019-present**

Supervisor: Trenette Clark Goings, Ph.D.

- Reviews and compiles R01 grant submission materials for NIH grants
- Compiles IRB applications and materials for upcoming, funded projects
- Mentors and manages MSW students
- Reviews articles for peer review publications
- Writes and gathers materials for research proposals to be submitted for funding

Friends Research Institute **Baltimore, MD**
Research Assistant **06/2019-present**

Supervisor: Jan Gryczynski, Ph.D.

- Writes and collaborates on manuscripts using previously collected RCT study data
- Assists in primary data collection for ongoing studies involving illicit buprenorphine use within correctional settings, and opioid use disorder in community treatment centers
- Learns about specific quantitative methods to properly analyze data
- Manages and trains other research assistants in data collection, including how to use the ASI, RAB, and other forms that show high reliability and validity within populations of interest

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill **Chapel Hill, NC**
Research Assistant **01/2019-05/2019**

Supervisor: Tonya van Deirse, Ph.D.

- Conducted secondary data analysis on data initially collected by supervisor on correctional officer mental health practices and treatment
- Managed two projects for supervisor in conjunction with local jails (Durham County and Wake County)

-Compiled manuscripts for publication around corrections, substance use, and mental health

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**Chapel Hill, NC****Research Assistant****08/2018-07/2019****Supervisor: Lisa Zerden, Ph.D.**

- Conducted primary data collection and recruitment for a qualitative study on the workforce behind office-based opioid treatment
- Analyzed qualitative data using Grounded Theory
- Prepared manuscripts for publication

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**Chapel Hill, NC****Research Assistant****08/2017-12/2018****Supervisor: Matthew Howard, Ph.D.**

- Conducted quantitative secondary data analysis about inhalant use in detained youths in Missouri
- Prepared systematic reviews on Complicated Grief and its predictors, correlates, and interventions

Friends Research Institute**Baltimore, MD****Research Assistant****07/2014-08/2017****Supervisors: Robert P. Schwartz, M.D., Sharon M. Kelly, Ph.D.**

- Conducted primary data collection for a NIDA funded study looking at methadone maintenance for opiate addiction initiated in Baltimore City Detention Center
- Collected data for a NIDA funded study through the Clinical Trials Network (CTN) aimed at affirming an addiction questionnaire to assess addiction at the primary care level
- Wrote research papers about opiate addiction and general substance abuse aimed for publication in peer reviewed journals
- Collaborated on other research related to substance use/abuse, addiction, and disenfranchised populations to back the implementation of evidence-based practices
- Reviewed procedural aspects and data collection for other CTN studies as a Quality Assurance Monitor

University of Maryland, Baltimore**Baltimore, MD****Research Assistant****01/2014-05/2014****Supervisor: Paul Sacco, Ph.D.**

- Led a study on the association of adverse childhood events and adulthood disordered gambling utilizing secondary data under the supervision of faculty member Paul Sacco
- Successfully applied for human subjects approval from the University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Designed all aspects of the study including literature review, research questions, and data analysis plan
- Learned and used SAS and SUDAAN to conduct data analysis

**Washington Adventist Hospital- Inpatient Psychiatry
Program Evaluator****Takoma Park, MD
11/2012-04/2013**

- Developed a survey to examine reasons for readmission to the hospital's inpatient psychiatric unit based on an extensive literature review
- Collected data from 36 readmitted patients over a four-month period
- Analyzed data with SAS to develop a preliminary understanding of reasons for readmission to this particular psychiatric unit
- Presented these findings to social workers and the nurse manager of the unit to better assist with discharge planning and general patient care

**National Institutes of Health (NLM)
Research Assistant**

**Bethesda, MD
08/2011- 12/2011**

- Led research on how librarians give out health information, particularly to senior citizens concerning Medicare Part D
- Identified libraries to interview through preliminary research using Census data
- Conducted semi-structured qualitative interviews with librarians on how they give out information
- Transcribed all interviews with librarians using Microsoft Word

OTHER EXPERIENCE

**American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
Education Intern**

**Bethesda, MD
05/2012- 09/2013**

- Successful grant submission to Alkermes for \$150,000 for development of a new education course in August 2013
- Organized a completely new method to track attendees of ASAM's five medical conferences
- Distributed Continuing Medical Education (CME) certificates to physicians who attended various addiction medicine conferences hosted by ASAM
- Processed member and conference registration

**Creative Collaborations
Undergraduate Intern**

**Takoma Park, MD
05/2010- 08/2010**

- Developed a shared database using SharePoint on queer South Asian literature and media
- Gathered information regarding Asian American and Pacific Islander queers in academia in the United States
- Compiled reference material of support information for minority queers
- Catalogued past Asian American and Pacific Islander academic conferences for specific content on queer speakers and topics for future reference

Skills

Proficient in statistical applications [SAS, SPSS, STATA, R, MPlus]
Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite [Word, Excel, PowerPoint]

TEACHING

UNC Chapel Hill Fall 2018
Co-taught SOWO 530- Social Welfare Policy with Dr. Rain Masa as part of a Teaching Practicum.

SERVICE

Reviewer for the following peer review journals:

Drug Abuse and Dependence	2019-present
Social Work Research	2019-present
Journal of Ethnicity and Health	2019-present

PUBLICATIONS

Sharma, A., & Sacco, P. (2015). Adverse Childhood Experiences and Gambling: Results from a National Survey. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions, 15*(1), 25-43.

McNeely, J., Wu, L. T., Subramaniam, G., Sharma, G., Cathers, L. A., Svikis, D., Sleiter, L., Russell, L., Nordeck, C., **Sharma, A.**, O’Grady, K. E., Bouk, L.B., Cushing, C., King, J., Wahle., & Schwartz, R.P. (2016). A brief substance use screening and assessment for general medical settings: Validation of the Tobacco, Alcohol, Prescription medication, and other Substance use (TAPS) Tool. *Annals of Internal Medicine.*

Sharma, A., O’Grady, K. E., Kelly, S. M., Gryczynski, J., Mitchell, S. G., & Schwartz, R. P. (2016). Pharmacotherapy for opioid dependence in jails and prisons: research review update and future directions. *Substance abuse and rehabilitation, 7*, 27.

Bruno Genetti, M. A. S., Milena Sperotto, M. A. S., Alessandra Andreotti, M. A. S., Monica Zermiani, M. A. S., Paolo Vian, E. G., **Anjalee Sharma, M.S.W**, Robert P. Schwartz, M.D., & Giovanni Serpelloni, M. D. Prevalence and Correlates for Alcohol, Cigarette, and Cannabis Use among Italian High School Students: A National Survey.

Schwartz, R. P., Kelly, S. M., Mitchell, S. G., Dunlap, L., Zarkin, G. A., **Sharma, A.**, O’Grady, K.E., & Jaffe, J. H. (2016). Interim methadone and patient navigation in jail: Rationale and design of a randomized clinical trial. *Contemporary Clinical Trials.*

McNeely, J., Wu, L. T., Subramaniam, G., Sharma, G., Cathers, L. A., Svikis, D., Sleiter, L., Russell, L., Nordeck, C., **Sharma, A.**, O’Grady, K. E., Bouk, L.B., Cushing, C., King, J., Wahle., & Schwartz, R.P. (2016). Performance of the Tobacco, Alcohol, Prescription Medication, and Other Substance Use (TAPS) Tool for Substance Use Screening in Primary Care Patients. *Annals of Internal Medicine.*

Schwartz, R. P., Kelly, S. M., Mitchell, S. G., Dunlap, L., Zarkin, G. A., **Sharma, A.**, O’Grady, K.E., & Jaffe, J. H. (2016). Corrigendum to “Interim methadone and patient

navigation in jail: Rationale and design of a randomized clinical trial.”[Contemp. Clin. Trials 49 (2016): 21–28]. *Contemporary clinical trials*, 51, 97.

Schwartz, R. P., McNeely, J., Wu, L. T., Sharma, G., Wahle, A., Cushing, C., Nordeck, C.D., **Sharma, A.**, O’Grady, K.E., Gryczynski, J., Mitchell, S. G., Ali, R.L., Marsden, J., & Subramaniam, G.A. (2017). Identifying substance misuse in primary care: TAPS Tool compared to the WHO ASSIST. *Journal of substance abuse treatment*, 76, 69-76.

Gryczynski, J., McNeely, J., Wu, L. T., Subramaniam, G. A., Svikis, D. S., Cathers, L. A. Sharma, G., King, J., Jelstrom E., Nordeck, C.D., **Sharma, A.**, Mitchell. A.G., O’Grady, K.E., Schwartz, R.P. (2017). Validation of the TAPS-1: a four-item screening tool to identify unhealthy substance use in primary care. *Journal of general internal medicine*, 32(9), 990-996.

Sharma, A., Kelly, S. M., Mitchell, S. G., Gryczynski, J., O’Grady, K. E., & Schwartz, R. P. (2017). Update on barriers to pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorders. *Current psychiatry reports*, 19(6), 35.

Parisi, A., **Sharma, A.**, Howard, M. O., & Wilson, A. B. (2019). The relationship between substance misuse and complicated grief: A systematic review. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

Schwartz, R.P., Kelly, S.M., Mitchell, S.G., O’Grady, K.E., **Sharma, A.**, Jaffe, J.H. (2019). Methadone treatment of arrestees: A randomized clinical trial. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

Zerden, L. D. S., Guan, T., Lombardi, B. M., **Sharma, A.**, & Garcia-Rico, Y. (2020). Psychosocial Interventions in Office-Based Opioid Treatment: A Systematic Review. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 11(1), 000-000.

Kelly, S. M., Schwartz, R. P., O’Grady, K. E., Mitchell, S. G., Duren, T., **Sharma, A.**, & Jaffe, J. H. (2020). Impact of methadone treatment initiated in jail on subsequent arrest. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 108006.

Zerden, L. D. S., Lombardi, B. M., **Sharma, A.**, Richman, E. (2020). Interprofessional Teams and the Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Workforce. *Health, Interprofessional Practice and Education*.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

Sharma, A., Dusek, K., Mitchell, S.G., Schwartz, R.P., O’Grady, K., Nordeck, C.N., Gryczynski, J. (in preparation). Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing among adolescents with risky substance use in school-based health centers (SBHCs): Association with participant characteristics, risk behavior frequency, and type of brief intervention (BI).

Sharma, A., Dusek, K., Monico, L., Chilcoat, H., Gryczynski, J. (in preparation). Associations of diverted buprenorphine use and participant characteristics in community and incarceration settings.

Masa, R., **Sharma, A.** (in preparation). An exploration of measurement invariance in the household food insecurity assessment (HFIAS) in Ghana and South Africa.

UNDER REVIEW

Gryczynski, J., Dusek, K., Mitchell, S.G., Schwartz, R.P., O'Grady, K., **Sharma, A.,** Nordeck, C.N. (under review). Trends of adolescent substance use and sexual risk behaviors with brief intervention in urban high schools.

Gryczynski, J., Lee, J.D., Dusek, K., McDonald, R., Malone, M., **Sharma, A.,** Monico, L., Cheng, A., DeVaughn-Geiss, A., Chilcoat, H. (under review). Use of non-prescribed buprenorphine in the criminal justice system: interviews with individuals recently released from incarceration.

Monico, L., Gryczynski, J., Lee, J.D., Dusek, K., McDonald, R., Malone, M., **Sharma, A.,** Cheng, A., DeVaughn-Geiss, A., & Chilcoat, H. (under review). Use of non-prescribed buprenorphine in the criminal justice system: Interviews with individuals recently released from incarceration.

Schwartz, R.P., Kelly, S.M., Gwin-Mitchell, S., O'Grady, K.E., Duren, T., **Sharma, A.,** Gryczynski, J., Jaffe, J.H. (under review). Randomized trial of methadone treatment of arrestees: 24 month post-release outcomes.

PRESENTATIONS

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***Sharma, A.,** Sacco, P. (2014). The Association of Adverse Childhood Events and Gambling: Results from a National Survey. Poster presentation (AS) at the National Center for Responsible Gaming annual conference, Las Vegas, NV, September, 2014.

Gryczynski, J., McNeely J., Wu, L. T., Subramaniam, G., Sharma, G, Nordeck, C., **Sharma, A.,** et al. (2016). Performance of the TAPS-1 brief screening tool in primary care. Poster presentation (JG) at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Palm Springs, California, June 13-19, 2016...

Schwartz, R.P., McNeely, J., Wu, L., Sharma, G., Wahle, A., Cushing, C., Nordeck, C. **Sharma, A.,** et al. (2017). Substance misuse screening in primary care: TAPS Tool vs. ASSIST. Poster presentation (RPS) at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Montreal, Canada, June 17-22, 2017.

***Sharma, A.** & Parisi, A., Howard, M. (2019). Epidemiology, Interventions, and Screening Tools of Complicated Grief: A Systematic Review of Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses. Poster presentation (AS) at the Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, San Francisco, CA, January, 2019.

***Sharma, A.**, Zerden, L. D. S., Guan, T., Lombardi, B. M., Richman, E. (2019). Office Based Opioid Treatment-The Workforce to Treat Opioid Use Disorder. Poster Presentation (AS) at the North Carolina Opioid Misuse & Overdose Prevention Summit, Raleigh, NC, June 2019.

***Sharma, A.**, Dusek, K., Mitchell, S.G., Schwartz, R.P., O'Grady, K., Nordeck, C.N., Gryczynski, J. (2019). Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing among adolescents with risky substance use in school-based health centers (SBHCs): Association with participant characteristics, risk behavior frequency, and type of brief intervention (BI). Poster presentation (AS) at the Addiction Health Services Research Conference (AHSR) Park City, Utah, October, 2019.

***Sharma, A.**, Lee, J., Monico, L., Dusek, K., McDonald, R., Malone, M., DeVeaugh-Geiss, A., Chilcoat, H., Gryczynski, J. Associations of diverted buprenorphine use and participant characteristics in community and incarceration settings. Late-Breaking Oral Communication (AS) at the College on Problem Drug Dependence (CPDD) virtual talk (COVID-19 precaution), June 2020.

Gryczynski, J., Lee, J., Monico, L., Dusek, K., McDonald, R., **Sharma, A.**, DeVeaugh-Geiss, A., Chilcoat, H. Use of Non-Prescribed Buprenorphine During Incarceration: Perspectives of Former Inmates. Oral Communication (JG) at the College on Problem Drug Dependence (CPDD) virtual talk (COVID-19 precaution), June 2020.

Schwartz, R., Kelly, S., Mitchell, S., **Sharma, A.**, O'Grady, K., Jaffe, J.H. Two-Year Post-Release Outcomes of US Detainees with Opioid Use Disorder: Results from a Randomized Trial of Methadone Treatment. Oral Communication (RS) at the College on Problem Drug Dependence (CPDD) virtual talk (COVID-19 precaution), June 2020.

Monico, L., Gryczynski, J., Lee, J., Dusek, K., McDonald, R., Malone, M., **Sharma, A.**, Cheng, A., DeVeaugh-Geiss, A., Chilcoat, H. Understanding the Use of Diverted Buprenorphine During Incarceration in Maryland. Poster presentation (LM) at the College on Problem Drug Dependence (CPDD) virtual talk (COVID-19 precaution), June 2020.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Sharma, A.** (2020). Substance Use and the Criminal Justice System. Invited presentation. A Substance Use Prevention Professional Development Series Presented by Inspired Lab, SUPER, and NC-YVPC, September 2020.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Semi-finalist for the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Research Scholars 2018 Program.

Second place winner for the American Addiction Center's 2018 Behavioral Health Academic Scholarship Program