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Education

Ph.D in Social Work (in progress)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, expected graduation 2019

- Dissertation Topic: Clinicians' Attitudes Towards Medication-Assisted Treatments for Opioid Addiction
- Chair: Sherry Cummings Ph.D.
- Minor in Statistics

Counseling Psychology Coursework

Capella University, Minneapolis, MN

- 21 graduate-level hours completed with 4.0 GPA

Master of Science in Social Work

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, May 2010

- Inklebarger Scholarship
- Phi Alpha - Social Work Honor Society

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Lee University, Cleveland, TN, July 2007

- Centennial Scholarship
- Psi Chi - Psychology Honor Society

Research Interests

Addictions, Harm Reduction, Psychosocial Treatments, Medication Assisted Treatments, Scalable Interventions, Rural Practice

Publications

Brown, A. R., Walters, J. E., & Jones, A. E. (under review). Pathways to retention: Job satisfaction, burnout, & organizational commitment among social workers.

Mason, M. J., **Brown, A. R.**, & Moore, M. (under review). The accuracy of young adults' perceptions of friends' cannabis and alcohol use: Challenging the False Consensus Theory.

Mason, M. J., Mennis, J., Moore, M., Zaharakis, N., & **Brown, A.** (under review). Exposure to Dangerous Places is Associated with Executive Dysfunction and Substance Use for Male Urban Adolescents.

Mason, M. J., Korpela, K. M., Moore, M. R., & **Brown, A.** (under review). Can the Natural Environment Serve as a Protective Influence Against the Effects of Negative Emotional States on Physical Health?

Mason, M. J., Mennis, J., Russell, M., Moore, M., & **Brown, A.** (in press). Adolescent depression and substance use: The protective role of close friends. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*.

Brown, A. R. (2018). A systematic review of psychosocial interventions in treatment of opioid addiction. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 18, 249-269. doi:10.1080/1533256X.2018.1485574

Mason, L. R., Erwin, J., **Brown, A.**, Ellis, K. N., & Hathaway, J. M. (2018). Health impacts of extreme weather events: Exploring protective factors with a capitals framework. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work*, 15(5), 579–593. doi:10.1080/23761407.2018.1502115

Mason, M. J., Moore, M., & **Brown, A. R.** (2018). Young adults' perceptions of acceptability and effectiveness of a text message delivered treatment for cannabis use disorder. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 93, 15-18. doi:10.1016/j.jsat.2018.07.007

Mason, M. J., Zaharakis, N. M., Moore, M., **Brown, A.**, Garcia, C., Seibers, A., & Stephens, C. (2018). Who responds best to text-delivered cannabis use disorder treatment? A randomized clinical trial with young adults. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*. 1-11. doi:10.1037/adbo000403

Moore, M. R., Mason, M. J., **Brown, A. R.**, Garcia, C. M., Seibers, A. D., & Stephens, C. J. (2018). Remote biochemical verification of tobacco use: Reducing costs and improving methodological rigor with mailed oral cotinine swabs. *Addictive Behaviors*, 87, 151–154. doi:10.1016/j.addbeh.2018.07.004

Walters, J. E., **Brown, A. R.**, & Jones, A. E. (2018). Use of the Copenhagen Burnout Inventory with social workers: A confirmatory factor analysis. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance*, 1–20. Advance online publication. doi:10.1080/23303131.2018.1532371

Zaharakis, N. M., Mason, M. J., **Brown, A.**, Moore, M., Garcia, C., Foster, R., & Richards, S. (2018). Resiliency moderates the influence of somatization on externalizing problems. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 27, 2978–2989. doi:10.1007/s10826-018-1141-1

Brown, A. R., Walters, J., Jones, A., & Akinsola, O. (2017). Rural social work: Recruitment, job satisfaction, burnout, and turnover. *Contemporary Rural Social Work*, 9, 1-23. Retrieved from <https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/crsw/vol9/iss1/12/>

Presentations

Brown, A. R., Walters, J. E., Jones, A. E., & Akinsola, O. A. (2019, January). *Examining sources of burnout and organizational commitment: An SEM approach*. Poster presentation. Society for Social Work and Research's 23rd Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Walters, J. E., **Brown, A. R.**, Jones, A. E., & Akinsola, O. A. (2019, January). *Use of the Copenhagen Burnout Inventory with social workers: A confirmatory factor analysis*. Poster presentation. Society for Social Work and Research's 23rd Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Brown, A. R., Walters, J. E., Jones, A. E., & Akinsola, O. A. (2018, November 9). *No money, no problem: Obtaining a large sample with no funding*. Oral presentation. Council on Social Work Education's 64th Annual Program Meeting. Orlando, FL.

Walters, J. E., **Brown, A. R.**, Jones, A. E., & Akinsola, O. A. (2018, November 9). *Are rural social workers more burnt out? Examining rurality and burnout*. Oral presentation. Council on Social Work Education's 64th Annual Program Meeting. Orlando, FL.

Walters, J. E., **Brown, A. R.**, Jones, A. E., & Akinsola, O. A. (2018, July 18). *Exploring job satisfaction, burnout, and organizational commitment among social workers in the United States*. Oral presentation. National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas's 44th Annual National Rural Social Work Caucus. Murray, KY.

Mason, L. R., Erwin, J., **Brown, A.**, Ellis, K. N., & Hathaway, J. M. (2018, January 12). *Health and financial impacts of extreme weather in the city*. Poster presentation. Society for Social Work and Research's 22nd Annual Conference. Washington, DC.

Brown, A. R. (2017, November 2). *Counseling & maintenance for opioid addiction: A pragmatic perspective*. Poster presentation. North American Association of Christians in Social Work's 67th Annual Convention. Charlotte, NC.

Brown, A. R. (2017, October 21). *Psychosocial Interventions & Medication-Assisted Relapse Prevention for Opioid Dependence*. Poster presentation. Council on Social Work Education's 63rd Annual Program Meeting. Dallas, TX.

Walters, J., **Brown, A. R.**, Jones, A., & Akinsola, O. (2017, July 21). *Examining social work practice in rural agencies: Recruitment, job satisfaction, burnout, and turnover*. Oral presentation. Rural Social Work Caucus' 42nd Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas. Jackson, Tennessee.

Brown, A. R. (2017, April 21). *Psychosocial interventions in treatment of opioid addiction*. Oral presentation. University of Memphis's 5th annual Social Work Symposium. Memphis, TN.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Online, Spring 2019
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

- SW622 Translational Research

Teaching Assistant, Online, Spring 2018
University of Tennessee, Nashville, TN

- SW548 Advanced Change Management and Policy Practice

Teaching Assistant, Face-to-Face, Spring 2018
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

- SW606 Analysis of Social Work Data II (2 sections)

Teaching Assistant, Face-to-Face, Fall 2017
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

- SW605 Analysis of Social Work Data I (2 sections)

Adjunct Faculty, Face-to-Face & Online, Fall 2014–Fall 2016
Cleveland State Community College, Athens, TN

- Desire2Learn online learning environment
- PSYC 1030 - Introduction to Psychology

Invited Lecturer, Face-to-Face, Fall 2017
Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC

- MMFT 685 - Advanced Trauma Focused Assessment & Intervention
- Faculty: Emily Stone Ph.D. LMFT

Invited Lecturer, Face-to-Face, Fall 2015 & Fall 2017
Lee University, Cleveland, TN

- SOCI 225 - Introduction to Social Work
- Faculty: Diana Jackson LCSW

Invited Lecturer, Online, Spring 2016
Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Cleveland, TN

- CO 719 - Counseling and Assessment of Children & Youth
- Faculty: Emily Stone Ph.D. LMFT

**Clinical
Experience**

Outpatient Therapist, June 2010–August 2016

Hiwassee Mental Health Center, Athens, TN & Madisonville, TN

- Implement evidenced based practice with individuals & families.
- Lead cognitive-behavioral group for men with anxiety disorders
- Provide clinical supervision to unlicensed clinicians for three locations
- Serve on clinical peer-review committee.

Intern Therapist, August 2009–April 2010

Fortwood Center, Inc., Chattanooga, TN

- Perform biopsychosocial assessments for intake clinic
- Develop & co-lead group to treat anxiety disorders

Case Manager, July 2007–September 2009

Hiwassee Mental Health Center, Cleveland, TN

- Work with Clients at Hilltop Group Home
- Submit Continued Stay Reviews

**Research
Experience**

Graduate Research Assistant, May 2017–present

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Center for Behavioral Health Research

- Faculty Mentor: Michael Mason Ph.D.
- Project: Peer Network Counseling Pilots

Student-led Research Team Member, May 2017–present

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

College of Social Work

- Faculty Mentor: William Nugent Ph.D.
- Project: Rural Social Work Survey

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2016–July 2017

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

College of Social Work

- Faculty Mentor: Lisa Reyes Mason Ph.D
- Project: Knoxville Climate Survey

**Service
Experience**

Manuscript Reviewer, 2018

Drug and Alcohol Dependence

Volunteer, 2018

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Bradley County, TN

Consultant, 2018

Student Feedback Surveys

The Bridge, Cleveland, TN

Proposal Reviewer, 2017 Annual Program Meeting

Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX

Judge, 2017

Exhibition of Undergraduate Research & Creative Achievement
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

**Honors
& Funding**

2018 Graduate School Fellowship Award - \$3,500

College of Social Work

2018 Summer Graduate Research Award - \$3,600

PNC-Text Pilot Project: Clinical Trial, Treatment Satisfaction, & Measurement Studies

2018 Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition Finalist - \$100

Using a Scalable Intervention to Enhance Opioid Addiction Treatment

2018 Stats Hell's Kitchen Winner

Team Project in Partial Completion of Statistics in Applied Fields III

Licensure

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, TN #5815

Tennessee Board of Social Work

Mandatory Prescreening Agent, TN #178

Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

**Software
Expertise**

Microsoft Office, IBM SPSS, AMOS, HLM, Qualtrics, Twilio,
Textit, EndNote, Canvas, Blackboard, Desire2Learn