

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

M.S.W School of Social Work (2012)
University at Buffalo, The State University of NY, Buffalo, NY

B.S.W School of Social Work (2005)
Gordon College, Wenham, MA
Graduated Cum Laude

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Academic Experience:

2017 – Present Assistant Clinical Professor for Field Education/ Field Coordinator
School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
The State University of New York, Buffalo, NY

2013 – 2016 Project Manager/ Staff Assistant
Joining Forces-UB Project, 3E Grant (Lisa Butler, PhD, Principal Investigator)
School of Social Work and School of Nursing. University at Buffalo
The State University of New York, Buffalo, NY

2012 – 2016 Consultant, Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care (with Sue Green, LCSW; Thomas Nochajski, PhD)
School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
The State University of New York, Buffalo, NY

Social Work Practice Experience

2016 – 2017 Family Support Specialist
Say Yes Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

- Provided direct social work services to students at Lafayette High School, Lafayette International High School, Newcomer Academy
- Engaged refugee families connected with Lafayette High School in ECDSS Preventive Services to minimize safety concerns and strengthen families' abilities to engage successfully in the community
- Served on the agency's Self Care Committee & Committee on Refugees and Immigrants

2012 – 2013 Intake Social Worker
Gateway Longview, Buffalo, NY

- Collaborated with a team of professionals to ensure appropriate foster care placements for children and youth referred into foster care from Erie County.
- Assisted in training foster parents, particularly around trauma and understanding the needs of children coming into foster care.
- Collaborated with birth parents, as well as foster parents to ensure safety and stability for children in foster care.

2009 – 2011

Independent Living Coordinator
Homespace Corporation, Buffalo, NY

- Worked with single mothers in foster care (ages 14-21) living in an independent living program. Focused on building independent living, parenting skills, understanding child development and promoting healthy interactions and development.
- Served as case planner for residents, working within a team to assess each resident's bio-psycho-social needs and assist them in obtaining needed services.
- Built a mentoring program, created a peer mentoring program, and engaged residents in weekly educational groups.

2007 – 2009

Director of Youth Services
Hope Refugee Services (now Jericho Road Ministries), Buffalo, NY

- Supervised and implemented all youth programming for refugee youth ages 10-18, including an after-school program, youth employment, alternative school placements, youth case management, and enrichment activities.
- Recruited, trained, and managed staff and volunteers, collaborating with local colleges, organizations, and schools.
- Collaborated with the Buffalo Public Schools to align curriculum and instruction
- Wrote several grants for the program and developed additional youth partnerships and programs.

2005 – 2007

Refugee Youth Program Coordinator
The New American Center, Lynn, MA

- Organized and coordinated an after-school program for refugee students, ages 7-18.
- Recruited, trained, and supervised after-school teachers and volunteers
- Collaborated with the Lynn Public Schools to facilitate better services for refugee students.
- Wrote several grants for the organization, totaling over \$250,000.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – 2012

MSW Intern, The Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care,
University at Buffalo, The State University at New York

- Spearheaded several initiatives to assess local agencies in the domains of trauma-informed care.
- Facilitated a group for refugee women incorporating the evidenced-based treatment *Seeking Safety* and mandala art.

2007 – 2009

Steering Committee Member, Refugee Tutoring Project, Buffalo, NY

- Assisted in developing a task force made up of representatives from local colleges, the Buffalo Public Schools, and after-school providers to strengthen education for refugees in Buffalo.

PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- McClain-Meeder, K. (2015, October). *The Trauma-Informed Classroom: Understanding and responding to students with histories of trauma*. Presentation to Hillside Family of Agencies staff, Rochester, NY.
- McClain-Meeder, K., & Butler, L. D. (2015, September). *Enhancing the lives of veterans and military families through practitioner training: The University at Buffalo's Joining Forces-UB project*. Poster presented at the Third Annual Conference on Military Social Work: Strengthening Military Families through Effective Community Practices, Austin, TX.
- McClain-Meeder, K. (2015, July). *Avoiding re-traumatization: Utilizing a trauma-informed framework with Veterans and military family members*. Presentation at the XXXIVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Vienna, Austria.
- McClain-Meeder, K. (2014, October). *Seeing Beyond the Behavior: Trauma, Trauma-Informed Care, and Children*. Presentation to Hillside Family of Agencies staff, Rochester, NY.
- McClain-Meeder, K. (2013, December). *Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care: Implications for Work with People Living with HIV*. Presentation to the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, WNY Chapter Meeting, Buffalo, NY.
- McClain-Meeder, K., Linn, B., Butler, L. D., & Bruce, S. (2013, November). *Joining Forces in Western New York: An Overview of the UB Partnership for Excellence in Veteran Care project*. Presentation to the "Joining Community Forces" monthly meeting, University at Buffalo, NY.
- McClain-Meeder, K. (2013, April). *Connecting Trauma and Youth Risk Behavior*. Presentation at the Can We Talk Conference, Buffalo, NY.
- McClain-Meeder, K. (2011, May). *Room for Two: Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Youth*. Presentation at the National Pathways to Adulthood conference, Denver, CO.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Butler, L. D., Linn, B. K., Meeker, M. A., **McClain-Meeder, K.**, & Nochajski, T. H. (2015, January). "We don't complain about little things": Views of veterans and military family members on healthcare gaps and needs, *Military Behavioral Health*, 3(2), 116-124.
- Linn, B. K., Butler, L. D., Bruce, S. A., **McClain-Meeder, K. M.**, & Meeker, M. A. (2015, July). On Working with Veterans: What Social Work and Nursing Students Need to Know. *Journal of Military and Veteran Health*, 23(3), 5-11.

PUBLICATIONS –WEBPAGES:

- McClain-Meeder, K., Bruce, S. A., & Butler, L. D. (2014). *Joining Forces-UB*. Located at <http://www.buffalo.edu/joiningforces-ub.html>
- McClain-Meeder, K., Green, S. (2013). *Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care*. Located at <http://socialwork.buffalo.edu/social-research/institutes-centers/institute-on-trauma-and-trauma-informed-care.html>
- Butler, L. D., & **McClain-Meeder, K.** (2015). *Our Self-Care Site*. Revision of the earlier SSW self-care webpages. Located at <http://socialwork.buffalo.edu/resources/self-care-starter-kit.html>

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Butler, L. D., Linn, B. K., Bruce, S., Feigenbaum, J., & **McClain-Meeder, K.** (2014, October). *Joining forces: Training social work and nursing students to work with Veterans*. Paper presented at the 60th Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- Linn, B. K., Butler, L. D., Meeker, M. A., **McClain-Meeder, K.**, Bruce, S. A., & Nochajski, T. H. (2014, November). *"We don't complain about the little things:" Focus group explorations of the views of Veterans and military family members on healthcare needs and gaps*. Paper presented at the 142nd annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.