

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **EDUCATION**

2015	Master of Social Work University at Buffalo School of Social Work Buffalo, NY
2009	Bachelor of Arts in Drama University of Toronto Toronto, ON

### **PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

2019 – Present	New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
2016 – 2021	New York State Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### **Academic Experience**

2023 - Present	Clinical Assistant Professor University at Buffalo School of Social Work, Buffalo, NY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Faculty specializing in MSW student field education, community partnership development, and field-specific teaching.</li></ul>	

#### **Social Work Practice Experience**

2021 – 2023	Senior Clinical Trainer and Innovator BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo NY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Collaborated with agency management teams to formulate and implement trainings, and supervised team members.</li></ul>	
2020 – 2021	Clinical Trainer and Innovator BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo, NY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Independently designed, developed, and presented training curriculum for agency staff, including CEU-certified material.</li></ul>	

2018 – 2020	Counselor II BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provided individual and group psychotherapy in a community mental health clinic to a diverse range of adult clients.</li> </ul>
2015 – 2018	Social Worker III Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provided therapeutic supervised visitation with children and parents referred through Child Protective Services and Erie County Family Court.</li> </ul>

### **ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

2014 – 2015	Medical Social Work MSW Intern Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo, NY
2013 – 2014	School Social Work MSW Intern Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District, Sloan, NY

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2020 – 2021	Master of Social Work Program Field Educator BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo, NY
2017 – 2018	Master of Social Work Program Field Educator Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

### **HONORS**

2021	Field Office Special Recognition, University at Buffalo School of Social Work
2015	Louisa Cielen Award [nominated], University at Buffalo School of Social Work
2014	Provost Scholarship, University at Buffalo
2014	Dorothy Lynn Honorary Award [nominated], University at Buffalo School of Social Work
2014	Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society, Rho Kappa Chapter, University at Buffalo School of Social Work

## SERVICE

### Service to the University

Spring 2025	Facilitator, Interprofessional Education Forum
Fall 2024	Facilitator, Interprofessional Education Forum
Fall 2023	Facilitator, Interprofessional Education Forum

### Service to the School

2024 – Present	Project Coordinator, Safe Exchange Fellowship
2024 – Present	Member, Strategic Plan Community Engagement Committee
2024 – Present	Member, MSW Summer Admissions Committee
2024 – Present	Placement Coordinator, Foundation Year Erie/Niagara
Spring 2024	Working group to revitalize School's field education website
2023 – Present	Member, Committee on Students
2023 – Present	Member, MSW Admissions Committee
2023 – Present	Field Faculty Liaison (10-20 students/year)

### Service to the Profession

2023 – Present	Member, Field Community Advisory Board
2023 – Present	Member, North Central Field Directors Consortium
2023	Reviewer for book proposal, <i>The Healing Self: Developing Who You Are as a Clinician</i> , Cambridge University Press

## TEACHING

### University at Buffalo

#### 2025-2026

SW555: Field Seminar	MSW, Online
Safe Exchange Fellowship Seminar	MSW, Online

#### 2024-2025

SW555: Field Seminar	MSW, Online
SW974XCE: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy	MSW/Buffalo Niagara Summer Institute

#### 2023-2024

SW555: Field Seminar	MSW, Online
SW974XCE: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy	MSW/Buffalo Niagara Summer Institute

## **Teaching in Field Education (Annually)**

New Field Educator Orientation

Part-Time Advanced Year Field Refresher

Part-Time Advanced Standing Orientation to Field Education

Field Placement Information Session for Foundation and Advanced Year Students

Advanced Year Field Placement Advising Sessions

## **Continuing Education Courses (Annually)**

*Preparing for Effective Field Instruction* [2023-Present], University at Buffalo School of Social Work Office of Continuing Education, 2 CEU hours

*Acceptance and Commitment Therapy: An Introductory Course* [2024-Present]. University at Buffalo School of Social Work Office of Continuing Education, 12.5 CEU hours

*Artificial Intelligence: A Broad Overview of How the Technology Can Help Clients and Enhance Student Learning* [2025-Present], University at Buffalo School of Social Work Office of Continuing Education, 2 CEU hours

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Grants Received**

Stalker, K. (PI), Ball, A. (Co-PI), Lynch, M. (Co-I), & **Rubin, A. (Co-I)**, United States Department of Education, *The Buffalo Mental Health Service Professional Fellowship: Training School Social Workers to Address the Youth Mental Health Crisis*, 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2029, \$3,592,936

### **Publications**

**Rubin, A.**, Lynch, M., Sage, T., & Sage, M. (2024). *Embracing AI chatbots in social work education: A guide for social work practicum educators*.  
<https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.25374337.v1>

### **Peer-Reviewed Presentations**

**Rubin, A.**, Stalker, K., Lynch, M., Quartley, M., & James, S. (upcoming, 2025, October). *Empowering students with disabilities in practicum settings: Best practices and paths forward*. Council on Social Work Education 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

McClain-Meeder, K., **Rubin, A.**, & Lynch. M. (upcoming, 2025, October). *Friend or foe? Exploring the use of AI in SW education for diverse learners*. Council on Social Work Education 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Rubin, A. (2025, March). *Finding your “why”: Utilizing ACT values to reignite your social work drive*. Millennial Social Work Conference. Atlanta, GA.

**Rubin, A.**, Eadie, D., & Lynch, M. (2024, October). *Bridging the academy and the community: Socially just field education strategies to broaden access to an MSW*. New York State Social Work Education Association 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Saratoga Springs, NY.

**Rubin, A.** & Lynch, M. (2024, April). *Shifting ground: Responding to trends and the needs of part-time students*. Social Work Distance Education Virtual Conference. Virtual.

### **Invited Presentations: National**

**Rubin, A.** & Lynch, M. (2025, January). *Generative artificial intelligence in social work practice*. Presentation to the Social Work Distance Education Field Consortium Winter Meeting. Virtual.

### **Invited Presentations: Local & Regional**

**Rubin, A.** & Lynch, M. (2025, March). *Generative artificial intelligence in social work practice*. Presentation for faculty and staff of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Virtual.

Rubin, A. (2025, April). *Acceptance and commitment therapy basics: Part II*. Autism Roadmaps. Virtual.

Rubin, A. (2025, February). *Acceptance and commitment therapy basics*. Autism Roadmaps. Virtual.

Rubin, A. (2024, May). *Cognitive behavior therapy in medical settings: Utilizing basic counseling techniques to improve patient health outcomes*. Presentation to the UB Family Medicine Resident Grand Rounds. Erie County Medical Center. Buffalo, NY.

Rubin, A. (2024, February). *Cognitive behavior therapy in medical settings: Utilizing basic counseling techniques to improve patient health outcomes*. Presentation to the Primary Care Training and Enhancement Champion Program, Buffalo, NY.

Rubin, A. (2023, November). *Cognitive behavior therapy in medical settings: Utilizing basic counseling techniques to improve patient health outcomes*. Presentation to the Addiction Medicine Didactics Series, Buffalo, NY.

Stalker, K. & **Rubin, A.** (2023, June). *Trauma-informed care in higher ed: Tips for promoting staff and student wellbeing*. Presentation for University at Buffalo Division of Student Life Professional Development Day. Buffalo, NY

## Other Activities

**Rubin, A.** & Lynch, M. (2024, February). *Field education at the UB school of social work.* Presentation to Horizon Health Services, Buffalo, NY.

**Rubin, A.** & Lynch, M. (2023, December). *Field education at the UB school of social work.* Presentation to Spectrum Health and Human Services, Buffalo, NY.

Rubin, A. (2023). *Introduction to trauma and trauma-informed care.* Presentation to BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo, NY.

Rubin, A. (2020-2022). *Acceptance and commitment therapy.* Presentation to BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo, NY.

Rubin, A. (2020-2022). *Behaviorism.* Presentation to BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo, NY.

Rubin, A. (2020-2022). *Cognitive behavior therapy individual and group sessions.* Presentation to BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo, NY.

Rubin, A. (2020-2022). *Introduction to cognitive behavior therapy and therapeutic engagement.* Presentation to BestSelf Behavioral Health, Buffalo, NY.

Rubin, A. (2022). *Change management.* Presentation to consortium of BestSelf Behavioral Health, Endeavor Health Services, Horizon Health Services, and Spectrum Health and Human Services. Virtual.

Curry-Izzo, S. & **Rubin, A.** (2021). *Telehealth for the community: Lessons learned from 2020.* Presentation to Niagara University students. Virtual.

Curry-Izzo, S. & **Rubin, A.** (2021). *Introduction to telehealth.* Presentation to Niagara University faculty. Virtual.

Curry-Izzo, S. & **Rubin, A.** (2020). *Medication-assisted recovery.* Presentation to consortium of BestSelf Behavioral Health, Endeavor Health Services, Horizon Health Services, and Spectrum Health and Human Services. Buffalo, NY.