

## LINDSEY R. DISNEY, PHD, LCSW

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### EDUCATION

- PhD** University of Georgia  
School of Social Work  
May 2019  
*A Multi-Method Dissertation: Exploring the Intersections of Immigrants and Refugees; Employment, Unemployment, and Underemployment; and Mental Health*  
Committee members: Larry Nackerud; Orion Mowbray; Jane McPherson
- MSW** New York University  
Silver School of Social Work  
May 2011, *magna cum laude*
- BA** Nyack College  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
December 2007, *summa cum laude*

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### AREAS OF INTEREST

Refugees, immigrants, trauma, effective cross-cultural mental health treatment, mental health disparities, quantitative research methods, qualitative research methods

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020 to present Assistant Professor, University at Albany School of Social Welfare
- 2017 to 2020 Adjunct Instructor, Georgia State University School of Social Work

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### PUBLICATIONS

#### REFEREED

#### Journal Articles

- Mowbray, O. Campbell, R., Lee, M., Fatehi, M. & Disney, L. (Accepted July 2020). A systematic review of psychosocial recovery-based outcomes in peer support services. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*.
- Disney, L. & McPherson, J. (Accepted July 2020). Understanding refugee mental health and employment issues: Implications for social work practice. *Journal of Social Work in the Global Community*.
- Disney, L. (Accepted November 2019). The impact of employment on immigrant mental health: Results from a National Survey (NESARC). *Social Work*.
- Disney, L. (2017). Associations between humanitarianism, othering, and religious affiliation. *Social Work and*

*Christianity*, 44(3), 60-74.

Choi, Y. J., Elkins, J., & Disney, L. (2016). A critical review of intimate partner violence among immigrant populations: Engaging the faith community. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 29, 1-9. doi:10.1016/j.avb.2016.05.004.

Hanley, K., Zabar, S., Charap, J., Nicholson, J., Disney, L., Kalet, A., & Gillespie, C. (2014). Self-assessment and goal-setting is associated with an improvement in interviewing skills. *Medical Education Online*, 19(1), 24407.

Schlair, S., Hanley, K., Gillespie, C., Disney, L., Kalet, A., Darby, P. C., ... & Jay, M. (2012). How medical students' behaviors and attitudes affect the impact of a brief curriculum on nutrition counseling. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 44(6), 653-657.

Disney, L., & Poston, L. (2010). The breath of life: Christian perspectives on conception and ensoulment. *Anglican Theological Review*, 92(2), 271-295.

Disney, L. & Poston, L. (2009). When does human life begin? *Christian Ethics Today*, 15(3), 4-7.

### **Book Chapters**

Disney, L. & Blackford, S. (2017). Case management and elder homelessness prevention. In Michael Holosko (Ed.), *Social Work Case Management*. Sage Publications.

### **Book Reviews**

Disney, L. (2016). 101 Solution focused therapy questions for help with depression: A book review. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work*, 13(6), 1-2. doi:10.1080/23761407.2016.1187037

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

Disney, L., McPherson, J., and Jamal, Z. (Revise and resubmit August 2020). "We know more than that": The underemployment experiences of college-educated Iraqi refugees living in the US. *Journal of Refugee Studies*.

Disney, L., Mowbray, O., and Evans, D. (Abstract accepted June 2020). Telehealth use and refugee mental health providers following COVID-19 pandemic. *Clinical Social Work Journal*.

Mowbray, O., Campbell, R.D., Disney, L., Lee, M., Fatehi, M. & Scheyett, A. (Under review). Peer support provision and job satisfaction among certified peer specialists. *Social Work and Mental Health*.

Robinson, M., Kim, I., Mowbray, O., & Disney, L. (Under review). African Americans, Caribbean Blacks, and depression: Which biopsychosocial factors should social workers focus on? Results from the National Survey of American Life (NSAL). *Journal of Social Work Practice*.

Disney, L. & Purser, G. (In progress). Associations between workplace safety and burnout among Georgia social workers. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance*.

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Refereed**

- Disney, L., McPherson, J. & Jamal, Z.. (Under review, January 2021). *“Not the Chicken Factory”*: *The underemployment experiences of college-educated Iraqi refugees*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Fatehi, M., Mowbray, O., Robinson, M., Risler, E., Skinner, J., & Disney, L. (Under review, January 2021). *An examination of fidelity to day reporting center eligibility criteria among a statewide sample*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Mowbray, O., Campbell, R., Disney, L., Lee, M., Fatehi, M., & Scheyett, A. (Under review, January 2021). *Peer support provision and job satisfaction among certified peer specialists*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Disney, L. (January 2020). *The impact of employment on immigrant mental health: Results from a national survey (NESARC)*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Reducing Racial and Economic Inequality, Washington, DC.
- Disney, L., Robinson, M., Kim, I., & Mowbray, O. (January 2019). *African Americans, Caribbean Blacks, and depression: Which biopsychosocial factors should social workers focus on? Results from the National Survey of American Life (NSAL)*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Disney, L. (November 2018). *The complex relationship between refugee mental health and access to employment*. Poster presentation at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Orlando, FL.
- Disney, L. & Purser, G. (January 2017). *Associations between social work place safety and burnout*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Disney, L. & Mowbray, O. (November 2016). *Associations between humanitarianism, othering, and religious affiliation*. Poster presentation at the 62nd Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.
- Disney, L., McPherson, J. & Jamal, Z.. (June 2016). *The effects of underemployment on Iraqi refugees’ adaption to the U.S. and life satisfaction*. Discussion Forum Presentation at the Work and Family Researchers Network Conference, Washington, D.C..
- Disney, L. (February 2016). *Arabs and Muslims in the West: A theoretical approach to understanding the justification of discrimination in political and societal discourses in the U.S.*. Panel presentation at the UGA Graduate School Interdisciplinary Research Conference, Athens, Georgia.
- Disney, L. & Mowbray, O. (January 2016). *Associations between discrimination, religious affiliation, and Arab-American identity*. Poster presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Society of Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Schlair, S., Hanley, K., Disney, L., & Gillespie, C. (2008). *Does the impact of a novel nutrition curriculum depend on U.S. medical students’ own weight management?* Presentation at the AMA-BMA-CMA International Conference entitled Doctors’ Health Matters—Finding the Balance, BMA House, London England.
- Schlair, S., Hanley, K., Darby, P., & Disney, L. (2008). *Medical students’ dietary habits and attitudes before and after a novel nutrition curriculum*. Presentation at the American Association of Communication in Healthcare, Madison, WI.

Disney, L. & Poston, L. (2008). *Life (or something like it): Religious perspectives on conception, ensoulment, and childbirth*. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Eastern Region, McGill University, Montreal.

Disney, L. & Poston, L. (2008). *The breath of life: Historical Christian perspectives on conception and ensoulment*. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, Rhode Island.

### **Invited**

Disney, L. (September 2018). *How do we do this work? Cultural humility and ethics across cultures*. CEU workshop at the Positive Growth Professional Training Institute, Clarkston, GA.

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## **FUNDING**

### **Grants**

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| 2019       | <b>Post-Doctoral Data Analyst</b><br>State of Georgia Department of Community Supervision<br>Creation of an outcomes-based evaluation tool for Georgia Day Reporting Centers<br>\$286,945     |
| 2019       | <b>Project Manager</b><br>U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance<br><i>Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant</i><br>\$172,000           |
| 2016, 2017 | <b>Principal Investigator</b><br>University of Georgia, the Graduate School<br><i>Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant for Doctoral Students</i><br>\$1,000 (2016), \$1,100 (2017) |

### **Assistantships**

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| 2014 - 2016 | Research Assistantship, School of Social Work, University of Georgia, Athens, GA |
| 2016 - 2017 | Teaching Assistantship, School of Social Work, University of Georgia, Athens, GA |

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## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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| 2019 – 2020 | Postdoctoral Research Associate<br>Athens, GA<br>Partnership between the University of Georgia and Georgia Department of Community Supervision with research goals to develop valid and reliable program assessment instrument and examine outcomes associated with the provision of mental health and substance use counseling services. Responsible for statistical data analysis and writing of methods and results. |
| 2019 - 2020 | Project Manager<br>Athens, GA<br>Manage the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC). Collaboratively created Sequential Intercept Model.   |

- 2017            Instructional Designer  
Clarkston, GA  
Commissioned by non-profit organization to create workshop materials on refugee mental health for the Georgia Department of Health and other community agencies who work with refugees.
- 2016 - 2017    Principal Investigator  
Atlanta, GA  
Conducted qualitative research study using thematic analysis. Participants were college-educated Iraqi refugees living in the Atlanta area.
- 2014 - 2016    Research Assistant  
University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Dr. Jennifer Elkins and Dr. Michael Robinson. Conducted literature reviews. Prepared grant applications and journal manuscripts for submission.
- 2008 - 2010    Program Associate.  
New York University, School of Medicine, New York, NY  
Assisted course director in the implementation of the Physician, Patient and Society Course (the social work course) for medical students. Developed curriculum related to counseling and interview skills, cultural humility, IPV, substance abuse, and the U.S. healthcare system. Trained actors for Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs). Managed online course interface. Contributed to the development of research, papers, and presentations. Responsible for all data management.

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## AWARDS

- 2016            *Social Work and Christianity* Graduate Student Paper Award

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Instructor, SUNY Albany**

- 2020, Fall        BSW program, *Social Work Practice I* (RSSW 305), **Online** synchronous

### **Instructor, Georgia State University**

- 2020, Spring    BSW program, *Human Behavior in the Social Environment II* (SOWK 3400), **Online** asynchronous  
2018, Spring    BSW program, *Human Behavior in the Social Environment I* (SOWK 3300)  
2018, Spring    BSW program, *Human Behavior in the Social Environment II* (SOWK 3400)  
2017, Fall        BSW program, *Human Behavior in the Social Environment I* (SOWK 3300)  
2017, Fall        MSW program, *Human Development* (SOWK 7200), **Hybrid**

### **Instructor, University of Georgia**

- 2017, Spring    BSW program, *Direct Practice Methods* (SOWK 5524)  
2016, Fall        BSW program, *Service Learning* (SOWK 2154S), **Hybrid**

### **Co-Instructor, University of Georgia**

- 2016, Spring    MSW program, *Advanced Clinical Social Work Practices with Individuals* (SOWK 7203)

### **Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia**

- 2017, Fall        *Cognitive Behavior Therapy*. MSW program, Advanced Clinical

2017, Spring	Social Work Practices with Individuals (SOWK 7203) <i>Introduction to Play Therapy</i> . MSW program, Advanced Clinical Social Work Practices with Individuals (SOWK 7203)
2016, Spring	<i>Carl Rogers: Person-centered Therapy</i> . MSW program, Advanced Clinical Social Work Practices with Individuals (SOWK 7203)
2016, Spring	<i>Verbal Following, Exploring, and Reflecting Content</i> . MSW program, Direct Practice Methods (SOWK 6033)
2015, Fall	<i>Working with Refugees: Lessons from the Field</i> . MSW program. MSW program, Policy and Practice with Immigrants, Refugees, and Internally Displaced Persons (SOWK 6152)
2015, Fall	<i>Introduction to Mental Health</i> . BSW program, Introduction to Social Work (SOWK 2145)
2015, Fall	<i>International Social Work at Home</i> . MSW program, International Social Work (SOWK 5767)
2015, Spring	<i>Carl Whitaker: Symbolic-Experiential Family Therapy</i> . MSW program, Adv. Social Work Practices with Families (SOWK 7203)
2015, Spring	<i>Clinical Treatment Planning</i> . MSW program, Advanced. Social Work Practices with Families (SOWK 7203)
2014, Fall	<i>Assessment and Crossing Cultural Boundaries</i> . MSW program, Advanced Clinical Social Work Practices with Individuals (SOWK 7203)
2014, Fall	<i>Clinical Social Work with Culturally Diverse Populations</i> . MSW program, Advanced Clinical Social Work Practices with Individuals (SOWK 7203)

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## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2017 – Present	<p><b>Clinical Supervisor</b> <i>Positive Growth Inc., Clarkston, Georgia</i> Provide individual and group supervision to associate licensed social workers and professional counselors. Previously provided individual and group supervision to Master’s level interns from Kennesaw State University (MSW), John Hopkins (MSW), and Liberty University (LPC).</p>
2012 – Present	<p><b>Clinical Social Worker</b> <i>Positive Growth Inc., Clarkston, Georgia</i> Provide trauma-informed mental health treatment (individual, family, and group therapy) for low-income outpatient clinic serving refugee children, individuals, and families. High prevalence of severe PTSD and Major Depressive Disorder. Complete refugee IPV assessments for DFCS. Common case challenges include acculturation struggles, unemployment or underemployment, limited or no English ability, IPV, and chronic physical disabilities - requiring community collaboration and linkage skills.</p>
2011	<p><b>Clinical Social Worker</b> <i>Ark Family Counseling Center, Decatur, Georgia</i> Provided therapy and case management for low-income outpatient clinic serving teenage clients who resided in locked-down residential homes. Planned and taught crisis prevention with clients and caretakers. Collaborated with Juvenile Justice system and Department of Children Services.</p>
2010-2011	<p><b>Clinical Social Work Intern</b> <i>District Council 37, New York, New York</i> Collaborated with legal team, union representatives, and psychiatrist to provide holistic support to clients. Provided case management, crisis counseling, and referrals to outside agencies. Accessed donated funds to provide supportive services.</p>

- 2010            **Clinical Social Work Intern**  
*Henry Street Settlement, New York, New York*  
 Conducted individual therapy sessions with children. Conducted program evaluation that included leading focus groups, analyzing qualitative data, and providing reports.
- 2005-2007    **Home Health Aid**  
*Nyack, New York*  
 Assisted physically disabled woman in daily activities, ranging from personal care to recreational activities.
- 2005            **Interim Outreach Director**  
*Compassion Coalition, Knoxville, Tennessee*  
 Worked to unite local churches with governmental social services to best serve the Knoxville area. Supervised volunteers, conducted intakes, and disbursed multi-church funds to needy households.

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**SERVICE**

- 2009            **International Social Worker, Volunteer**  
*MAGNA Children at Risk, Kisumu, Kenya*  
 Volunteered at Slovakian international non-profit organization whose main objective is HIV prevention. Conducted home visits with Kenyan social worker. Taught HIV prevention classes to pregnant women who were HIV positive.
- 2005-2007    **ESL Teacher, Volunteer**  
*Sanuree Korean Church, Fort Lee, New Jersey*  
 Planned curriculum and taught ESL to recently immigrated Korean children and teenagers.
- 2003-2004    **AmeriCorps**  
*Emerald Avenue Youth Foundation, Knoxville, Tennessee*  
 Provided academic support, community service experiences, and mentorship for elementary children living in low income, high crime neighborhood. Engaged families with program and provided social service referrals.

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2011 – Present    Member of National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
 2015 – Present    Member of the Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
 2016 – Present    Member of the Work and Family Researcher’s Network (WFRN)  
 2016 – Present    Member of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW)  
 2016 – Present    Member of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

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**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES / LICENSES**

- 2014 – Present    Licensed Clinical Social Worker, License No. CSW005273,  
 State of Georgia  
 2015 – Present    Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA) Certification  
 2015 – Present    Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)  
 Certification  
 2020 – Present    Certified Clinical Trauma Specialist - Individual

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**LANGUAGES**

Basic Spanish language skills