

MELISSA EDMONDSON SMITH, PHD, MSSW
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Education:

Ph.D.	2012	University of Southern California School of Social Work Dissertation: <i>The impact of psychosocial rehabilitation on recovery outcomes for racial/ethnic minorities with severe mental illness</i>
M.S.S.W.	2002	Columbia University School of Social Work Concentration: Children and Family Services
B.A.	1999	University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences Major: Psychology Minor: African American Studies
Certification	2015	Administration of the Structured Interview for Psychosis-Risk Syndrome
Licensing	2004	<i>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)</i> (NY License# 066752-1: Deactivated as of 2008)
	2003-2004	<i>Certified Social Work (CSW)</i> (New York State)

Experience in Higher Education:

2020- present University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD,
Associate Professor

2012-2020 University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD,
Assistant Professor

Courses Taught:

SOWK610 Structural Oppression and It's Implications for Social
Work Practice

SWCL730: Clinical and Evidence- Supported Practices for
Individuals in Recovery from Serious Mental Illness

SWCL744: Psychopathology

SOWK645: Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Ph.D. committees:

Kerry-Ann Lee

The Interrelationships of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Alcohol

*Use in Adulthood, and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Perpetration
Among Black Men*
Degree conferred 5/2020

Lisa Fedina
*Understanding the Health Consequences of Sexual Victimization:
Assessing the Impact of Social and Economic Factors*
Degree conferred 5/2017

2012–2019 Office of Field Education, University of Maryland School of Social Work,
Baltimore, MD, *Field Faculty Liaison*

Experience in other than Higher Education:

2005 - 2006 Weston United Community Renewal, Inc., Casa Renacer, New York, NY,
Program Director

2003 - 2005 Weston United Community Renewal, Inc., Casa Renacer, New York, NY,
Program Coordinator

2005 FECS, Health and Human Services System, Bronx Continuing Day
Treatment Program, Bronx, NY, *Clinical Supervisor*

2002 - 2003 Visiting Nurse Service of New York, Community Care for Children, New
York, NY, *Social Worker*

2001- 2002 Association to Benefit Children, Homelessness Intervention Program/ The
Jamie Rose/A Child's Space, New York, NY, *Social Work Intern*

2000 - 2001 Bronx Psychiatric Center, Hispanic Inpatient Unit, Bronx, NY,
Social Work Intern

Honors Received:

Spring 2013 *Dean's Teaching Award*
University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD

Research Support:

Principal investigator:

7/18 - 6/20 University of Maryland School of Social Work Competitive Innovative
Research Award
*Exploring Perceptions of Community Integration for Diverse Individuals
with Severe Mental Illness Receiving Community Based Mental Health
Services in a Suburban Setting*
Co-I: Rohini Pahwa
Total Award: \$30,938

Co-principal investigator:

7/17 - 12/18 University of Maryland School of Social Work, Competitive Innovative

Research Award
Exploring Community Integration for Diverse Individuals with Severe Mental Illness
Total Award: \$19,995
Co-PI: Rohini Pahwa

2015 - 2016 University of Maryland School of Social Work, Competitive Innovative Research Award
M-Pathy Feasibility and Usability
Total Award: \$40,787
Co-PI: Jay Unick

Co-investigator:

5/17 - 4/20 National Institute of Mental Health (1R34MH110506-01A1)
Social Work Training to Reduce Duration of Untreated Psychosis
Total Award: \$680,934
Co-PIs: Robert Buchanan, Jordan DeVyllder, and Jason Schiffman

Consultant:

6/17 - 11/18 NYU University Challenge Grant
Community Integration of Individuals with Severe Mental Illness: A Consumer Perspective with ACT Client in New York
Total Award: \$14,000
PI: Rohini Pahwa
Co-PI: Helle Thorning

Publications:

Articles in Refereed Journals:

Andorko, N.D., Fitzgerald, F., Roemer, C., Solender, E., Petti, E., Rakhshan Rouhakhtar, P., McNamara K.E., **Smith M.E.**, Buchanan, R.W., Schiffman, J. & DeVyllder, J. (under review). A web-based training for community providers: Reducing the duration of untreated psychosis. *Early Intervention in Psychiatry*

Smith, M. E., Fedina, L., Lee, K. A., Sharpe, T., Pahwa, R., Barrio, C., & DeVyllder, J. (revise & resubmit). The impact of secondary exposure to gun violence fatality on psychosis-like experiences among three racial and ethnic groups. *Psychology of Violence*

Smith, M. E., & Pahwa, R. (revise & resubmit). Using qualitative interviewing to enhance social network interviewing - a research note on conducting social network research with vulnerable populations. *Field Methods*

Smith, M. E., Pahwa, R., Harrison, G., & Sharpe, T. (in press). A social ecological model for navigating safety across time: The experience of Black adults with serious mental illnesses. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*

- Pahwa, R., Dougherty, R., Kelly, E., Davis, L., **Smith, M.E.**, & Brekke, J. (in press). Is it safe?: Community integration for individuals with serious mental illness. *Research on Social Work Practice*.
- Pahwa, R., **Smith, M. E.**, Kelly, E. L., Dougherty, R. J., Thorning, H., Brekke, J. S., & Hamilton, A. (2020). Definitions of community for individuals with serious mental illnesses: Implications for community integration and recovery. *Administration And Policy In Mental Health And Mental Health Services Research*. doi:10.1007/s10488-020-01055-w
- Smith, M. E.**, Sharpe, T. L., Richardson, J., Pahwa, R., Smith, D., & DeVlyder, J. (2020). The impact of secondary exposure to gun violence fatality on mental health outcomes in four U.S. urban settings. *Social Science & Medicine*
doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112587>
- Pahwa, R., **Smith, M. E.**, Patankar, K. U., & Ghosh, S. (2020). Social networks, community integration and recovery for individuals with severe mental illnesses in India and the U.S.: A comparative study. *Community Mental Health Journal*, doi: [10.1007/s10597-019-00546-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-019-00546-x)
- Fedina, L., Bright, C. L., Campbell, R., & **Smith, M. E.** (2019). Experiences of sexual assault, economic insecurity, and health in an ethnically diverse sample of women. *Psychology of Violence*. <https://doi-org.proxy-hs.researchport.umd.edu/10.1037/vio0000272>
- Smith, M. E.**, Yamada, A. M., Barrio, C., Pahwa, R.,*Hurlburt, K., & Brekke, J. (2019). A quick scoping review of psychosocial treatment recommendations for African Americans with schizophrenia spectrum disorder. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 28(3), 263-281. doi: 10.1080/15313204.2019.1640823
- Millman, Z. B., Rakhshan, P. J., DeVlyder, J. E., **Smith, M. E.**, Phalen, P. L., Woods, S.W., . . . & Schiffman, J. (2019). Evidence for differential predictive performance of the prime screen between Black and White help-seeking youths. *Psychiatric Services in Advance*. doi: 10.1176/appi.ps.201800536
*Article selected for August 2019 *Psychiatric Services* Editor's Choice Early Psychosis Intervention Curated Collection
- Pahwa, R., **Smith, M. E.**, Yuan, Y., & Padget, D. (2019). The ties that bind and unbound ties: Experiences of formerly homeless individuals in recovery from serious mental illness and substance use. *Qualitative Health Research*, 29(9), 1313-1323. doi:10.1177/1049732318814250
- Jun, H-J., Nam, B., Fedina, L., **Smith, M. E.**, Schiffman, J., Link, B., & DeVlyder, J. E. (2018). Paranoid beliefs and realistic expectations of victimization: Data from the survey of police-public encounters. *Schizophrenia Research*, 199, 326-332.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.schres.2018.02.046>
- DeVlyder, J. E., Cogburn, C., Oh, H. Y., Anglin, D., **Smith, M. E.**, Sharpe, T., . . . & Link, B. (2017). Psychotic experiences in the context of police victimization: Data

from the survey of police-public encounters. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 43(5), 993–1001. <https://doi.org/10.1093/schbul/sbx038>

- Bessaha, M. L., Shumway, M., **Smith, M. E.**, Bright, C. L., & Unick, G. J. (2017). Predictors of hospital length and cost of stay in a national sample of adult patients with psychotic disorders. *Psychiatric Services*, 68(6), 559-565. doi: 10.1176/appi.ps.201600312
- Bentley, E., Millman, Z. B., Thompson, E., Demro, C., Kline, E., Pitts, S., DeVlyder, J., Smith, M.E., Reeves, G. & Schiffman, J. E. (2016). High-risk diagnosis, social stress, and parent-child relationships: A moderations model. *Schizophrenia Research*, 174(1-3), 65-70. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.schres.2016.04.014>
- Pahwa, R., **Smith, M. E.**, McCullough, C., Hoe, M., & Brekke, J. (2016). Social support-centered versus symptom-centered models in predicting functional outcomes for individuals with schizophrenia. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 7(2), 247-268. doi: 10.1086/686770
- Wilson, C., **Smith, M. E.**, Thompson, E., Demro, C., Kline, E., Bussell, K., . . . & Schiffman, J. (2016). Context matters: The impact of neighborhood crime and paranoid symptoms on psychosis risk assessment. *Schizophrenia Research*, 171(1-3), 56-61. doi: 10.1016/j.schres.2016.01.007
- Smith, M. E.**, Lindsey, M. A., Williams, C. D., Medoff, D. R., Lucksted, A., Fang, L. J., . . . & Dixon, L. (2014). Race-related differences in experiences of family members of persons with mental illness participating in the NAMI family to family education program. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 54(3/4), 316–327 doi: 10.1007/s10464-014-9674-y
- Edmondson, M.**, Pahwa, R., Lee, K. K., Hoe, M., & Brekke, J. S. (2012). A dual change model of life satisfaction and functioning for individuals with schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research*, 139(1-3), 110-115. doi:10.1016/j.schres.2012.04.014

Book Chapters:

- Wilson, C., **Smith, M. E.**, & Schiffman, J. (2017). Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders: Cultural factors. In Amy E. Wenzel (Ed.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology* (pp. 2944-2947). SAGE, Thousand Oaks, CA. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781483365817.n1179>

Book Reviews:

- Edmondson, M.** (2013). [Book Review]. Review of the book, *First Person Accounts of Mental Illness and Recovery*. *Qualitative Social Work*, 12, 707-709. doi: 10.1177/1473325013497156 (5-Year JCR Impact Factor: 1.372)

Presentations:

Refereed Presentations:

Bunch, D., Petti, E., Andorko, ND., Rakhshan Rouhakhtar, P., Fitzgerald, J., Roemer, C., **Smith ME.**, DeVlyder, J., Buchanan, RW., Schiffman, J. (2020, April). *Examining a Web-Based Training for Social Workers on the benefits of Early Psychosis Screening*. Poster virtually presented at Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day, Baltimore, MD.

Smith, M. E., *Fedina, L., *Lee, K. A., Sharpe, T., Pahwa, R., Barrio, C. & DeVlyder, J. (2020). *The impact of secondary exposure to gun violence fatality on psychosis-like experiences among three racial and ethnic groups*. Society for Social Work and Research 2020 Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

Smith, M. E., Sharpe, T. L., Richardson, J., Smith, D., Link, B., Pahwa, R., *Lee, K. A., & DeVlyder, J. (2019, April). *The impact of secondary exposure to gun violence fatality on mental health outcomes in four urban settings*. Correlates, Causes, and Solutions for Firearm Violence in America Conference, Hartford, CT.

Smith, M. E., Pahwa, R., & Sharpe, T. (2019, January). *"A safe place to live": The importance of neighborhood safety in community experiences for adults with serious mental illness*. Society for Social Work and Research 2019 Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Pahwa, R., **Smith, M. E.**, Yuan, Y., & Padget, D. (2019, January). *The ties that bind and unbound ties: Experiences of formerly homeless individuals in recovery from serious mental illness and substance use*. Society for Social Work and Research 2019 Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Sharpe, T. L., **Smith, M. E.**, Richardson, J., Pahwa, R., Smith, D., & DeVlyder, J. (2019, January). *Examining the impact of secondary exposure to gun violence on mental health outcomes, suicidal ideation, and psychotic experiences in four urban settings*. Society for Social Work and Research 2019 Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Bessaha, M. L., Shumway, M., **Smith, M. E.**, Bright, C. L., & Unick, G. J. (2017, January). Predictors of hospital length and cost of stay in a national sample of adult patients with psychotic disorders. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Wilson, C., **Smith, M. E.**, Thompson, E., Demro, C., Kline, Bussell, K., E., ... & Schiffman, J. (2015, October). *Context matters: The impact of neighborhood crime and paranoid symptoms on psychosis assessment*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Smith, M. E. (2014, April). *Functioning and quality of life trajectories in severe mental illness*. Poster presented at to the 22nd National Institute of Mental Health Conference on Mental Health Services Research, Bethesda, MD.

Invited Presentations:

May 2019 *Invited Presenter*, Cultural Considerations in Early Identification and Treatment of Psychosis, School of Medicine, Maryland Early Intervention Program (EIP) Advisory Council Meeting

January 2013 *Invited Panelist*, Council on Social Work Education, Minority Fellow Program: Alumni Mentoring Panel; Society for Social Work and Research 17th Annual Conference, San Diego, CA

Professional Activities:

Professional Associations:

2007-Present *Member*, Council on Social Work Education
2007-Present *Member*, Society for Social Work and Research

Board Member:

2018–Present People Encouraging People, Inc.

Grant Reviewer Activities:

2017 University of Maryland College Park-University of Maryland Baltimore Research and Innovation Partnership Seed Grant Program

Professional Conference Planning Committees:

2020 Early Psychosis Care Virtual Conference

Journal Reviewer/Editorial Board Member:

2017-Present *Editorial Board Member*, Social Work in Mental Health Journal
2017 - 2018 *Ad Hoc Reviewer*, Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology
2013-Present *Ad Hoc Reviewer*, Social Work in Mental Health
2015-Present *Ad Hoc Reviewer*, Schizophrenia Bulletin
2019-Present *Ad Hoc Reviewer*, Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research

University and SSW Service:

University Service:

May 2019 *Invited Presenter*, Cultural Considerations in Early Identification and Treatment of Psychosis, School of Medicine, Maryland Early Intervention Program (EIP) Advisory Council Meeting
May 2015 *Invited Panelist*, University of Maryland, Department of Psychiatry, Child Psychiatry Fellows Journal Club

School of Social Work Service:

2017-Present *Chair*, Admissions Committee
2017, August *Keynote speaker*: University of Maryland School of Social Work New Student Orientation, Universities at Shady Grove satellite campus
2016 - 2017 *Member*, Admissions Committee
2016 - 2017 *Member*, Ad Hoc Anti-Plagiarism Workgroup
2016, Spring *Member*, Assistant Dean of Admissions Job Search Committee
2015, August *Keynote speaker*: University of Maryland School of Social Work New

- 2015, April Student Orientation, Universities at Shady Grove satellite campus
Invited Speaker: Organization Of African-American Students In Social Work (OASIS) Panel Discussion On Black Social Workers
- 2013-2020 *Coordinator,* Research Assistant Scholar Program
- 2013-Present *Member,* Scholarship Committee
- 2013 – 2016 *Member,* Field Education Curriculum Committee
- 2012-Present *Member,* Clinical Curriculum Committee
- 2012 - 2017 *Member,* Human Behavior and the Social Environment Course Committee