

Alicia Chatterjee

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

- Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare | Expected May 2024
- Master of Social Work | Clinical Concentration | May 2020
- Master of Science in Education | August 2018

Tufts University, Medford, MA

- Bachelor of Arts | Anthropology | May 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-present **Research Assistant.** Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Healthcare-Connected Intimate Partner Violence Counseling: Client Perspectives. PI Dr. Melissa Dichter.

- Utilize grounded theory to complete qualitative research including code development, coding, and data analysis on the experiences of domestic violence survivors seeking agency support and practicing survivor advocacy in Philadelphia
- Co-authored research report on findings for participating intimate partner violence counseling agencies

2019-2020 **Research Assistant.** Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania. Contemporary African America: A Multidisciplinary Reader. PI Dr. John Jackson, Jr.

- Review and edit scholarly submissions on diverse topics covered within contemporary African American studies

2017-2018 **Research Assistant.** School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania. National Science Foundation Grant: Program on Sexuality, Technology, & Action Research. PI Dr. José A. Bauermeister.

- Performed code development, coding, and data analysis in a large-scale mixed methods research project
- Compiled interactive and national health resource for LGBTQ youth at risk of contracting HIV

2018 **Research Assistant.** Center for Public Health Initiatives, University of Pennsylvania. Healthy Library Initiative. PI Dr. Carolyn Cannuscio.

- Completed qualitative interviews to determine community needs in various Philadelphia neighborhoods
- Interpreted community needs assessments to inform curriculum development for library staff health trainings in four areas: trauma, homelessness, immigration, and mental health

- 2012 “Mecanismos de Opresión. Una Exploración del Género en La Población del Folklore.” Independent Study. School for International Training. Valparaiso, Chile.
- Authored and published a Spanish language report on the complex dynamics of domestic, community, and state gendered violence in El Folklore used by NGO, El Puerto, in initiative design
- 2011 “Processes of Inclusion and Exclusion in East Somerville.” Research Course: Urban Borderlands. Tufts University. Medford, MA.
- Authored report using original research to describe systemic racism experienced by immigrant owned restaurants in East Somerville, MA
 - Presented findings to Somerville City Planning and submitted final report to the Tufts University Digital Archive Collection

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts Under Preparations:

- 2021 Park, Y. & **Chatterjee, A.** Key Words: Social Work Discourse Analysis.
- 2021 **Chatterjee, A.** Displacing a Community, Professionalizing a Practice: Race and Pathology in the Eviction of Malaga Island.

Manuscripts in Submission:

- 2021 Dichter, M., **Chatterjee, A.**, Protasiuk, E., & Newman, B. “I’d Go From a Mountain Top and Tell My Story”: Perspectives of Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence on Storytelling for Social Change. *Violence Against Women*. (Under Revision).

Other Publications and Reports:

- 2012 Chatterjee, Alicia. “Mecanismos de Opresión: Una Exploración del Género en La Población del Folklore.” Published by SIT Independent Study Collection.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Displacing a Community, Professionalizing a Practice: Race and Pathology in the Eviction of Malaga Island. Social Work, White Supremacy, and Racial Justice. University of Houston.
- 2019 Shifting Perspectives: From cultural competency to cultural humility and related concepts in public health social work. American Public Health Association 2019 Annual Meeting and Exposition. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 How Open is “We’re open to everybody”? Fostering Cultural Humility and Building Organizational Capacity to Work with LGBTQ+ Youth. End AIDS: The HIV Prevention and Outreach Summit. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Project Outcomes: The Art of Life After. Presentation to Board of Massachusetts National Organization for Women. Boston, MA.
- 2011 Research Findings Presentation: “Processes of Inclusion and Exclusion in East Somerville.” Somerville City Planning. Somerville, MA.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Award for Clinical Excellence. Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Social Work.
- 2017-2019 Merit Scholarship. University of Pennsylvania.
- 2016 Innovation Fund Grant. Riverside Community Care. \$6,000.
- 2015 Feminism in Action Award. National Organization for Women. \$3,000.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2020 **Clinical Social Work Intern.** University of Pennsylvania Counseling and Psychological Services.
Philadelphia, PA
- Provided individual psychotherapy to university student population with a focus on multi-cultural therapy, psychodynamic interventions, identity development, and surviving trauma
 - Designed and co-facilitated group therapy for graduate student women with a focus on relational therapy
 - Collaborated on multi-disciplinary teams including psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers in the provision of optimal clinical care
 - Participated in committees Diversity Equity and Inclusion and Sexual Trauma Treatment and Prevention
- 2018-2019 **Bilingual Social Work Intern.** Concilio.
Philadelphia, PA
- Maintained a small clinical and bilingual caseload of clients who have been affected by violence or homicide in North Philadelphia with a focus on Cognitive Behavioral and Psychodynamic frameworks
 - Co-facilitated a support space for women impacted by violence and trauma in Philadelphia with an emphasis on psychoeducation, community-building, and art and relaxation
 - Provided court-based advocacy for victims of crime testifying in the Philadelphia Municipal Court
 - Participated in designing and implementing Concilio's first clinical program under the Victim Witness to Violence department
- 2018-2019 **Graduate Assistant.** Penn Violence Prevention.
Philadelphia, PA
- Developed programming and trainings to reach graduate students across twelve graduate schools on issues of intimate and sexual violence education and prevention
 - Partnered with graduate students in the development of anti-sexual harassment policy and practice recommendations
 - Designed and co-facilitated support space for graduate students impacted by sexual violence
 - Co-led Graduate and Professional Student Association Sexual Harassment Reform Committee in the development of anti-sexual harassment policy and practice

- 2014-2017 **Co-Founder.** The Art of Life After.
Boston, MA
- Led grant-winning and multi-disciplinary art and healing project for survivors of sexual violence
 - Organized annual therapeutic art and performance events, including two public art shows and a workshop series, attended by upwards of 300 people over two years
 - Created and maintained website and social media presence for purposes of project promotion, resource circulation for survivors, and awareness raising around issues of sexual violence
 - Wrote first place grant proposal to national policy organization NOW and completed, in excess of goal, significant additional community fundraising
- 2014 - 2017 **Bilingual Therapeutic Training and Support Worker.** The Guidance Center.
Somerville, MA.
- Partnered with clinicians to provide intensive in-home therapy services using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy framework with a therapeutic focus on Spanish speaking and immigrant families
 - Led crisis intervention for children and families to establish both short- and long-term safety planning in situations ranging from homelessness to domestic violence to self-harm
 - Identified critical resources for families with a focus on housing, immigration, and employment
 - Designed and co-facilitated bi-weekly group supervision for staff of color at to mitigate staff turn-over and support diverse and multi-lingual clinical workers
 - Winner of grant award to design and lead a yoga, art, and mindfulness group for teenage girls impacted by trauma concluding in a community art show facilitated with teenage leadership
- 2013 - 2014 **Corps Member.** City Year.
Boston, MA.
- Served in a 7th grade English class, supporting over 70 students in coursework, attendance, and behavior through intensive small-group work and weekly individualized interventions
 - Worked in a team to implement a daily after-school program for over 50 students
 - Founded and facilitated a twice-weekly “girls group” for 7th grade girls with a curriculum designed to build mentor relationships and provide health education

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2020 - present Mindfulness Facilitator, Many Faces Sangha. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2020 - 2021 Apprentice, La Mala Yerba Herbalism School. Boston, MA.
- 2015 - 2017 Facilitator, Staff of Color Affinity Group. The Guidance Center. Somerville, MA.
- 2016 - 2017 Yoga Teacher, New Beginnings Domestic Violence Support Group. Somerville, MA.
- 2015 - 2016 Teacher, Mindfulness & Expression: Teen Support Group. Cambridge, MA.
- 2012 - 2013 Co-Founder, Survivor’s Support Network. Tufts University. Medford, MA.

2009 - 2013 Health Educator and Leadership Council Member. Peer Health Exchange. Tufts University.

ACADEMIC SERVICE POSITIONS

2020 – 2021 Co-Leader. Doctoral Student Alliance for Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression. University of Pennsylvania.

2020 - 2021 PhD Representative. School of Social Policy and Practice Student Government. University of Pennsylvania.

CERTIFICATIONS

2017 Trauma Informed Yoga Teacher Training Certification – 200 Hour, Four Corners Yoga School. Dorchester, MA.

2013 MA State Certified Rape Crisis Counselor, Tufts University, Medford, MA.

LANGUAGES

English (Native Fluency)

Spanish (Fluent)