

Ryan Grace

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Education

Fordham University Graduate School of Education, New York, NY

Masters of Science in Education, Mental Health Counseling, Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Counsel (MPCAC), May 2015

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Ga

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, May 2010

Licensing and Credentials

Mental Health Counselor, Limited Permit

New York State Education Department, New York

Valid: 8/25/2015 – 8/25/2017

Honors

Hope Scholarship Recipient, Award for Excellent Research, Dean's List

Relevant Experience

New York University Langone Medical Center, New York, NY

Research Coordinator, December 2016 – Present

- Coordinating the development and revision of surveys about neighborhoods, network, and PrEP use and adherence; Creating and modifying surveys using Questionnaire Development Software syntax; reviewing and recommending changes
- Conducting comprehensive literature searches and reviews to answer relevant questions pertaining to PrEP uptake and adherence, as well as developing study protocols
- Ensuring study's day-to-day needs are met; overseeing calendar and workflow; ensuring deadlines are met; Facilitating communication between investigators and advisory committee; ensuring vendors and consultants are compensated; ensuring study has needed supplies
- Auditing and managing data in the study's database and ensuring data can link properly; synthesizing data, preparing forms and reports, and performing an array of functions for reports and publications
- Assisting with preparation of progress reports, presentations, and manuscripts by helping to interpret study findings and drafting results
- Assisting with research administration, including editing abstracts, manuscripts, and grants and overseeing preparation and submission to internal oversight offices such as the Office of Clinical Trials or the Institutional Review Board
- Combining and evaluating information and data to make decisions about relative importance of information and choosing the best solution to solve problems

The Institute for Family Health, New York, NY

Mental Health Counselor/Retention and Treatment Adherence Specialist, June 2016 – December 2016

- Providing retention in care and medication adherence support and education for individuals living with HIV/AIDS
- Helping clients identify barriers to treatment and medication adherence
- Collaborating with psychiatrists, case managers, medical physicians, and other support personnel to develop individual treatment goals
- Providing individual and group therapy to individuals coping with daily life stressors, mental illness, and substance abuse
- Conducting interviews, testing, suicide and risk assessments, and safety planning sessions with patients
- Providing partner notification assistance, crisis interventions, and PrEP education
- Keeping detailed notes and records on patients and monitoring their progress

Community Counseling and Mediation, Brooklyn, NY

Mental Health Counselor, June 2015 – May 2016

- Providing individual and group counseling to individuals coping with daily life stressors, mental illness, substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS
- Helping clients identify barriers to treatment and medication adherence
- Collaborating with psychiatrists, social workers, medical physicians, and other support personnel to develop individual treatment plans
- Conducting interviews, testing, and risk assessment sessions with patients in order to evaluate their mental condition and formulate treatment plans

- Performing crisis intervention as needed
- Keeping detailed notes and records on patients and monitoring their progress

**FEGS Health and Human Services, Bronx PROS Department, New York, NY
Mental Health Counselor Intern, September 2014 – May 2015**

- Providing individual assessment, treatment planning and psychotherapy services to socio-culturally diverse adult population diagnosed with affective disorders, schizophrenia, intellectual disabilities, and social anxiety disorders
- Collaborating with treatment team of clinical social workers, psychiatrists, psychologists and rehabilitation counselors to develop individualized treatment plans
- Leading daily psychotherapy groups using multi-modal approaches: cognitive therapy, behavioral therapy and expressive arts

**Jennie Park-Taylor, PhD, Department of Education, Fordham University, New York, NY
Research Assistant, September 2014 – May 2015**

- Exploring the experience of African American men in the context of stereotypes and media's impact on sense of self as it pertains to masculinity and maleness.
- Conducting research interviews and coded the gathered qualitative information

**Roxanne Donovan, PhD, Psychology Department, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
Research Assistant, August 2007 – May 2010**

- Explored the impact of race related micro and macro-aggressions on the well-being of college-aged women identifying as Black.
- Constructed the research design with a team of colleagues, including collecting data from hundreds of participants, conducting multiple regressions on the data, and synthesizing the information.
- Co-edited and authored the project's published research article.

**Department of Psychology, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
Mentor, September 2009 – May 2010**

- Worked with freshman and sophomore mentees in a one on one setting to help them develop education goals.
- Helped students increase time management skills as it pertained to studying and balancing school, work, and personal life.
- Specified ways to improve study habits

Publications and Presentations

Donovan, R.A., Galban, D.J., Grace, R.K., Bennett, J.K., & Felicié, S.Z. (2010). Impact of Racial Macro and Microaggressions in Black Women's Lives: A Preliminary Analysis. Kennesaw State University, Journal of Black Psychology. Advance online publication. doi 10.1177/0095798412443259

Donovan, R. A., Bennett, J. K., Galban, D. J., Felicié, S. Z., Watson, B., & Grace, R. K. (2010). Black women's mental health: Role of racial microaggressions and macroaggressions. Poster presented at the annual American Psychological Association Convention, San Diego, CA.

Additional Experience

Peace & Diversity Academy High School, Bronx, NY

Mental Health Counselor (Volunteer), March 2015 – June 2015

- Providing weekly individual counseling to a student with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Chun Zhang, PhD, Department of Education, Fordham University, New York, NY

Graduate Assistant, September 2014 – May 2015

- Collected research information geared towards special education services/education for children with disabilities as well as the collaboration between regular early childhood teachers and special education itinerant teachers.

Zirtual, Inc., San Francisco, California

Personal Assistant, September 2012 – September 2014

- Coordinate personal requests such as scheduling appointments, phone calls, payments, and reservations.
- Perform business projects such as research projects and inputting company data and information.
- Gained interpersonal and communication skills

Dept. of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
Member, August 2008 – May 2009

- Administered and supervised the procedures surrounding alleged infractions of the KSU Student Code of Conduct and other University policies.
- As a student member, I was trained to hear complaints, arrive at fair and impartial conclusions and deliver clear and direct recommendations.
- Assisted in the preparation and presentation of misconduct cases before the University Hearing Panel when necessary.

Professional Service

Reviewer, Journal of Black Psychology, 2010 to 2012

Activities

Family Law Society

Black Law Students Association

OutLaw: The LGBT Law and Policy Group

The Syracuse Public Interest Network