

CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING RESEARCH ***(BHWELL)***

IMPACT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

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INTRODUCTION

The Center for Behavioral Health and Well-Being Research (BHWELL, previously BHWELL Lab), housed within The University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), entered its third year of existence during Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24). This report includes highlights from BHWELL regarding accomplishments during FY24 and plans for the upcoming year.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Center for Behavioral Health and Well-Being Research (BHWELL) is committed to developing, implementing, and disseminating collaborative research, training, and education. We seek to foster equity by advancing behavioral health and promoting well-being among individuals, families, and communities within and around Baltimore, the State of Maryland, and globally.

We focus on emerging adult and adult behavioral health and well-being, viewed and provided through an equity lens. We strive to provide leadership in the social work profession while partnering with other disciplines and community stakeholders to translate research into practice and inform future research based on practice experience and community input.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (EDI) & VALUES

Founded in UMSSW JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) principles, all programs and projects affiliated with BHWELL are grounded in the ideals of our diverse profession. BHWELL faculty, staff, students, and community members expand their knowledge and skillset by attending JEDI-focused webinars and trainings, subscribing to JEDI-focused or infused newsletters, website updates and journals, and participating in anti-racist accountability and affiliate groups, and reading groups. We also review our mission and values for the Center at the beginning of each meeting to keep us grounded in the work that we are striving to do.

Select examples of JEDI-focused activities that BHWELL Associates have participated in during FY24 include:

- Several Associates and other faculty connected to BHWELL presented on a wide range of important diversity, equity, and inclusion-related topics at the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, including Neijma Celestine-Donnor, Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Dr. Nalini Negi, Professor, Dr. Geoffrey Greif, Distinguished University Professor, and Dr. Michael Woolley, Professor.
- Attended UMSSW ODEI-sponsored events including the first annual JEDI Summit, UMSSW Lexington Market Day, Gratitude Project, and the Equity Training for UMB and UMSSW Search Committees.
- Incorporated JEDI principles and increased inclusivity in teaching curricula and professional activities and events, grant applications, and research protocols.
- Participated in BIPOC Affinity Groups and on JEDI Advisory Boards and Committees at UMSSW and in related professional organizations, working to infuse JEDI into existing and new policies, communications, and daily work.

BHWELL PROGRAM & PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Below are select new or continuation projects supported by external funding during FY24.



Maryland State Opioid Response (SOR) III, Data to Action Toolkit

PI: Jay Unick

Funder: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Dates: April 2023 - September 2024

The purpose of this project is to understand the data and information needs of Maryland SOR-funded stakeholders and other providers of opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery services to develop a “Data to Action” toolkit. To develop this toolkit, interviews across the state of Maryland are conducted to identify the data and information needs of stakeholders. This publicly available toolkit aims to assist and guide SOR stakeholders and providers towards best evidence-based practices for opioid prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery among specific populations.

Thai Kickboxing as an Adjunct to Talk Therapy among Male Afghan Refugees: A Feasibility Study

PI: Lynn Michalopoulos

Funder: Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, Community Engaged Research Pilot Grant

Dates: May 2024 - April 2025

This study examines the feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary impact on mental health (specifically post-traumatic stress) after engaging in a 12-week Thai Kickboxing class among male Afghan refugees. In addition, the research team will explore how a Thai kickboxing class might engender embodied belonging among participants. This study is an interdisciplinary project including faculty from the School of Medicine, Department of Kinesiology at College Park and the School of Social Work.



Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Help-Seeking among Men in Ohio: Evaluation of Man Therapy Ohio Public Health Campaign

PI: Jodi Frey

Funder: Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Dates: January 2024 - June 2025

Man Therapy Ohio is a state-wide initiative of the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) aimed at reducing suicides in Ohio Men. Man Therapy was designed for men to reshape the conversation about suicide prevention and broader men’s mental health, using stories of hope, resilience, and recovery, coupled with humor, to cut through stigma and tackle challenging issues. This study will explore the connection between using Man Therapy and mental health help-seeking behaviors among working-aged and older men within their community.



Connections 4 PrEP (C4P) - A Holistic Prep Service Network for Black Men: A Randomized Clinical Trial of Client-centered Care Coordination (C4) to Improve Preexposure Prophylaxis Use for Black Men who have Sex with Men

PI: Darren Whitfield

Funder: National Institutes of Mental Health

Dates: September 2023 - June 2028

The goal of this project is to determine the efficacy of client-centered care coordination (C4) for increasing PrEP adherence among Black men who have sex with men (MSM). We will further determine the optimal dose of C4 implementation for maximizing its effect on PrEP adherence and describe the acceptability and feasibility of C4 implementation in community settings. The team aims to randomize 350 Black MSM into either the immediate C4 intervention arm or the waitlist control arm using a delayed intervention design in two priority communities: New York, NY and Washington DC.

Prioritizing Our Women's Economic Rise (POWER)

PI: Jodi Frey

Funder: JP Morgan Chase Foundation

Dates: March 2022 - January 2025

POWER focuses on wealth-building and workforce development for Black and Latina women throughout Baltimore City. Through the POWER grant, a coalition of local, community-based organizations are providing training, resources, access to capital, and wraparound supports to help women pursue careers in high-growth, nontraditional sectors including real estate, construction, and entrepreneurship.



COLLABORATIONS

BHWell's infrastructure currently includes a Faculty Executive Director, Program Director, and Public Relations Specialist. 20 SSW faculty and staff have signed Associate agreements. Currently, faculty and staff are not paid for their time by BHWell.

Faculty Executive Director, Dr. Jodi J. Frey*

Program Director, Amanda Mosby*

Public Relations Specialist, Erika Shook*

UMSSW AFFILIATED FACULTY AND STAFF

1. Michele Beaulieu*, MSW, LCSW-C
2. Christine Callahan*, PhD, MSW
3. Iris Cardenas*, PhD, MSW, LSW
4. Neijma Celestine-Donnor, JD, MSW, LCSW-C
5. Laurie Graham*, PhD, MSW
6. Geoffrey Greif*, PhD, LCSW-C
7. Seante Hatcher*, MSW, LCSW-C
9. Karen Hopkins*, PhD, MSW
10. Brook Kearley*, PhD, MA
11. Nancy Kusmaul, PhD, MSW
12. Ericka Lewis*, PhD, LMSW
13. Megan Meyer*, PhD, MSW
14. Lynn Michalopoulos*, PhD, AM
15. Nalini Negi, PhD, MSW
16. Theda Rose*, PhD, MSW
17. Paul Sacco*, PhD, MSW
18. Corey Shdaimah, PhD, LL.M., LL.B.
19. Michelle Tuten, PhD, MSW
20. Jay Unick*, PhD, MSW
21. Dianna Vass, PhD, MBA
22. Fernando Wagner*, ScD, MPH
23. Darren Whitfield*, PhD, MSW
24. Michael Woolley*, PhD, MSW

**denotes members that signed an Associate Agreement form*

FACULTY & STAFF

We held several meetings over the year to work with BHWWell Associates and connected faculty, staff, and students to build collaborations within and outside of BHWWell.

Examples of BHWWell collaborations include Karen Hopkins and Megan Meyer, whose scholarship aims to examine the experience of women and women of color in the Human Services Leadership and Management Certificate program. Drs. Hopkins and Meyer worked to revise and rebrand the certificate program to better target and serve women and women of color and is available to members of the UMB campus, alumni, and health and human service professionals throughout the state and country. This involved securing instructors, coaches, and workshop content, developing Pre-Post Assessment tool that reflects the human-centered leadership framework and pillars, recruiting a cohort of 12 diverse health and human services professional women from Maryland and two other states to begin (and pilot) the certificate, and designing an introductory online prerequisite that would include an overview of relevant leadership studies, and tools to complete prior to beginning the workshops and coaching. After they finish their leadership development at the end of 2024, this cohort will become part of the network of women leaders and will continue to collaborate with Drs. Hopkins and Meyer over the evolution of the program.

Dr. Megan Meyer also was awarded a Seed Grant from University of Maryland Baltimore's Center for Interprofessional Education and will collaborate with the Schools of Nursing and Pharmacy to create a workshop series on the Foundations of Psychedelic Science and Therapeutics.

BHWWell Associates led and participated in several collaborative projects. A sample of these collaborative efforts are listed below.

Decreasing Opioid Overdoses by Increasing Naloxone Distribution to Maryland Construction Workers (Workplace PROSPER)

- Drs. Jodi Frey and Marianne Cloeren, and the PROSPER team piloted a "Train the Trainer" program under the authority of the University of Maryland Kahlert Center for Addiction Medicine, where Dr. Cloeren is the training director.

UMB School of Pharmacy PATIENTS Program

- Dr. Ericka Lewis was invited to moderate an interactive panel on mental health at PATIENTS Day 2023, a health fair for West Baltimore residents to meet service organizations in their community.

UMSSW Homecoming Celebrations

- Dr. Laurie Graham moderated, and Iris Cardenas was a panelist on a panel discussion, *Bridging Intimate Partner Violence-Related Education, Practice, and Research: Challenges and Paths Forward*.
- Dr. Christine Callahan, with K. Tony Korol-Evans, facilitated a breakout session, *Overcoming Economic Abuse: Creating Sustainable Futures for Survivors*.

UMSSW Lexington Market Day

- Neijma Celestine-Donnor and Dr. Lynn Michalopoulos presented their work in Diversity and Global/International issues, respectively, and connected with the community to share and learn more about the transformative work being done in partnership with Baltimore City community neighbors and beyond.



BHWell Associates also spearheaded events in the community including:

21217 Community Walk

- Dr. Laurie Graham helped plan and also participated in a Baltimore native-guided community walk in the Baltimore 21217 zip code. Her PhD and GRA students participated with her and together they learned more about the rich history and current culture of the community as they prepared to conduct focus groups about gun violence prevention in this neighborhood.

NAMI Walks Maryland

- Dr. Michele Beaulieu led The Behavioral Health Workforce Integration Service and Education Fellowship Team in organizing a team from UMSSW to participate in NAMI Walks Maryland at the Hunt Valley Towne Center. Sixteen faculty and staff participated and raised over \$2200 for NAMI.



STUDENTS

This year, we received continued interest in BHWell from students, alumni, and faculty. Several current and incoming students reached out expressing their interest in opportunities to work with Jodi Frey and other BHWell researchers. For example, one person who reached out was a UMSSW MSW student in their final semester interested in gaining research experience prior to graduation. Another person was a recent UMSSW graduate looking to gain more research experience before applying for a PhD program. We were able to connect everyone who reached out with BHWell faculty and staff to help facilitate potential collaborations.

Drs. Jodi Frey and Corey Shdaimah were invited by UMB to present an overview about social work research for the UMB Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) Scholars Program students.

In addition to chairing and/or serving on students' dissertation and thesis advisory committees, BHWell Associates supervised and mentored many graduate-level MSW and PhD students contributing to BHWell-related projects and programs. Associates and faculty also worked with staff and students to co-author peer-reviewed manuscripts, presentations, posters, and other professional reports and communications. See Publications and Presentations for more information.



BHWell Associates Work on Dissertations and Mentoring Students:

- BHWell Associates chaired or Co-Chaired **15 Dissertation Committees**.
- BHWell Associates **served on 23 Dissertation Committees** (majority at UMB).
 - Dr. Fernando Wagner also served on international dissertation committees this year with Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico:
 - (1) Fransilvania Callejas "Componentes psicológicos de la movilidad urbana asociados al estrés." Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. PhD in Psychology.
 - (2) Midiam Moreno Lopez "Prácticas de autoatención del malestar emocional en inmigrantes mexicanos indocumentados en Estados Unidos. Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. PhD in Psychology.
- BHWell Associates **Mentored 21 PhD students/post docs**.
- BHWell Associates **Mentored 41 MSW students/RA Scholars**.

POLICY ADVOCACY & RELATED WORK

Several BHWell Associates worked with state and national partners on policy initiatives related to behavioral health and well-being. A few examples are included below.

- Dr. Jodi Frey serves as Co-PI for the Workplace PROSPER: Decreasing Opioid Overdoses by Increasing Naloxone Distribution to Maryland Construction Workers project, with co-PI, Dr. Marianne Cloeren at UMSOM. Together, they serve on the Advisory Committee for the Maryland Department of Labor's Recovery Friendly Workplace program. During FY24, they worked with the committee to advise on policy procedures for the new pilot program and recommendations for implementation and evaluation. They continue their work on this committee and are leading the evaluation of the state pilot program.
- Dr. Laurie Graham's research was cited in an amicus brief for the Rahimi Supreme Court case which resulted in a ruling to uphold protections for people who have been victimized by domestic violence.
- Dr. Megan Meyer worked with Dr. Andy Coop during the 2024 legislative session, to support testimony in support of Senate and House bills, which passed and the Governor recently signed, to create a task force on responsible use of natural psychedelics substances. This task force will be important with regard to the future of the planned SSW CPE certificate.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Several BHWELL Associates hosted educational workshops and training courses, including the following selected examples:

- Drs. Jodi Frey, Iris Cardenas, Laurie Graham, Megan Meyer and Lynn Michalopoulos, and PhD students Yali Deng, Nikita Aggarwal and Jessica Smith participated in “How Does Research Related to Practice? A Community Discussion”. Thirty-three students, professionals and community members attended this presentation where faculty discussed why and how their research is pertinent to practice and answered questions about how to translate research into social work practice. This forum was a way to gather feedback from the community about future research needs and ways to make BHWELL’s research more community-engaged and community-responsive.
- Drs. Jodi Frey and Marianne Cloeren, and the Workplace PROSPER team facilitated Naloxone administration train-the-trainer (TTT) sessions with 323 construction workers and 52 safety professionals, and published 4 articles and gave 3 presentations to leaders in the industry to help saturate an employment demographic that is statistically higher risk of opioid overdose.
- Dr. Christine Callahan presented on Prioritizing Our Women’s Economic Rise (POWER) a grant funded by JP Morgan Chase Foundation and focused on wealth-building and workforce development for Black and Latina women throughout Baltimore City.
- Dr. Brook Kearley co-developed and co-led 6 two-hour training/workgroup sessions with representatives from Department of Health and Human Services (DHS), Department of Justice Services (DJS), Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Behavioral Health Association (BHA), and 24 local departments of social services regarding evidence-based practices, implementation science, and review of Maryland’s service gaps to inform preparation of Maryland’s Title IV-E Prevention Services Plan for 2024-2028.
- Dr. Darren Whitfield provided 2 training courses for students across UMB for the Interprofessional HIV Training Program, Implicit Bias in Medical Settings, and Trauma Informed Practice and Social Justice Lens.
- Michele Beaulieu developed a four-part clinical ethics webinar series for BHWISE field instructors and liaisons.
- Dr. Jay Unick conducted 2 Naloxone Trainings, 1 CPE training on Recovery Oriented systems and 1 training with the Child Welfare Academy on Cannabis and Harm Reduction.
- Dr. Megan Meyer received a scholarship from the Samberg Foundation and Brain Futures to attend a four-day training on Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy delivered by the USONA Institute in Madison, Wisconsin.
- Dr. Megan Meyer and Seante Hatcher recruited a nationally known trainer in Ketamine-Assisted Therapy to offer a CPE Workshop titled, “Introduction to Psychedelic Assisted Therapy: Dismantling Oppression and Cultivating Liberation;” more than 60 people attended this workshop, providing a useful indication of demand, and provided helpful feedback to inform future training.

- The Innovations in Recovery through Infrastructure Support (IRIS) Recovery Research Fellowship (RRF) graduated a diverse cohort of 17 professionals representing varied recovery support system roles, including peers and peer supervisors, clinicians, trainers, managers and other agency staff, graduate students and researchers who took part in learning sessions, research coaching and research project development focused on substance use recovery and peer recovery support services.
- Dr. Jodi Frey trained behavioral health professionals on suicide risk assessment and response in the community at a training offered through Hopkins Bayview Continuing Education Program and another training offered through Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. She also provides two trainings per year for UMSSW MSW students in the BWISE and SUDIF fellowships.

FUNDING

We continue to seek financial support to advance research, evaluation, and training that impacts essential behavioral health programs, policies and services for individuals, families, and communities through the BHWell Research Impact Fund, Scholarship and Stipend Awards, and Endowment support.

BHWell established the now **fully funded BHWell Focused Solutions Endowment Fund** with financial support for programming from Janet Hosford-Lamb, MSW, '00, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Focused Solutions, LLC. This philanthropic milestone for BHWell establishes the first endowed fund dedicated in perpetuity to providing programmatic support for BHWell and will be active during FY25. Ms. Hosford-Lamb was interviewed and discussed her generous support of BHWell.

FY24 PROPOSALS

BHWell Associates (with an active Associate Agreement) successfully submitted **26** external funding proposals in FY24, for a total of almost \$22 million submitted.

- Of the proposals submitted, 8 were submitted to State/County/Municipal Government funders, 5 were submitted to federal organizations, 3 were submitted to corporations-other state, 2 were submitted to hospitals and the remaining 8 proposals were submitted to private and non-profit organizations, foundations, and universities. At least 3 of the 8 state submitted grants were funded originally to the states by federal sources.
- Federal proposals this year included applications to: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), DHHS-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.

FY24 AWARDS

BHWell Associates (with an active Associate Agreement) were awarded **23 new grants** and contracts in FY24 in the amount of **\$5,893,154**. Please note that some awards were funded for multiple years and the reported amount above only represents funding obligated for year one.

- Of the proposals awarded, 4 were from federal funders, 4 were from private-non-profit funders, 4 were from states (one was outside of Maryland), and 11 were from universities, foundations, hospitals and corporations.
- Federal sponsors who awarded new grants this year included National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and DHHS-Health Resources and Services Administration.

Examples of the funders who have supported and/or continue to support BHWell-connected research projects and programs:

- American Chemistry Council
- Baltimore City Health Department
- Baltimore City Public Schools
- Baltimore County Government
- California State University – Long Beach
- Catholic Charities, Center for Family Services
- DHHS-Health Resources and Services Administration
- DHHS-Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- The Family League of Baltimore, Inc.
- Hugo W. Moser Research Institute at Kennedy Krieger
- JP Morgan Chase Foundation
- Julie Community Center
- Lower Shore Clinic, Inc.
- Maryland Department of Health and Human Services
- Maryland Family Network Inc.
- Maryland State Department of Education
- Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- NIH-National Institute of General Medical Sciences
- NIH-National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- NIH-National Institutes of Health
- NIH-National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation
- Open Society Foundation
- Park Heights Renaissance
- Partnership to End Addiction
- STMD – Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
- Taylor & Francis Group, LLC
- T. Rowe Price Foundation
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- U.S. Department of Education (DOE)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

PRESS & MEDIA

BHWell-related research, programs, and other activities are often shared with local and national media outlets in addition to our UMB community. Some press and media activities from FY24 include:

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

July 7, 2023. Megan Meyer and Victor Cabral published a [Guest Commentary](#) titled “Psychedelic-assisted therapy is undergoing a renaissance; We must prepare social workers” in the Baltimore Sun about psychedelic-assisted therapy.

November 11, 2023. Ericka Lewis was featured on The PATIENTS Program “The Bridge” Podcast on [“Breaking the Silence: Conversations About Mental Well-being.”](#)

November 28, 2023. [Corey Shdaimah published two blog posts, with colleagues Chrysanthi Leon \(University of Delaware\) and Associate Dean and Chair of UMBC Baccalaureate Social Work following the publication of their co-authored book \[The Compassionate Court?: Support, Surveillance, and Survival in Prostitution Diversion Programs\]\(#\) where they reflect on their study of court-affiliated diversion programs for people arrested for street-base sex over more than a decade.](#)

- [The problem with prostitution problem solving](#)
- [Visiting Project Dawn Court](#)

INTERVIEWS

July 10, 2023. Jodi Frey was interviewed by Fortune on [“Companies are tapping managers to support employees’ mental health. Some argue it’s an unfair burden.”](#)

July 14, 2023. Nalini Negi was interviewed by WJZ News on [“Baltimore organization helps immigrant population access healthcare.”](#)

August 25, 2023. Jodi Frey was interviewed by The University of Utah College of Social Work All Innovations Matters on [“Breaking Down Barriers to Men’s Mental Health and Wellbeing.”](#)

Fall 2023. Jodi Frey was featured in The University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work Connections with a [“Research Overview”](#) and written piece, [“Suicide Prevention Research: Focusing on Hard to Reach Populations.”](#)

November 8, 2023. Megan Meyer was interviewed for a [Podcast recording with the medical education company, Osmosis.](#)

December 13, 2023. Jodi Frey was interviewed by [Inside Higher Ed](#) about the importance of preparing for student suicides on college campuses.

January 17, 2024. Karen Hopkins interviewed Brittney Brookins, Senior Media and Public Relations Specialist, Office of Communications and Public Affairs about the Human-Centered Leadership Certificate for women; the story was released to local media outlets/reporters.

February 13, 2024. Jodi Frey was featured in The Elm’s [“Research Spotlight: Transforming Health Care With a New Hope for Suicide Prevention in the Workplace.”](#)

March 4, 2024. Geoffrey Greif was interviewed by NPR for an article, “How to have a 'grown up' relationship with a sibling.”

March 21, 2024. Jodi Frey was interviewed by the National Council and its Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Transform course about her work developing and implementing the National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention.

March 22, 2024. Jodi Frey was interviewed by The 'Gander newsletter to highlight the risk for suicide among men living in rural parts of Michigan and the Man Therapy Michigan campaign as a resource to address men’s mental health and support help-seeking.

March 29, 2024: Jodi Frey and Marianne Cloeren were interviewed by Building Congress and Exchange about their work preventing opioid overdose and suicide in the construction industry.

April 23, 2024. Jodi Frey was interviewed by Success magazine regarding her work with Mental Health First Aid and workplace suicide prevention.

April 29, 2024. Jodi Frey was interviewed by Inc. Magazine about how employers can proactively support employee mental health and well-being while fostering inclusion.

April 29, 2024. Geoffrey Greif was interviewed by NPR for an article, “All grown up, but still fighting? Why more siblings are turning to therapy, together.”

June 7, 2024. Jodi Frey was interviewed by the Baltimore Style magazine for an article about men and depression.

PRESS RELEASES

March 20, 2024. Jodi Frey, Amanda Mosby and Erika Shook collaborated with partners Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation and Grit Digital Health to disseminate a Press Release announcing the launch of a new campaign Man Therapy™ Launches in Ohio to Help Men Maintain their Mental Health the Manly Way.

June 5, 2024. Jodi Frey, Amanda Mosby and Erika Shook collaborated with partners Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation and Grit Digital Health to disseminate a Press Release on Common Myths about Men’s Mental Health for Men’s Health Month.

ADDITIONAL NOTABLE CITATIONS

August 21, 2023. Laurie Graham’s work is cited in an amicus brief for the Supreme Court for its consideration of the Rahimi case:

- Laurie M. Graham et al., Disparities in Potential Life Years of Life Lost Due to Intimate Partner Violence: Data from 16 States for 2006-2015, PLoS One (Feb. 17, 2021)
- Millan A. AbiNadder et al., Examining Intimate Partner Violence-Related Fatalities: Past Lessons and Future Directions U.S. National Data, 38 J. Fam. Viol. 1243 (2023)

SOCIAL MEDIA

This year, BHWWell created and disseminated over **100 social media posts** highlighting newsworthy activities of 20 BHWWell Associates. Published content included posts featuring new grants, articles published, student's work, training opportunities and job openings.

LINKEDIN

Y3 Goal: Increase following by 5%

Y3 Results: Increased following by 48% (581 to 858)

X/TWITTER

Y3 Goal: Increase following by 5%

Y3 Results: Increased following by 11% (203 to 226)

FACEBOOK

Y3 Goal: Increase following by 5%

Y3 Results: Increased following by 5% (254 to 268)

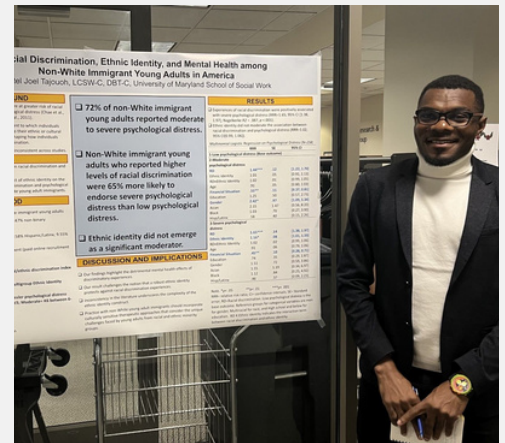
HIGHLIGHTS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA



Drs. Michael Woolley, Nalini Negi, and Paul Sacco gave talks about their sabbatical research at a SSW annual event.



Dr. Geoffrey Grief was awarded with Distinguished University Faculty at the 2023 UMB Faculty Convocation.



PhD student, Christel Joel Tajouh, completed his research poster on "Racial Discrimination, Ethnic Identity, and Mental Health among Non-White Immigrant Young Adults in America" for his PhD program practicum class.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Several BHWELL Associates were recognized through the SSW's Dean's Teaching Awards including:



Jodi Frey
Administering
Employee Assistance
Programs



Geoffrey Grief
Family Therapy



Megan Meyer
Social Work Practice
with Communities &
Organizations



Michael Woolley
Social Work in
Education

Additional select faculty awards received during FY24 include:

- **Iris Cardenas** - 2024 Faculty Fellow at the Center for Health Equity Research (CHER) Summer Institute at California State University, Long Beach.
- **Jodi Frey** - 2023 10 most-cited papers published in Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior for her article, Effectiveness of man therapy to reduce suicidal ideation and depression among working-age men: A randomized controlled trial.
- **Laurie Graham** - 2024 Fellow of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Fellowship Program.
- **Karen Hopkins** - 2024 Fellow Honors of the Society for Social Work and Research for serving with distinction to advance the Society's mission.
- **Ericka Lewis** - 2023 Diversity and Inclusion in Men in Families Research Article Award from the National Council on Family Relations for her article "The Ties that Bind: An Exploration of Son-in-Law and Father-in-Law Relationships in Black Families."
- **Lynn Michalopoulos** - Selected to be the Director of Global Initiatives at UMSSW and received an award from the UMB/Costa Rica Faculty Development Institute to participate in a cohort with 12 participants across 6 UMB schools and Academic Affairs on the development of an interdisciplinary course examining the relationship between climate change and mental health among migrant populations.
- **Fernando Wagner** - 2024-2025 Fulbright U.S. Scholarship to Mexico.

Select student awards include:



2024 PhD graduate **Danielle R. Phillips** was named to Diversity Scholars Network by The National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan. This 900+ scholars network represents more than 200 institutions across the world, comprised of tenured, tenure-track, clinical and research faculty, research staff, and postdoctoral fellows committed to advancing the understanding of historical and contemporary social issues related to identity, difference, culture, representation, power, oppression, and inequality — as they occur and affect individuals, groups, communities, and institutions.



2024 MSW graduate **Jenna Koch** received the Alumni Association *Outstanding Student of the Year Award*, recognizing her exemplary contributions to the field. Jenna's commitment to social work is evident in her transformative efforts at Twist Out Cancer, where she has been completing her fieldwork. By fostering a sense of connection and resilience, Jenna has contributed to the overall well-being and mental health of those navigating the challenges associated with cancer and her work has positively influenced cancer survivors, their families, and the broader community.



Fourth-year PhD student **Tural Mammadli** received UMB's *Student of the Year Award*, highlighting his service with UMSSW's International Student Association (ISA) and dedication to guiding international students and helping them acclimate to the U.S. Under Tural's leadership, ISA has conducted events for international students from across UMB to support their professional development and celebrate their cultural diversity. As a research assistant, he has engaged in mixed-methods data analysis and co-authored papers on the health of minoritized communities including sexual and gender minority (SGM) persons, foreign-born populations, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in the SGM community.

BHWELL FUTURE GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

In the upcoming year (FY25), BHWELL aims to:

- Submit an application to become a recognized USM Center. To accomplish this, we will work with BHWELL Associates and some key UMSSW staff to help with the application.
- Promote the BHWELL Endowment Fund. To accomplish this, we will work with UMSSW's new Associate Dean of External Affairs and the funder and alumnus, Janet Hosford-Lamb.
- Launch BHWELL Digital Archive. To accomplish this, we will work with the UMB Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HSHSL) and Associates to develop and launch the BHWELL Digital Archive that will provide free, open access to BHWELL papers, reports, and presentations to our community partners and others around the world.
- Apply for a grant to support a BHWELL Community Advisory Board. To accomplish this, we will work with the UMB Foundation and SSW Development staff to apply for grants to support the development and work of a BHWELL Community Advisory Board and to support community-focused and community-facing events such as our Annual BHWELL Mental Health Month webinar and ongoing education.
- Define and develop a process to measure JEDI-focused work. To accomplish this, we will work with SSW Strategic Plan leaders to clearly define what JEDI-focused publications and projects mean and then work to align this definition into the BHWELL tracking system.
- Improve BHWELL protocols and procedures for better tracking of metrics. To accomplish this, we will work with PIs to improve tracking of how their research projects are also providing service to communities and work to quantify outcomes.
- Grow our online presence by 5%. To accomplish this, we will work with BHWELL staff and student volunteers to develop engaging online posts that will help to promote our work and grow our followers.
- BHWELL Associate JEDI training development. To accomplish this, all BHWELL Associates will participate in at least one JEDI-focused training, webinar or event during FY25.
- BWHell will provide at least 4 trainings and/or educational opportunities on the most current research and practices with inclusion of JEDI principles.

PUBLICATIONS

BHWell faculty, staff and students published **72** peer reviewed articles and book chapters; **22 (31%) of which focus on JEDI principles** in FY24. A full list is below.

1. Aggarwal, N., & Smith, E. (2024). Acculturative stress and psychological distress during COVID-19, among racial-ethnic minority immigrants in the US. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15313204.2024.2335899>
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- 70.** Woolley, M. E., Greif, G. L., & Stubbs, V. (2023). Social Spheres of Protection and Threat: The experiences of Black men married to White women. *Journal of Family Issues*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513x231209052>

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PRESENTATIONS

BHWell faculty, staff and students provided **63 presentations** at various conferences and public settings. A full list is below.

- 1.** Anderson, J., Shermerhorn, J., Meyer, M., Strom, J. (2024). Exploring the P4P (Payment for Placements) Movement in Maryland: A Cross-campus Collaboration. NASW MD Student Advocacy Day.
- 2.** Belcher, A., Weintraub, E., Fitzsimons, H., Welsh, C., Spicyn, N., Kearley, B., Rowland, N., Kruis, N., McLean, K. (2023). Assessment of Correctional Center Educational Needs to Promote Treatment with Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (Project ACCEPT-MOUD). Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 3.** Beaulieu, M., & Sacco, P. (2024) Substance Use Assessment and Brief Treatment in Behavioral Health Care, Presentation for Family Connections, Center for Restorative Change, University of Maryland Baltimore, Baltimore, MD.
- 4.** Berlin, L., Gioia, D., Frey, J. J., Hopkins, K., Lee, B., Shdaimah, C., Woolley, M., & Betz, G. (2023, November 9). Pulling back the publishing curtain: Discussion with SSW journal editors. Panel discussion and presentation for the University of Maryland, School of Social Work. Virtual.
- 5.** (2023, September 21). UMSSW Lunchtime Research Seminar.
 - Sacco, P. Using Machine Learning Techniques to Predict Problem Gambling Among Lottery Loyalty Program Participants: Research In Progress.
 - Wooley, M. Social Spheres of Protection and Threat: The Experiences of Black Men Married to White Women.
- 6.** Cardenas, I. & Graham, L. (2023, March 16). Intimate partner violence victims'/survivors' engagement with the legal system: Critical considerations for agency and power In Uneasy alignments: The mental health turn in the American legal system. The Journal of Health Care Law & Policy and the University of Maryland School of Social Work's Daniel Thursz Social Justice Symposium.
- 7.** Multiple Authors. (2024, May 2) How Does Research Relate to Practice? Behavioral Health & Well-Being Research Center at the University of Maryland, Baltimore City. Virtual.
 - Cardenas, I. & Graham, L. Intimate partner violence research to practice
 - Frey, J. J. & Deng, Y. Suicide prevention
 - Meyer, M. Practitioners' Attitudes about use of psychedelics in substance use therapy
 - Michalopoulos, L. & Aggarwal, N. Global Social Work
- 8.** Cardenas, I. (2023, April 14). Intimate partner violence and the Latinx community: Strengths and challenges. Gender-based Violence and Special Victim Unit Delegates of the Open World Program. Center for Global Engagement at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

- 9.** Cardenas, I. (2023, March 17). Bridging Theory and Practice: Exploring Epistemology and Social Justice in Scholarly Work. In Philosophy of Science and Socially Just Research PhD First Year Seminar. University of Maryland School of Social Work.
- 10.** Cardenas, I. (2024, March 8). Intimate Partner Violence: Breaking Down Systems of Power, privilege and Oppression. Expert Panel Member for Homecoming 2024 at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Baltimore, MD.
- 11.** Cardenas, I. (2024, November 10-14). Socio-cultural correlates of mental health symptoms among intimate partner violence survivors. [Symposium presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 26th Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 12.** Cardenas, I., Lin, H.-F., Nikolova, K., & Postmus, J. L. (2023, September 11-13). Intimate partner violence research and practice with Latina survivors: A cross-cultural scale validation. [Paper presentation]. European Conference on Domestic Violence (ECDV). Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 13.** Cardenas, I., Ward, M., Jiwatram-Negron, T., Fraga Rizo, C., & DeSilva, A. (2024, November 10-14). Systematic review of interventions for Latina survivors of intimate partner violence in the U.S. [Symposium presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 26th Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 14.** Cavaletto, A., Hoyt, B., & Graham, L. M. (2024, January). Conducting ethical pilot studies of interpersonal violence prevention programs with youth in schools. Workshop presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference in Washington, D.C.
- 15.** Cloeren, M., & Frey, J. J. (2023, November 2). Helping co-workers in the field: Mental health and opioid use disorder. Presentation for Maryland Center for Construction Education and Innovation (MCCEI), Webinar Series. Virtual.
- 16.** Cloeren, M., & Frey, J. J. (2023, September). Workplace PROSPER: Partnering to reduce opioid stigma and promote employment in recovery. Presentation for Maryland Center for Construction Education and Innovation (MCCEI). Virtual.
- 17.** Davis, B., Frey, J., Henley, J., Hyde, C., Hopkins, M., & Ohmer, M. (2014). Pluralist Approaches to Social Work Research: Finding Synergy and Democratizing Knowledge Across Multiple SSWR Special Interest Groups. Society for Research and Social Work (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 18.** Fitzsimons H, Kearley B., Belcher AM, Rowland NJ, McLean KJ, Weintraub E, Wimberly A, Welsh CJ, Kruis NE (2023). Assessment of Correctional Center Educational Needs to Promote Treatment with Medications for Opioid Use Disorder. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference. National Harbor, MD.
- 19.** Frey, J. J., & Cloeren, M. (2024, April 23). Workplace PROSPER: Partnering to reduce opioid stigma and promote employment in recovery. Presentation for Mid Atlantic Construction Safety Conference. Greenbelt, MD.
- 20.** Frey, J. J., Smith, K., Vossler, T. (2023, September 11). Working together to prevention suicide among working-aged men. Collaborating with researchers and practitioners in Michigan. Presentation for Gratiot County Substance Abuse Coalition. Virtual.

- 21.** Frey, J. J. (2023, August 22). Man Therapy. An innovative online program to prevention suicide among working-aged men. Presentation for Kent County Coalition. Virtual.
- 22.** Frey, J. J. (2023, November 3). University of Maryland, School of Social Work, Addiction research overview. Presentation for Kahlert Institute for Addiction Medicine, University of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.
- 23.** Frey, J. J. (2023, November 15). Measuring the Impact of Suicide Prevention Outreach Efforts: Man Therapy in partnership with suicide prevention training and community mental health activities. Presentation for Hope Network and the Zero Suicide Implementation Leadership Team. Virtual.
- 24.** Frey, J. J. (2023, September 15). Putting the national guidelines for workplace suicide prevention into action. Presentation for the Pyramid Chapter of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association. Virtual.
- 25.** Frey, J. J. (2023, September 20). Suicide prevention: Overview of screening and risk assessment. Presentation for Social Work Continuing Education Department at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Baltimore, MD.
- 26.** Frey, J. J. (2024, April 11). Measuring the impact of suicide prevention outreach efforts: Integrating Man Therapy with suicide prevention training partners and community mental health activities. Presentation for Ohio Prevention Professionals Association: Membership and Networking Lunch and Learn. Virtual.
- 27.** Frey, J. J. (2024, April 22). Moving upstream: Introduction to the National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention. Presentation for the Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD.
- 28.** Frey, J. J. (2024, February 5). Workplace mental health and wellbeing: Trends to move upstream in workplace policy and practice. Presentation for University of Texas at Austin, Health Social Work, Dell Medical School and Steve Hicks School of Social Work Grand Rounds. Austin, TX.
- 29.** Frey, J. J. (2024, March 20). Measuring the impact of suicide prevention outreach efforts: Integrating Man Therapy with suicide prevention training partners and community mental health activities. Presentation for Michigan Governor's Challenge Initiative. Virtual.
- 30.** Frey, J. J. (2024, May 16). Introduction to the National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention. Presentation for Maryland's Office of Suicide Prevention, Surveillance.
- 31.** Frey, J. J., & Shdaimah, C. (2023, August 29). Introduction to Social Work Research. Presentation for CURE Scholars Program. University of Maryland, Baltimore.
- 32.** Frey, J. J., (2023, August 22). Man Therapy: An innovative online program to prevent suicide among working-aged men. Presentation for Kent County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Virtual.
- 33.** Frey, J. J., (2024, March 21). Innovative programs designed to engage hard to reach men in suicide help-seeking. Presentation for CHEP's 5th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference: Supporting Diverse Populations. Perryville, MD.

- 34.** Graham, L. M. (2023, November). Why don't they just leave? Intersectionality and experiences of intimate partner violence. Presentation during The Deans Luncheon convened for the Universities at Shady Grove MSW and BSW programs. Rockville, MD.
- 35.** Graham, L. M., Hopkins, C. Q., & Cavaletto, A. (2024, January). Using restorative justice principles to prevent and respond to sexual violence: A qualitative study to understand global practices. Paper presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research Conference in Washington, D.C.
- 36.** Graham, L. M., Kafka, J. M., & AbiNader, M. A. (2023, November). Suicide and intimate partner violence among US youth: 2014-2018. Paper presentation at the 2023 National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Chicago, IL.
- 37.** Greif, G. L., Woolley, M.E., & Stubbs, V. (2024). Black men married to white women: Perspectives from qualitative interviews and social work practice implications. Oral presentation at SSWR, Washington, D.C.
- 38.** Greif, G.L., Woolley, M. & Stubbs, V. (2023). Parents in interracial and interethnic marriages raising biracial children. Oral presentation at CSWE, October in Atlanta, GA.
- 39.** Hopkins, K. & Meyer, M. (2024) Strengthening the Capacities of Community-Based Organizations: The Elements and Impacts of a Foundation-Supported Learning Community. Society for Research and Social Work (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 40.** Hopkins, K. & Meyer, M. (2024). Overview of Human-Centered Leadership in Health and Human Services Certificate. Invited presentation to the UMBrella Committee, University of Maryland, Baltimore.
- 41.** Hopkins, K. & Meyer, M. (2024). Strengthening the Capacities of Community-Based Organizations: The Elements and Impacts of a Foundation-Supported Learning Community. Society for Research and Social Work (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 42.** Iwamoto, D., Lewis, L., Frey, J. J., & Osteen, P. (2024). Men's Mental Health Matters. Part of the Grand Challenges for Social Work Lecture Series. Panel presentation for University of Utah, College of Social Work. Virtual.
- 43.** Jeong, J. & Sacco, P. (2023, September) Using Machine Learning Techniques to Predict Problem Gambling Among Lottery Loyalty Program Participants: Research In Progress, Presentation for the University of Maryland, School of Social Work, Research Seminar Series.
- 44.** Jeong, J., & Sacco, P. (2023, November 8-12). Do Physical Disability, Food Insecurity, and Neighborhood Cohesion Matter in Depression? [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- 45.** Jiwatram-Negron, T., Cardenas, I., Meinhart, M., & Rubio-Torio, N. (2024, November 10-14). Different Types of Intimate Partner Violence Among Latinx Women: A Call for Expanded Measurement, Screening, and Safety Planning. [Symposium presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 26th Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.

- 46.** Jiwatram-Negron, T., Gerassi, L., Michalopoulos, L., & Karandikar, S. (2024, January). Addressing the intersecting needs of people engaged in sex trades, globally: Contestations and implications for research and practice [Conference presentation]. Roundtable for the Society for Social Work Research 28th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 47.** Jun, H. J., Graham, L. M., Kim, S., Devaney, J., Frederick, J., & Power, L. (2024, May). The prevalence and characteristics of child deaths related to intimate partner violence. Virtual paper presentation for Universitas 21 Community of Practice for Social Work Inaugural Conference 2024.
- 48.** Kearley, B. (2023). "Advancing Research-Based Practices for Gang Violence Prevention and Intervention." Presented at the NIJ National Research Conference, Evidence to Action, Arlington, VA.
- 49.** Kearley, B., Wimberly, A., and Park, A. (2023). Maryland's Corrections Based Opioid Use Disorder Examination and Treatment Act: Highlights and Best Practice Recommendations. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 50.** Lee, H., Chung, Y., Zhang, P. & Greif, G.L. (2024). A qualitative study of Asian Americans who intermarry in the United States: What are their experiences? Poster presentation at SSWR, Washington, D.C.
- 51.** Mammadli, T., & Whitfield, D.L. (2024, October). Mentoring LGBTQ+ doctoral students in research: Lessons learned about culturally responsive practices. Oral presentation at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Kansas City, MO.
- 52.** McBeath, B. & Hopkins, K. (2024). How Are Social Work Journals Advancing Social Justice and Scholarship in Changing Times? Society for Research and Social Work (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 53.** Meyer, M. & Smith, J. (2024). Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy: Knowledge, Attitudes and Learning Needs of Social Workers and Nurses. BHWELL Panel Presentation, University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD.
- 54.** Meyer, M., Littelfield, M., Shermerhorn, J., Farlow, M. (2024). The Pay for Placement (P4P) Movement in Social Work Roundtable. Society for Research and Social Work (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 55.** Michalopoulos, L. & Aggarwal, N. (2024, April). The Moving Well Project: A mobile application addressing the health and mental health needs of long-distance truckers from Zambia. Dissemination Meeting. National AIDS Council of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia. [International]
- 56.** Michalopoulos, L. & Aggarwal, N. (2024, May). How does research relate to practice? BHWELL Center for Behavioral Health and Well-Being Research. University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD.
- 57.** Michalopoulos, L. (2024, April). University of Maryland School of Social Work Lexington Market Day [Speaker]. University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD, United States.

- 58.** Michalopoulos, L. (2024, April). Where are we now in global health [Panelist]. 21st Annual Global Health and Innovation Conference, Unite for Sight. Virtual. [International]
- 59.** Michalopoulos, L. (2024, February). Perspectives on migration, trauma, health and mental health in global contexts [Guest lecturer]. Global Health Elective. University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
- 60.** Michalopoulos, L. (2024, March). Perspectives on migration, trauma, health and mental health in global contexts [Speaker]. Sociology Table: A Graduate Seminar Series. University of Maryland College Park, College Park, MD.
- 61.** Smith, K., Vossler, T., & Frey, J. J. (2023, September 11). Working together to prevent suicide among working-age men: Collaborating with partners and practitioners in Michigan. Presentation for Gratiot County Substance Abuse Coalition. Hybrid.
- 62.** Walls, N.E., Calls, J.B., Holloway, B., Mammadli, T., & Whitfield, D.L. (2024, October). Toward conceptual clarity on transition interruption experiences among transgender and nonbinary individuals. Oral presentation at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Kansas City, MO.
- 63.** Whitfield, D. L. (2024, April). Community-engaged research with sexual and gender minority populations. Invited speaker at the University of Maryland College Park PRC Prevention Research Seminar Series. College Park, MD.

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