

Research Interests

Kenneth J. Gill, Ph.D.

Current projects- Employment

- ◆ Comparison of job retention strategies and the role of social support in job retention, quasi-experimental design of supported employment participants
- ◆ Part of a larger interest about career development for persons with serious mental illness including educational and social factors, e.g. integration of supported education

Current Projects – Primary Health Care & PSR

- ◆ Seeking funding for the role of basic medical screening and health promotion interventions on the health of persons with severe and persistent mental illness
- ◆ Relationship of these interventions to ameliorating and other integration with health care of the so-called metabolic syndrome among persons with mental illness (pre-diabetes, diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidima).

Current Projects -Evaluation of Integrated Program Models

- ◆ Evaluation of innovative psychiatric rehabilitation-related models
 - Ongoing evaluation of Residential Intensive Service Teams (RIST) in Ocean and Passaic Counties, NJ
 - Summative evaluation of employment services integrating supported employment and One Stop services and small business entrepreneurial activity, Clark County, WA

Historical interest in PSR Education

◆ Historical interests

- Impact of PSR curricula (Casper et al., 2002)
- Attitudes of PSR Staff as influenced by education (Gill, Murphy, & Birkmann, 2005)
- Impacts of A.S. and M.S. programs
 - ◆ (Gill et al., 1997), (Gill et al., 2005)
- Association of CPRP with experience and education (Gill, 2005).

Emerging Related Area

- ◆ Skills and preparation of direct care hospital, community, crisis services staff, residential programs in broader mental health arena
- ◆ Assessment of their competencies, design of curriculum, work-based learning initiatives to upgrade skills
- ◆ Currently a consultation to 1199c and Philadelphia mental health providers, may have research opportunities

Other Possibilities Emerging

◆ Stigma

- Amelioration of stigma strategies
- Understanding components of stigma (fear, pity, etc.)

◆ Illness Management & Recovery

- Evaluation of the impact of IMR implemented in hospital settings
- Individual, staff, organizational outcomes

Dissertations I am sponsoring or have sponsored

- ◆ Impact of Consumer Providers within Case management services
 - Lisa Schmidt, Ph.D.
- ◆ Human Capital Theory: The role of education regarding re-employment of persons with mental illness.
 - Ni Gao, MSW
- ◆ Measuring the Impact of MS Program in Rehab Counseling on Individual Outcomes of Clients served by these graduates
 - Elizabeth Van Houtte, MSW

Research Interests and Dissertation Committee Assistance

Carlos Pratt, Ph.D., CPRP

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Current Research Interests

- ◆ Effectiveness and efficiency of consumer provided services (e.g., The IMR Project, FACIT Project)
- ◆ Organizational assessment and change (e.g., Cultural Assessment Instrument, Residential Fidelity Scale Project)
- ◆ Other projects that appear to have promise for advancing PsyR

Dissertation Committee Assistance

- ◆ I believe I can make substantive contributions in the following areas:
 - Psychometric and measurement issues
 - Design issues
 - Evaluation issues
 - Some statistical areas
- ◆ I focus a good deal on vocabulary, the general tone of the document and writing style

Research Interests

Melissa Roberts, Ph.D., CPRP

Current & Past Studies

- ◆ Construct Validity of Employment Readiness
 - examined convergent, discriminant, and predictive validity of readiness among SE participants
- ◆ Peer Employment Supports
 - Will examine the relationship between peer provided employment supports and employment readiness and outcomes.

Current & Past Studies

- ◆ Employment Retention Study
 - Examines the relationship between a variety of strategies & employment outcomes.
- ◆ Cultural Assessment Scale validation
 - Examining whether or not a cultural assessment scale we've developed measures the extent to which a culture is oriented toward wellness & recovery and/or employment.

Areas of Interest

- ◆ Individual readiness
- ◆ Organizational readiness to change
- ◆ Readiness development
- ◆ Peer employment supports
- ◆ New SE model which incorporates readiness assessment & development, SEd, and natural supports

Areas of Interest

- ◆ CBT in SE
- ◆ SE provided in Supportive housing
- ◆ SEd models
- ◆ Almost anything related to employment/education for people with psychiatric disabilities or organizational change.

Research Interests

Weili Lu, PhD

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Areas of interest

- ◆ Trauma and life events studies
- ◆ PTSD treatment studies
- ◆ Implementation of trauma-focused services
- ◆ Service use data analysis
- ◆ Threat perception and anxiety and SMI
- ◆ Social support studies
- ◆ Supported housing studies

Areas I could sponsor for dissertation

- ◆ Relatively short and sweet dissertation topics:
 - ◆ 1. Threat perception bias among people diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar, and major depression
 - ◆ 2. Social support phenomena among persons with mental illnesses living in the community

Areas I could sponsor for dissertation cont.

- ◆ 3. RCT on CBT for PTSD: service use analysis as a result of treatment for PTSD
- ◆ 4. Differential treatment responses towards CBT among people with a history of sexual abuse versus trauma of non-sexual type

How I mentor students

- ◆ A more weekly meeting kind of systematic approach
- ◆ Eventual lab meetings

Publications

- ◆ Lu, W., Daleiden, E., & Lu, S. E. (In Press). Threat Perception Bias and Anxiety among Chinese School Children and Adolescents. ***Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology***, in press.
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Research Interests

Peggy Swarbrick, PhD,
OTR, CPRP


Past Studies

- ◆ Examination of Self-help centers
- ◆ Developmental Group levels

Current

- ◆ Illness Management & Recovery
- ◆ Peer Employment Support
- ◆ Fidelity Assessment Common Ingredients Tool (FACIT)
- ◆ Medication Adherence

Areas of Interest

- ◆ Wellness and Recovery Models
 - ◆ Examination of Health Promotion Programs
 - ◆ Peer delivered services
 - ◆ Program Development & Evaluation
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