

Curriculum Vitae
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I. CONTACT INFORMATION

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II. EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Work, University of Minnesota, 2013
M.S.W., Social Work, University of Washington, 2004
B.A., English/Anthropology, University of Minnesota, 1999

III. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Tulane University, 2013 – present

IV. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Editorial Boards

Ad Hoc Reviewer: Journal of Community Practice, Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies

V. PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Affiliations:

National Association of Social Work, 2008 – present
Society for Social Work Research, 2008 – present
Council for Social Work Education, 2008 – 2012
Licensed Master Social Worker – Louisiana (license # 12510)

VII. PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

1) Publications and Presentations:

a. Refereed Journal Articles

Shannon, P., Wieling, L., **McCleary, J. S.**, Becher, E. (2014). Exploring the mental health effects of political trauma in conversation with newly arrived refugees.

- Qualitative Health Research*. 25(4), 443-457. Published on-line first: Sept 2. doi:10.1177/1049732314549475.
- Shannon, P., **McCleary, J.S.**, Becher, E., Im, H. (In press, 2014). Exploring mental health screening feasibility and training of Refugee Health Coordinators. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*.
- Shannon, P., Wieling, L., **McCleary, J. S.**, Becher, E. (2014). Beyond stigma: Barriers to discussing mental health in refugee populations. *Journal of Loss and Trauma: International Perspectives on Stress and Coping*. Published on-line first: June 30. doi:10.1080/15325024.2014.9346291080/15325024.2014.934629.
- Fisher, C. M., **McCleary, J. S.**, Dimock, P. (2014). Provider preparedness for treatment of co-occurring disorders: Comparison of social workers and alcohol and drug counselors. *Social Work Education*. DOI: 10.1080/02615479.2014.919074.
- Burnette, C. E., **McCleary, J. S.** (2014). An opportunity for social work researchers: Climbing out of educational loan debt. *Research on Social Work Practice*. DOI:10.1177/1049731513520237
- Shannon, P., **McCleary, J.S.**, Becher, E., Im, H., Crook-Lyons, R. E. (2014). Developing self-care practices in a trauma treatment course. *Journal of Social Work Education*. 50(3), 440-453. doi: 10.1080/10437797.2014.917932.
- Lightfoot, E., **Simmelinck, J.**, Lum, T. (2014). Asset mapping as a research tool for community based participatory research in social work. *Social Work Research*, 38(1), 59-64.
- Shannon, P., **McCleary, J.S.**, Becher, E., Im, H., Crook-Lyons, R. (2014). Exploring experiences of stress in a trauma treatment course. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 50 (4), 678-693. doi:10.1080/10437797.2014.947901.
- Shannon, P., **Simmelinck, J.**, Im, H., Becher, E., Crook-Lyon, R. E. (2013). Exploring the experiences of survivor students in a course on trauma treatment. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy*. doi: [10.1037/a0032715](https://doi.org/10.1037/a0032715)
- Simmelinck, J.**, Lightfoot, L., Lum, T., Blevins, J., Dube, A. (2013). Understanding the health beliefs and practices of East African refugees. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 37(2), 155-161.
- Simmelinck, J.**, Shannon, P. (2012). Evaluating the mental health training needs of community based organizations serving refugees. *Advances in Social Work*, 13(2), 325-339.
- Shannon, P., Becher, E., **Simmelinck, J.**, Im, H., Wieling, L., O'Fallon, A. (2012). Screening for war trauma, torture and mental health symptoms among newly arrived refugees: A national survey of United States refugee health coordinators. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, 10(4), 380-394.
- Simmelinck, J.** (2011). Temporary citizens: Liberians and US immigration policy. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, 9(4), 327-344.
- Romich, J., **Simmelinck, J.**, Holt, S. (2007). When working harder does not pay: Low-income working families, tax liabilities, and benefit reductions. *Families in Society*, 88(3), 418-426.
- Romich, J., & **Simmelinck, J.** (2005). Piecing it all together. In H. B. Weiss, H. Kreider, M. E. Lopez & C. Chatman (Eds.), *Preparing educators for family involvement: From theory to practice*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage.

b. Manuscripts Under Review

McCleary, J. S., Shannon, P. J., Cook, T. Barriers to accessing and using substance use treatment for refugees. *Social Work and Public Health*.

McCleary, J. S., Wieling, L. Forced displacement and alcohol use in two Karen refugee communities: A comparative qualitative study. *British Journal of Social Work*

c. Manuscripts In Preparation

Shannon, P. J., Im, H., **McCleary, J. S.**, Lennon, E. Longitudinal evaluation of a community based refugee providers network. *Journal of Community Mental Health*.

Shannon, P. J., **McCleary, J.**, Wieling, L., Becher, E. Refugees' difficulties adjusting to life in the United States. *Journal of the Society for Social Work Research*.

Wieling, E., Shannon, P. J., Becher, E., **McCleary, J. S.**, & Cook, T. The process of developing and testing a screening tool for psychological trauma with refugees post-resettlement. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.

Wieling, E., Shannon, P. J., **McCleary, J. S.**, Becher, E., Cook, T., & Taw, E. The experiences of Karen refugees resettling in the United States: A focus group study. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*.

2) Lectures, Speeches, Workshops, and Conference Presentations

McCleary, J. S. (2015). Advancing Critical Dialogue on Resilience Concepts and Practice. Symposium convened at the Society for Social Work Research conference in New Orleans, LA, January 15, 2015.

McCleary, J. S. (2015). Refugee Identified Stressors and Protective Factors Impacting Resettlement Stress. Symposium convened at the Society for Social Work Research Conference in New Orleans, LA, January 16, 2015.

McCleary, J. S. (2014). Innovative Approaches to Refugee Health and Mental Health in Resettlement. Symposium convened at the Society for Social Work Research conference in San Antonio, TX, January 16, 2014.

Shannon, P., **Simmelinck, J.**, Im, H., Cook, T. (2013). Exploring National Practices and Barriers Related to Mental Health Screening of Refugees. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research conference in San Diego, CA, January 19, 2013.

Shannon, P., **Simmelinck, J.** (2012). Building Community Capacity for Healing Refugee Trauma: Evaluation of the New Neighbors Providers Network. Paper presented as part of a symposium entitled Improving and Sustaining Community Health Through Coalition-Building: Lessons Learned From Three Community-Level Intervention Research Projects at the Society for Social Work Research conference in Washington, DC, January 14, 2012.

- Simmelink, J.** (2012). Drug and Alcohol Use in Karen Refugee Communities. Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education conference, Washington, DC, November 21, 2012.
- Shannon, P., **Simmelink, J.**, Becher, E., Im, H. (2011). Experiences of Stress and Growth Among Students in a Trauma Treatment Course. Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education conference, Atlanta, GA, October 28, 2011.
- Shannon, P., **Simmelink, J.**, Wieling, L., Im, H. (2011). Developing a Culturally Grounded Mental Health Screening Tool for Refugees in Minnesota. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research in Tampa, FL, January 16, 2011.
- Shannon, P., Wieling, L., **Simmelink, J.**, Becher, E., Yates, J. (2010). Developing a Culturally Relevant Process For Mental Health Screening, Referring and Treating Resettling Refugees with Multi-component Systemic Interventions. Paper presented at International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Meeting, November, 6, 2010
- Simmelink, J.** Temporary Citizens: Liberians and Refugee Resettlement Policy in the United States. Paper presented at Deportation and the Construction of Citizenship Conference, Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
- Simmelink, J.** Refugee Homelessness. Paper presented at the Council for Social Work Education Conference in San Antonio, Texas, November 8, 2009.

VIII. RECENT GRANT PROPOSALS

Dates	Title and Role	Funding Source	Amount
Awarded September 2014	Alcohol Use in the Context of Conflict-Related Displacement, PI	National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program	Loan repayment of 50% of student debt for 2 years
Awarded February 2015	Alcohol Use in the Context of Conflict-Related Displacement, PI	Tulane University COR Fellowship	\$4532

IX. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

a. Research Interests:

1. Substance use in post-conflict contexts
2. Resilience and stress throughout the course of displacement
3. Family and community relationships throughout the course of displacement

b. Teaching Assignments:

Fall 2015

SW7140 Introduction to Organizations and Community Practice

Tulane University School of Social Work

Fall 2015
SW7120 Social Welfare History and Policy
Tulane University School of Social Work

Summer 2015
Research Methods
University of Minnesota Integrated Behavioral Health Program

Spring 2015
SW7230 Theories and Practice of Community Organizing and Policy Advocacy
Tulane University School of Social Work

Spring 2015
Tools II: Research
Tulane University School of Social Work

Fall 2014
SW7120 Social Welfare History and Policy
Tulane University School of Social Work

Spring 2014
SW7230 Theories of Social Change and Community Practice
Tulane University School of Social Work

Fall 2013
SW7120 Social Welfare History and Policy
Tulane University School of Social Work

Spring 2013
SW8807 International and Comparative Social Welfare Policy
University of Minnesota School of Social Work

Fall 2012
SW8153 Models of Community Intervention
University of Minnesota School of Social Work

Spring 2011
SW8211 Social Work Macro Practice and Policy Advocacy
University of Minnesota School of Social Work

Spring 2011
SW8316 Treatment of Trauma (Teaching Assistant)
University of Minnesota School of Social Work

c. Dissertation Committees Membership

Emily Starr (The Politics of Identity and Low-skilled Labor), current

d. MSW Professional Project Advisor

Kara Cohen, Livia Harkow, Charles Schully, Rebecca Hutchinson (Reproductive Health in Louisiana), current

Samantha Sahl, Sophia Esparza, Brittany Kovacks (Latino Immigrant and Refugee Youth Mental Health), current

Michael Spencer, Alexandra Loizias, Marcia Crandall (Substance Use and Culture), current

Dominique Perez and Bonnie Atkinson (Disability and Disaster: Best Practices for Disaster Case Workers), 2014

Judellia Cole and Judithe Louis (Self-Esteem Assessments in African American Adolescent Females), 2014

Anne Fields, Samantha Haigh, Keren Tangen and Haley Fenton (The Need for Reproductive Health Education in New Orleans), 2014

X. RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE**a. School**

2014 – present: Course Coordinator, Introduction to Organizations and Community Practice

2014 – present: Course Coordinator, Theories and Practice of Community Organizing and Policy Advocacy

2014 – 2015: Member, Organizational and Community Practice Methods Task Force

2013 – present: Member, Admissions Committee

2013 – present: Member, Global Programs Committee

2013 – present: Member, Social Policy Sequence

2013 – present: Member, Research Committee

b. Community

2014 – present: Co-leader of Karen Chemical Dependency Taskforce, a multidisciplinary group in Minnesota creating community wide, culturally relevant approaches to addressing harmful alcohol use in the Karen refugee community

2013 – present: Consultant to MORE Multicultural School for Empowerment and Karen Organization of Minnesota on the development of alcohol-related services for Karen refugee clients