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**EDUCATION**

**2012** Ph.D., Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Social Work

***Dissertation***: Resilience among youth emancipating from foster care: Cumulative risk and protection and their relationship with positive adaptation

**2007** MSW, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel; Social Work

Cum Laude

**2005** BA, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel; Behavioral Sciences

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Adolescents transitioning-out of foster care; child abuse and neglect; risk and resilience among vulnerable populations; the impact of trauma on development; international social work

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**2017-present** Associate Professor & MSW Program Director, Department of Social Work and Child Advocacy, Montclair State University

**2012-2017** Assistant Professor, Robert D. McCormick Center for Child Advocacy and Policy, Montclair State University

**2010 – 2012** Adjunct Professor, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

**2011 – 2012**  Research Assistant/Program Associate, Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

**2009 – 2011** Research Project Coordinator,School of Social Work, Rutgers University

**2006-2007** Research Project Coordinator, Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Resources

(RADAR) Center, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**2012-Present *Department of Social Work and Child Advocacy & Robert D. McCormick Center for Child Advocacy and Policy, Montclair State University***

Introduction to Social Work (undergraduate)

Research and Evaluation (undergraduate, graduate)

Child Welfare Policy (graduate)

Child Abuse and Neglect (undergraduate)

Public Child Welfare (undergraduate)

Current Social Issues in Child Advocacy (undergraduate)

**2010-2012 *School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey***

Research Methods I (undergraduate, graduate)

Research Methods II (graduate)

**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

**Shpiegel, S.,** Sussman, S., Sherman, S.,&El Shahawy, O. (2017). Smoking behaviors among adolescents in foster care: A gender-based analysis. *Substance Use and Misuse, 52*(11), 1469-1477.

**Shpiegel, S.,** Cascardi, M, & Dineen, M. (2017). A social ecology analysis of childbirth among females emancipating from foster care. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 60,* 563-569.

**Shpiegel, S.,** Lister, J., & Isralowitz, R. (2016). Relationships between delinquency and substance use among adolescents emancipating from foster care. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions, 16*(1-2),113-131.

**Shpiegel, S.** (2016). Resilience among older adolescents in foster care: The impact of risk and protective factors. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction, 14,* 6-22.

**Shpiegel, S.** & Simmel, C.(2016). Functional outcomes among sexual minority youth emancipating from the child welfare system. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 61, 101-108.

**Shpiegel, S.** & Ocasio, K. (2015). Functioning patterns among older youth in foster care: Results from a cluster analysis. *Children and Youth Services Review, 58*, 227-235.

**Shpiegel, S.** & Cascardi, M. (2015). Adolescent parents in the first wave of the National Youth in Transition Database. *Journal of Public Child Welfare, 9*(3), 227-298.

Cascardi, M., Brown, C., **Shpiegel, S.,** & Alvarez, A. (2015). Where have we been and where are we going? A holistic and interdisciplinary perspective on child advocacy. *Sage Open,* 1-10.

**Shpiegel, S.**, Simmel C., & Huang, C. (2013). Emotional maltreatment reports in children: The influence of state statutes and co-occurring maltreatment. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*, *22(6),* 626-643.

Simmel, C. & **Shpiegel, S.** (2013). Describing the context and nature of emotional maltreatment reports in children. *Children & Youth Services Review*, *35(4),* 626-633.

Simmel, C., **Shpiegel, S.,** & Murshid, S. (2012). Foster care alumni and funding for postsecondary education: Examining variation in state support. *Journal of Policy Practice*, *12*(1), 43-61.

Greenfield, E.A., & **Shpiegel, S**. (2012). Graduates` perspectives on a national specialized program in social work and aging. *Journal of Social Work Education, 48(2), 285-305.*

Isralowitz, R., Reznik, A., & **Shpiegel, S**. (2010). Religious status and drug use behavior among former Soviet Union immigrants. *International Migration*, *48(3),* 174-178.

Isralowitz, R., **Shpiegel, S**., Reznik, A., & Layton, A. (2009). Ethiopian youth in Israel: Gender-related alcohol use and related problem behavior. *Drugs: Education, Prevention, and Policy*, *16 (3),* 273-278.

Isralowitz, R., **Shpiegel, S**., Reznik, A., Borkin, S., & Snir, Y. (2009). Late life alcohol use and gender differences among former Soviet Union immigrants. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, *8(2),* 201-205.

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION**

**Shpiegel, S.,** & Cascardi, M. (revise-resubmit). The impact of early childbirth on socioeconomic and behavioral outcomes of females emancipating from foster care. *Children and Youth Services Review*.

**Shpiegel, S.**,Aparicio, A., Grinnell-Davis, C. & Prince, D. (in progress). Sexual risk behaviors among adolescents in foster care: The impact of sexual orientation.

**PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

**Shpiegel, S.,** Vietze, P. & Galasyuk, I (March, 2017). Young children with disabilities in the United States foster care system. *International Convention of Psychological Science*, Vienna Austria.

**Shpiegel, S.,** Aparicio, E., Grinnell-Davis, C., & Prince, D. (January, 2017). Sexual risk behaviors among adolescents in foster care: The impact of sexual orientation. *Society for Social Work and Research*, New Orleans, LA.

Aparicio, A., **Shpiegel, S.,** & Grinnell-Davis, C. (January, 2017). “My body is strong and amazing”: An interpretive phenomenological analysis of embodied experience of pregnancy and birth among foster youth. *Society for Social Work and Research*, New Orleans, LA.

Grinnell-Davis, C., Aparicio, A., & **Shpiegel, S.** (January, 2017). Parenting attitudes among maltreated youth: Implications for prevention strategies. *Society for Social Work and Research*, New Orleans, LA.

**Shpiegel, S.** (July, 2016). Resilient functioning among adolescents emancipating from foster care: Evidence from the National Youth in Transition Database. *International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference,* Portsmouth, NH.

**Shpiegel, S.** & Cascardi, M. (April, 2016). Predictors of early parenthood among youth emancipating from foster care: The impact of prior childbirth and risky behaviors. *Society for Research on Adolescence*, Baltimore, MD.

**Shpiegel, S.,** Lister, J., & Isralowitz, R. (January, 2016). The predictive role of delinquency to future substance use among youth aging-out of foster care. *Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington, DC.

**Shpiegel, S.** & Simmel, C. (January, 2016). Sexual minority youth emancipating from foster care: An examination of outcomes at age 19. *Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington, DC.

**Shpiegel, S.** & Simmel, C. (September, 2015). Risky sexual behaviors among youth aging-out of foster care: A gender-based analysis. *14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect*, Bucharest, Romania.

**Shpiegel, S.** & Ocasio, K. (July, 2015). Patterns of functioning among older youth in foster care: A cluster analysis. *The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) 23rd Annual Colloquium*, Boston, MA

**Shpiegel, S.** & Cascardi, M. (July, 2014). Characteristics of adolescent parents emancipating from foster care. *International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference,* Portsmouth, NH.

Cascardi, M. Brown, C., **Shpiegel, S.** & Alvarez, A., & Garcia-Reid, P. (July, 2014). Protect, Promote, Connect: Multidisciplinary integration in the field of child advocacy. *International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference,* Portsmouth, NH.

Alvarez, A. & **Shpiegel, S.** (July, 2014). Cyber-bullying or freedom of speech? An examination of today’s school-related First Amendment issues through an LGBTQ lens. *National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference*, New York, NY.

**Shpiegel, S.** (2013, October). Examining the phenomenon of resilience among youth emancipating from foster care. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*, Dallas, TX.

Sinha, J.W., Germak, A.L., Quincy, R., & **Shpiegel, S.** (2012, November). How social work schools build critical leadership capacity in nonprofit human services. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*, Washington, DC.

**Shpiegel, S**. & Quincy, R. (2011, October). Designing and implementing programs to support youth transitioning out of care. *Opening Doors: Partnerships for Prevention and Healing,* New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, New Brunswick, NJ.

Murshid, S., Simmel, C., & **Shpiegel, S.** (2011, April). Child and infant mortality in Bangladesh: A problem for the uneducated poor. *Society for Research in Child Development*, Montreal, Canada.

Morton, C.M., & **Shpiegel, S**. (2011, January). Academic performance among former foster youth: The importance of neighborhood. *Society for Social Work and Research*, Tampa, FL.

**Shpiegel, S**. (2010, October). Statutory definitions of emotional maltreatment and substantiation rates across the United States. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*, Portland, OR.

Staats, A.F., & **Shpiegel, S**. (2010, October). Contact with independent living service providers and outcomes of emancipated foster youth. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*, Portland, OR.

**Shpiegel, S**., & Morton, C.M. (2009, November). The effects of neighborhood residence on college performance among former foster youth. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*, San Antonio, TX.

Morton, C.M., **Shpiegel, S**., & Staats, A. (2008, November). Linking patterns of service utilization to outcomes for former foster youth. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.

Morton, C. M. & **Shpiegel, S.** (2008, June). Patterns of service utilization among former foster

youth*. Fordham University Council on Applied Psychometrics*, Bronx, NY.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**Shpiegel. S.** (October, 2016). Preparedness for independent living among adolescents leaving residential placements and foster families in the United States*. State Center for Promotion of Family Education: Faith. Hope. Love*, Moscow, Russia.

**Shpiegel, S.** (June, 2016). Sexual minority youth emancipating from foster care: Challenges and opportunities during the period of transition to adulthood. *Invited webinar for Practice and Research Together (PART)*, Toronto, Canada.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Spring, 2017** Montclair State University, Dean’s Recognition Award for Service. Award granted for leadership in the development of social work curricula, including a Master’s in Social Work (MSW) program and a Minor in Social Work.

**Spring 2016** Montclair State University, Summer Proposal Development Award: “Repeat childbirth among adolescent females emancipating from foster care: Prevalence rates and socio-demographic correlates” ($2,000)

**Fall 2014** Montclair State University, Global Education Center Grants: “Promoting international collaborations between Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Israel and Montclair State University” ($2,500)

**May 2013** Dean’s Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

**May 2012** Outstanding Doctoral Student Instructor Award, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

**June 2011** Summer Research Institute Trainee, National Data Archive on Child Abuse and

Neglect, (NDACAN), Cornell University

**June 2010** Pre-dissertation award to attend a 5-day workshop on Structural Equation

Modeling (SEM), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**May 2010** “Pass with Honors” on the PhD Qualifying Exam, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

**REPORTS**

Quincy, R., **Shpiegel, S**., Hixon, T., Lu, B., & Ludeke, R. (2013). *New Jersey nonprofit organizations: History and current status*. Report prepared for the Center for Nonprofit Management and Governance, School of Social Work, Rutgers University.

Simmel, C., Forenza, B., & **Shpiegel, S.** (2012). *Summary report of the 2011 Summer Housing and Internship Program (SHIP)*. Report prepared for New Jersey’s Department of Children and Families.

**Shpiegel, S.** (2011). *The* *New Jersey Women and AIDS Network (NJWAN): Summary of findings from a needs assessment*. Prepared for the New Jersey Women and AIDS Network.

Simmel, C., **Shpiegel, S**., & Murshid, S. (2011). *Survey of the Project MYSELF and SHIP programs at Transitions for Youth: Reflections from program participants and Support Coaches (2010-2011).* Report prepared for New Jersey’s Department of Children and Families.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**2016-present** Member of theNew Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect (Prevention Committee), Department of Children and Families, New Jersey (invited).

**2011-present** Grant Reviewer, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau (invited).

**2017-current** Member of the Graduate Council, Montclair State University (elected).

**2016-2017** Member of the Search Committee for a Department Chair position, Robert D. McCormick Center for Child Advocacy and Policy, Montclair State University (appointed).

**2016-2017**  Led the development and approval procedures for a new Master’s in Social Work (MSW) program with a concentration in children, youth and families (appointed).

**2015-2016** Chair of the Search Committee for a Tenure-Track Position at the Robert D. McCormick Center for Child Advocacy and Policy, Montclair State University (appointed).

**2014-2015**  Led the development and approval procedures for a new Minor in Social Work with a focus on children, youth and families (appointed).

**2013-2015** Member of the Search Committee for a Tenure-Track Position at the Robert D. McCormick Center for Child Advocacy and Policy, Montclair State University (appointed).

**2013, 2016** Member of the Graduate Curriculum Committee at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University (appointed).

**2014-2015** Member of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University (appointed).

**Spring 2014** Member of the Internal Awards Review Committee at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University (appointed)

**AD HOC REVIEWER**

Journal of Adolescent Health

Children and Youth Services Review

Child Welfare: Journal of Policy, Practice and Program

Journal of Family Violence

International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction

Health Education Journal

Society for Research on Adolescence (conference reviewer)

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (conference reviewer)

Palgrave Macmillan Publishers LTD (book reviewer)

**CERTIFICATES AND LICENCES**

Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI) Certification, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Council on Social Work Education

Society for Social Work and Research