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We sing in loyalty;
The glory of thy name shall e'er resound
With honor, love and hope that we have found.

“The truth shall make us free”
As we go on our way
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Philip A. Rozario, PhD, professor of Social Work, focuses his scholarly interest on well-being in later life, specifically for frail individuals and their families within the long-term care system. His past research endeavors have included the examination of service use by depressed older adults, quality of life, well-being of African American women family caregivers, well-being of participants at senior centers, and productive engagement and outcomes in later life. More recently, he has examined the impact of neoliberal policymaking on social work practice and discourse of successful aging in Singapore, specifically examining the implementation of the Maintenance of Parents Act of 1995 and the conceptualization and construction of successful aging in Singapore.

He received the Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar award in 2003, a visiting scholar award from the National University of Singapore in 2010, a visiting expert award from the Agency for Integrated Care of Singapore in 2015, and a visiting senior scholar at Asia Research Institute of Singapore in 2017. He served as past chair of the Social Research, Policy and Practice Section of the Gerontological Society of America where he is also a fellow.
DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Names may not represent the final roster of Adelphi graduates for May 2024 and August 2024. All information was current as of March 31, 2024. The final awarding of degrees will be determined upon completion of the Spring 2024 and Summer 2024 semesters.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Julissa S. Adames-Torres • May 2024
BSW, Lehman College, 2009
MSW, Lehman College, 2010
Predictors of the Use of Mental Health Services Among Dominican Immigrants in the US
Dissertation Chair: Roni Berger, PhD

Randy A. Dexter • May 2024
BA, Hunter College, 2005
MA, Brooklyn College, 2011
MS, Hofstra University, 2012
The Relationship Between Self-Actualization and Late-Life Depression
Adviser: Bradley Zodikoff, PhD

Eun Kyung Lee • January 2024
BA, Yonsei University, 2000
MSW, Adelphi University, 2015
Adviser: Elizabeth Palley, JD, PhD

Marcella Pizzo • December 2023
BA, CUNY Brooklyn College, 2007
MS, Touro College, 2014
Leading Against the Odds: The Experiences of BIPOC Social Work Women as Leaders within Human Service Organizations: Intersecting Identities, Innovative Leadership, and Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Adviser: Daniel Kaplan, PhD

Kathy Schmitt • May 2024
BA, Queens College, 1998
MSW, New York University, 2000
Courtesy Stigma and Psychological Distress in Parents of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Adolescents and Young Adults
Dissertation Chair: Roni Berger, PhD

Alicia M. Wilson • May 2024
BA, Russell Sage College, 2001
MSW, New York University, 2006
Middle School Staff's Perceptions and Experiences in Implementing Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and Response to Intervention (RTI) Inside NYC Charter Schools
Dissertation Chair: Elizabeth Palley, JD, PhD

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

GORDON F. DERNER SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

Sayde Ackerman • May 2024
BA, American University, 2009
Bias in Diagnostic Decision Making: Borderline Personality Disorder and Gender Minorities
Adviser: Michael Moore, PhD

Crystal Chen • August 2024
BSW, New York University, 2018
Culturally Specific Parental Sensitivity: An indigenous and culturally sensitive approach to Chinese American attachment experiences
Adviser: Carolyn Springer, PhD

Liqiaonan (Minna) Chen • August 2024
BA, Franklin & Marshall College, 2015
MA, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2017
Microaggression & Rupture: An Exploratory Study in Cross-Cultural Dyads
Adviser: J. Christopher Muran, PhD

Zoren Degtyarev • August 2024
BS, CUNY Brooklyn College, 2018
The Effect of a Brief Mindfulness Induction on Experimentally Induced Anxiety
Adviser: Michael Moore, PhD

Sundus Fayyaz • May 2024
BA, City College of New York, 2015
MA, Adelphi University, 2021
Cross-Cultural Analysis of Mediating Effect of Attachment in the Relationship Between Trauma, Shame and Psychopathology
Dissertation Chair: Kate Szymanski, PhD

Killian Folse • May 2024
BS, Loyola University, 2014
MA, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2016
An Inquiry into the Role of Intersubjectivity Amongst Parents and Children, and its Influence on the Conception of Self in the Child with Developmental Differences
Adviser: Michael O’Loughlin, PhD

Kayla Gottlieb • August 2024
BA, Yeshiva University, 2016
Exploring Intimate Observance: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Orthodox Jewish Women’s Attitudes and Feelings around Taharas Hamishpacha (Family Purity Laws)
Adviser: Carolyn Springer, PhD

Kimberly Kissoon • May 2024
BA, New York University, 2019
When Parents Hover: The Cultural and Psychological Impact on College Students
Adviser: Carolyn Springer, PhD

Brendan Krovatin • August 2024
BA, Villanova University, 2015
Within or Without? Understanding Developmental Influences on Male Artists’ Psyches and their Experience of Masculinity
Adviser: Lawrence Josephs, PhD
Mila Kirstie Clarin Kulsa • August 2024
BA, New York University, 2012
MA, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2019
The Journey of Making a Life: An In-Depth Exploration of the Intersectionality Between Psychosis and Creativity Through Narrative Inquiry and Biography
Adviser: Michael O’Loughlin, PhD

Kendra Gabriel MacGregor Terry • August 2024
BA, Wellesley College, 2009
MA, Columbia University, 2019
Nonlinear Polyphony, Or: Something of Significance
Adviser: Karen Lombardi, PhD

Maxwell Mikelic • August 2024
BS, University of Michigan, 2012
Psychology Postbaccalaureate, Columbia University, 2019
The Emotion Regulation and Relationship Initiation (ERRI) Paradigm: A Novel Tool to Examine Attachment Insecurity in the Context of Dating
Adviser: Christina Marini, PhD

Kimberly Jasmine Otero • December 2023
BS, Syracuse University, 2016
Psychological Effects on Immigrant Children: A Case Study of Forced Familial Separation
Adviser: Karen Lombardi, PhD

Veronica Anna Ozog • December 2023
BA, Monmouth University, 2014
MA, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2016
Psychiatry and Inequality: A Critical Inquiry with Clinical Implications
Adviser: Michael O’Loughlin, PhD

Margaret (Maggie) Peebles-Dorin • August 2024
BA, Smith College, 2016
Parenthood Beyond the Binary: An Exploration of Experience at the Intersection of Transgender and Parental Identity
Adviser: Michael O’Loughlin, PhD

Gabriela Rodrigues • May 2024
BA, SUNY Oneonta, 2017
MA, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2019
Forgiveness Within the Parent-Child Dyad in Early Adolescence: Links to Parent-Child Attachment, Parents’ Secure Base Script Knowledge, and Theory of Mind
Adviser: Laura E. Brumariu, PhD

Raynell Sangster • August 2024
BA, SUNY Albany, 2013
MS, SUNY Old Westbury, 2015
African American Girls and their Hair: An Exploration of Development and Identity
Adviser: Karen Lombardi, PhD

Yael Schwartz • August 2024
BA, Touro College, 2017
MA, Adelphi University, 2021
Childhood Emotional Maltreatment and Depression: The Role of Early Maladaptive Schemas, Sense of Defectiveness, and Attachment
Adviser: Kate Szymanski, PhD

Benson Fox • May 2024
BTL, Derech Ayson Rabbinic Institute, 2017
BA, Touro University, 2019
Religious and Spiritual Resilience: An Exploration of the Experience of Male Orthodox Jews
Adviser: Ionas Sapountzis, PhD

Eliza Wierzbinska • August 2023
BA, Adelphi University, 2010
MA, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2014
The Voices of Postpartum Psychosis: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of Women’s Subject Experiences in the Perinatal Period
Adviser: Michael O’Loughlin, PhD

Gabriella Goetz • May 2024
BS, Binghamton University, 2019
School-Based Intervention Programs for Children and Adolescents with Social Anxiety: A Systematic Review of the Literature
Adviser: Ionas Sapountzis, PhD

Breanna Vizlakh • August 2024
BA, Brandeis University, 2016
Intergenerational Narratives: An Exploration of Psychological Sequelae and Identity of First and Second Generation Russian-Speaking Jewish Americans
Adviser: Michael O’Loughlin, PhD

Stephanie Michelle Waslin • May 2024
BA, Adelphi University, 2018
Parental Emotion Socialization of Positive Emotions, Parent-Child Attachment, and Preadolescent Anxiety and Depression
Adviser: Laura E. Brumariu, PhD

Yael Schwartz • May 2024
BA, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), 2020
Multicultural Awareness and Implicit Racial Biases Among Teachers
Adviser: Ionas Sapountzis, PhD

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BTL, Derech Ayson Rabbinic Institute, 2017
BA, Touro University, 2019
Religious and Spiritual Resilience: An Exploration of the Experience of Male Orthodox Jews
Adviser: Ionas Sapountzis, PhD

Christine So • May 2024
BA, Seoul National University, 2010
MA, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2019
The Costs and Benefits of Generativity and Middle-aged and Older Adults’ Mental Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Adviser: Katherine Fiori, PhD

Logan Taylor Tuminelli • May 2024
BA, Adelphi University, 2019
The Role of Repressive and Self-Deceptive Mechanisms in Substance Use: Examining the Influence of Early Negative Object Representations
Adviser: Joel Weinberger, PhD

Melissa Horn • May 2024
BS, Marist College, 2018
Developing Resilience in Children after Childhood Trauma: A Review of School-based Efforts
Adviser: Ionas Sapountzis, PhD

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Sydney Donovan • May 2024
BA, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), 2020
Multicultural Awareness and Implicit Racial Biases Among Teachers
Adviser: Ionas Sapountzis, PhD
RUTH S. AMMON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Linda Fauz • May 2024
BA, Brooklyn College, 2019
Effects of Binaural Amplification on Cognitive Function in Geriatric Population
Academic Adviser: Yula Serpanos, PhD
Clinical Research Project Proposal Mentor: Janet Schoepflin, PhD

Amanda Murdolo • May 2024
AA, Suffolk County Community College, 2017
BA, St. Joseph's College, 2019
A Case Study on the Challenge of a Satisfactory Fitting in Low Frequency Sensorineural Hearing Loss
Academic Adviser: Janet Schoepflin, PhD
Clinical Research Project Proposal Mentor: Yula Serpanos, PhD

Sharon Ruby Philip • May 2024
BS, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, 2017
The Effect of Prolonged Cannabis Use on Central Auditory Processing in Young Adults
Academic Adviser: Yula Serpanos, PhD
Clinical Research Project Mentor: Yula Serpanos, PhD

Melissa Williams • May 2024
BA, St. Joseph's College, 2009
MS, CUNY Queens College, 2012
A Critical Analysis of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Mandate Using Critical Race Theory
Academic Adviser: Jennifer Durham, PsyD

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Dena Alberti • August 2023
BSN, Molloy College, 1997
MSN, St. Joseph’s College, 2015
The Experience of Nurses Engaging in Presence During the Covid-19 Pandemic
Dissertation Chair: Patricia Donohue-Porter, PhD, RN

Joseph Amnawah • May 2024
ADN, St. Paul’s School of Nursing, 2012
BS, Northeastern University, 2009
MSN, Molloy University, 2019
The School Nurse’s Experience with Students that Have Symptoms of Mental Illness: A Survey of Self-Efficacy, Attitude, Work Life Control and Reward
Dissertation Chair: William Jacobowitz, EdD

Teresa Bertozzi-Greco • May 2024
BS, Pace University, 1994
MS, Pace University, 1998
Self-Care in a Sample of Young Adults with Asthma: A Descriptive Correlational Study Related to the Relationship of Patient Activation and Coping
Dissertation Chair: William Jacobowitz, EdD

Charleen Jacobs-McFarlane • August 2023
BS, Adelphi University, 2006
MS, CUNY Hunter College, 2014
The Lived Experiences of Adults with Sickle Cell Disease Deciding on Curative Therapies
Dissertation Chair: Patricia Donohue-Porter, PhD, RN

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Afolabi Poroye • December 2023
BSN, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 2007
MSN, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 2010
Factors Related to the Implementation of Evidence-based Practice in the Management of Antihypertensive Medication Adherence in a Sample of Advanced Practice Nurses Using the CFIR and Stage of Change Models
Dissertation Chair: William Jacobowitz, EdD

Dimple Puthethukudi George • May 2024
BSN, Laxmi Memorial College of Nursing, India, 2004
MSN, Adelphi University, 2014
Opioid Pain Medication Management in a Sample of Hospitalized Oncology Patients: A Self-Controlled Case Series Study
Dissertation Chair: William Jacobowitz, EdD

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Gurpreet Kaur • May 2024  
BS, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, India, 2006  
MS, Adelphi University, 2020  
Enhancing Nurses Knowledge in Managing Heart Failure Patients  
Clinical Research Project Proposal  
Mentor: Marie Cox, DNP, RN, ANP-C

Roopneet Kaur • May 2024  
BSN, Grand Canyon University, 2015  
MSN, Adelphi University, 2020  
Educating Health Professionals to Address SDOH in the Primary Care Center at NUMC  
Clinical Research Project Proposal  
Mentor: Marie Cox, DNP, RN, ANP-C

Suzette Julian Powell • December 2023  
BSN, Adelphi University, 2005  
MSN, Adelphi University, 2017  
Do Registered Nurses on a Long-Term Non-Palliative Care Unit Experience Compassion Satisfaction, Burnout, and/or Compassion Fatigue (Secondary Traumatic Stress)?  
Clinical Research Project Proposal  
Mentor: Marie Cox, DNP, RN, ANP-C

Luisa Remponi • May 2024  
BSN, RTRMS MMC Philippines, 1998  
MSN, Adelphi University, 2019  
Improving Unit-Based Council (UBC) Using the Fostering Leadership Innovations and Growth through Healthcare Teams (FLIGHT) Model, and Enhanced Shared Governance (SG) Framework  
Clinical Research Project Proposal  
Mentor: Marie Cox, DNP, RN, ANP-C