

**Meredith Doherty, PhD, LCSW**

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**EDUCATION**

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- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Psycho-Oncology** June 2021  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
Mentors: *Dr. Francesca Gany* and *Dr. Victoria Blinder*
- Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare** September 2019  
Graduate Center of CUNY, New York, NY  
Dissertation: *Examining Financial Stress and Coping amongst Cancer Patients and Survivors: Quantitative Analyses of US National Survey Data*
- Master of Social Work** May 2010  
Silver School of Social Work, New York University  
New York, NY
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Honors** December 2007  
Hunter College, City University of New York  
New York, NY

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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS**

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**Academic Appointments**

- Assistant Professor, *School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA. 2021 - present
- Faculty Member, Center for Guaranteed Income Research, *School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA. 2021 – present
- Co-Chief Research Fellow, Research Training Program in Psycho-Oncology, *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*, New York, NY. 2020 – 2021
- Research Fellow, Research Training Program in Psycho-Oncology, *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*, New York, NY. 2019 – 2021

Doctoral Fellow, *Silberman Aging, A Hartford Center of Excellence in Diverse Aging at Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, City University of New York*, New York, NY 2014 – 2019

Adjunct Instructor, *Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, City University of New York*, New York, NY 2015 – 2019

Adjunct Instructor, *Columbia University School of Social Work, Columbia University*, New York, NY 2017 – present

### **Research Appointments**

Project Director, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, City University of New York, *Palliative Care Community Access Study* [NIGMS protocol # SC2-GM121269] 2017 – 2019

Research Associate, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, City University of New York, *U.S. Administration on Community Living and Retirement Research Foundation Evaluation of National Resource Center on LGBT Aging (Partnership with SAGE - Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders)* 2014 – 2017

Research Consultant, CancerCare, *Patient Access and Engagement Study* 2016 – 2018

Research Associate, Silver School of Social Work, New York University New York, NY, *Person-Centered Care Planning & Service Engagement* [NIMH protocol # R01-MH099012] 2015 – 2018

Research Assistant, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging at Hunter College, *Community-Based Palliative Care Consortium* 2014 – 2016

### **Clinical Appointments**

Mentor, Zeldia Foster Studies in Palliative and End of Life Care, Silver School of Social Work New York University, New York, NY 2019 – present

Continuous Quality Improvement Consultant, Park Slope Center for Mental Health, Brooklyn, NY 2015 – 2018

Palliative Care Social Work Supervisor, NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, NY 2013 – 2014

Clinical Social Worker, Bridging Access to Care (fka Brooklyn AIDS Task Force), Brooklyn, NY 2012 – 2014

Psychiatric Social Worker, NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, NY 2010 – 2012

Clinical Social Work Intern, NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, NY 2009 – 2010

Case Management Intern, Mental Health Partners of Western Queens, Queens, NY 2008 – 2009

**LICENSURE**

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Licensed Clinical Social Worker (New York State License #082150) 2014 – present

**CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS**

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Advanced Clinical Practice May 2013  
Silver School of Social Work, New York University

Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI) December 2013  
Adelphi University School of Social Work

Penn Implementation Science Institute (ISI) June 2019  
Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Multilevel Intervention Training Institute (MLTI) August 2020  
National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health

**PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION**

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- Social work in healthcare
- Psychosocial oncology & palliative care
- Financial burden of serious illness
- Dissemination & implementation science
- Participatory action research
- Financial capability & asset building
- Social determinants of health theory
- Multilevel intervention development and evaluation

**GRANTS & AWARDS**

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**External Research Grants**

**OneFamily Foundation** Doherty (Co-PI) 2/22/2021– 2/21/2024  
Guaranteed Income to Fight Financial Toxicity (GIFFT)

To use a stepped-wedge trial to determine the effectiveness of a guaranteed income intervention for reducing financial stress and improving treatment adherence in 2500 low-income cancer patients in Philadelphia.

Total Award: \$1,100,000

**131780-DSWR-18-088-03-SW, ACS** Doherty (PI) 7/1/2018 – 3/9/2020  
Examining the Cost-Coping Strategies of Financially Burdened Cancer Patients and Survivors

To characterize the instrumental coping strategies cancer patients and survivors use to manage the financial burden of cancer, examine multilevel predictors of variation in coping, and measure their impact on mental health outcomes.

Total Award: \$40,000

**129554-DSW-16-071-01-SW, ACS** Doherty (PI) 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2018

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### Community-Based Palliative Care for Lower-Income Survivors of Cancer

To identify strategies to deliver community-based psychosocial palliative care interventions to underserved cancer patients and survivors.

Total Award: \$40,000

#### Academic Awards

Provost's Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award Summer 2016  
Graduate Center, City University of New York  
Total Award: \$1080

Early Research Award Summer 2015  
Graduate Center, City University of New York  
Total Award: \$950

Silberman Fellowship 2014 – 2016  
Graduate Center, City University of New York  
Total Award: \$37,500 + Tuition

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### PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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#### Peer Reviewed Articles

**Doherty, M.**, Thom, B., & Gany, F. (In Press) Oncology financial navigation: A scoping review. *Cancer Biomarkers, Prevention, and Epidemiology*.

**Doherty, M.**, Gardner, D., & Finik, J. (2021). The financial coping strategies of U.S. cancer patients and survivors. *Supportive Care in Cancer*.

**Doherty, M.**, Finik, J., & Blinder, V. (In Press). Employment status and cost-related nonadherence in cancer survivors. *Journal of Oncology Practice*.

**Doherty, M.**, Bond, L., Jessel, L., Tennille, J. & Stanhope, V. (2019). Transitioning to Person-Centered Care: A qualitative study of provider perspectives. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*.

Gardner, D. S., **Doherty, M.**, Ghesquiere, A., Villanueva, C., Kenien, C., Callahan, J., & Reid, M. C. (2018). Palliative care for case managers: building capacity to extend community-based palliative care to underserved older adults. *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, 1-16. DOI: [10.1080/02701960.2018.1544129](https://doi.org/10.1080/02701960.2018.1544129)

Gardner, D. S., **Doherty, M.**, Bates, G., Koplow, A., & Johnson, S. (2018). Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Palliative Care: A Systematic Scoping Review. *Families in Society*, 99(4), 301-316. DOI: [10.1177/1044389418809083](https://doi.org/10.1177/1044389418809083)

**Doherty, M.,** Sonet-Miller, E., Gardner, D., & Epstein, I. (2018). Exploring the role of psychosocial care in value-based oncology: Findings from a national survey of cancer patients and survivors. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 1-16. DOI:10.1080/07347332.2018.1504851.

Matthews, E. B., Stanhope, V., Choy-Brown, M., & **Doherty, M.** (2018). Do providers know what they do not know? A correlational study of knowledge acquisition and person-centered care. *Community mental health journal*, 54(4), 514-520. DOI: 10.1007/s10597-017-0216-6.

**Doherty, M.,** Johnston, T., Meyer, H., Wayland, S., Giunta, N. (2016). Training a culturally sensitive aging network: the national resource center on LGBT aging. *Generations: Journal of the American Society on Aging*, 40(2), 78-79.

Gardner, D., Gerbino, S., Walls, J., Chachkes, E., **Doherty, M.** (2015). Mentoring the next generation of social workers in palliative and end-of-life care: The Zelda Foster studies program. *Journal of Social Work in Palliative and End-of-Life Care*, 11(2), 107-113. DOI: 10.1080/15524256.2015.1074142.

#### Manuscripts in Preparation

Doherty, M. & Gardner, D. (Under Review). Examining the relationship between health cost literacy and financial hardship in U.S. cancer patients. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*.

Doherty, M. & Gany, F. (In preparation). Pilot study of a targeted outreach intervention to increase access to hospital-based financial assistance.

Doherty, M. & Gany, F. (In preparation). Understanding the financial needs of cancer patients receiving care in safety-net hospitals.

#### Selected Peer-Reviewed Presentations

**Doherty, M.,** Thom, B. (2021, April). *Coping with cancer-related financial distress*. Research spotlight presentation for the Society of Behavioral Medicine 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions Virtual Conference.

**Doherty, M.,** Gardner, D. (2021, March). *The financial coping strategies of U.S. cancer patients*. Virtual poster presentation for the American Psychosocial Oncology Society Virtual Conference.

**Doherty, M.** (2020, January). *Bearing the burden: Race and gender inequities in exposure to cancer-related financial hardship*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

**Doherty, M.** (2019, November). *Financial toxicity in cancer: Structural variations in coping and their impact on mental health*. Oral presentation for the American Public Health Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

- Doherty, M.** (2019, May). *Exploring race and gender inequities in financial stress and coping in cancer: Analysis of online survey data*. Poster presentation for the 1<sup>st</sup> SPEECH Regional Cancer Health Disparities Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Doherty, M.** (2019, January). *Exploratory factor analysis of a measure of cost-coping in financially burdened cancer patients and survivors*. Poster presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Doherty, M.** (2018, January). *Patient experience and value-based oncology: Findings from a national survey of 3,000 cancer patients and survivors*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.
- Doherty, M.** (2017, July). *Person-centered communication with older cancer survivors*. Oral presentation for the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.
- Gardner, D. & **Doherty, M.** (2017, January). *Barriers to palliative care among diverse chronically ill older adults*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Doherty, M.** (2017, January). *Patient-provider communication and benefit finding in older cancer survivors*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Choy-Brown, M., Stanhope, V., Matthews, L., & **Doherty, M.** (2017, January). *Clinical supervision: A key factor for organizational readiness for change among behavioral health service providers*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Stanhope, V. Choy-Brown, M. Matthews, L. & **Doherty, M.** (2017, January). *Moving towards a mental health recovery orientation in community mental health clinics: the influence of leadership and organizational climate*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Stanhope, V., Matthews, L., Choy-Brown, M., & **Doherty, M.** (2016, December). *Do providers know what they do not know? Understanding how knowledge acquisition relates to person-centered care implementation*. Poster presentation for the 9th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation, Washington DC.
- Doherty, M** & Giunta, N. (2016, January). *Building cultural competence in aging and LGBT services nationally*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Doherty, M.** & Gardner, D. (2015, October). *Spirituality and meaning-making in managing chronic illness: Exploring perceptions of diverse community-dwelling older adults*. Oral presentation for the State Society on Aging of New York, Brooklyn, NY.
- Doherty, M.** & Giunta, N. (2015, October). *The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging: Building cultural competence in the aging services network*. Oral presentation for the State Society on Aging of New York, Brooklyn, NY.

## TEACHING

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Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, CUNY New York, NY (MSW Program)	2015 – 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical Practice I &amp; III</li> <li>- Research Methods I &amp; II</li> <li>- Interprofessional Practice in Health Social Work</li> </ul>	
Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY (MSW Program)	2018 – 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foundations of Social Work Practice</li> <li>- The Healthcare System</li> </ul>	
Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service New York, NY (MSW Program)	2018 – 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment and Diagnosis</li> <li>- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy</li> </ul>	
Kingsborough Community College Brooklyn, NY	2013 – 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Practica I &amp; II</li> <li>- Psychopathology</li> </ul>	

## ADVISING & MENTORSHIP

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### Formal Mentorship

Fariza Alende, MSW, MPH, Zelda Foster Studies Mentee, New York University	August 2019 – present
Aliza Koplow, MSW, Research Intern, Silberman School of Social Work	2018 – 2019
Joy Ting Lee, Research Mentee, White Plains High School	June 2020 – present
Alejandro Cervantes, MSW, Research Assistant, Silberman School of Social Work	2018 – 2019
Jolene Lespes, LMSW, Clinical Social Work Intern, Coney Island Hospital	2013- 2015

### Informal Mentorship

Jackie Finik, MS, Research Associate, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	August 2019 – present
Jacqueline Vera, MPH, Research Associate, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	August 2019 – present

## SERVICE

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### Organizational Memberships

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
 American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS)  
 Association of Oncology Social Workers (AOSW)  
 American Public Health Association (APHA)  
 Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM)

### Selected Manuscript Review

Journal of Psychosocial Oncology  
Supportive Care in Cancer  
Health and Social Work

**Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**  
Financial Toxicity Working Group  
Anti-racist Learning Collaborative  
Implementation Science Alliance Group

**Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College at the City University  
of New York**  
Health and Aging Research Collaborative