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EDUCATION

Doctoral Student, Social Work August 2021-current
University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Dissertation Proposal: *Expellee Stories in America: Intergenerational Trauma Communication Grounded in an Expanded Contextualized Framework*
  Chair: Anne Berg, PhD

Master of Social Work (MSW) 1995
Catholic University of America
Washington, DC
Internships:
- The White House, Domestic Policy Council
- The Child Welfare League of America, Adoption Department
- VA Hospital, Substance Abuse Inpatient Unit

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) 2002
California licensure

Bachelor of Arts, English 1988
Villanova University
Villanova, Pennsylvania

CAREER HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Academic Experience

Funding Secured Spring 2022-current
Jews of Color Initiative
- *Aging Jews of Color and their Lived Experiences of Resilience in Times of Social Unrest*
- Qualitative researcher, semi-structured interviews, grounded theory, autoethnographic component, with faculty-led research team

Professional Presentations January 2023
Weiss, E. L.; Schwartz, S. L., & **Strassman, J. A.** (2023). *Retraumatization in Holocaust survivors: Implications for immigrant and refugee mental health in times of the Ukrainian invasion.* Oral presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, Arizona

Academic Positions Fall 2022-current
University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Teaching Assistant
Writing tutor for graduate students in all master's programs

University of Nevada, School of Social Work, Summer 2022
Reno, Nevada
Instructor, Online Program
Courses Taught
SW 624: Social Work Methods with Couples and Families

Peer Reviewed Publications

Strassman, J. A., Schwartz, S. L., Weiss, E. L., & Petrila, A. (2022). Everyone's war becomes my war: The far-reaching impact of the invasion of Ukraine. *Advances in Social Work*, 22(1), v-x. DOI: 10.18060/26263.

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Clinical Experience

Therapist, Private Practice, *Marin Kids Therapy* 2017-current
San Rafael, California

- Opened and operated successful private practice
- Provided therapeutic support (virtually and in-person) for children, young adults, and their families through play, sandplay, CBT, ERP, mindfulness, gestalt, psychoanalytic, and family systems therapies
- Created and led parent workshop at local schools and community-based organizations
- Designed support group curriculum and facilitated group for parents of children with learning and behavioral needs
- Organized monthly therapist consult group
- Offered therapeutic support to Northern California fire victims with Salvation Army

Program Director, *Family Builders by Adoption* 2000-2001
Oakland, California

- Implemented and oversaw clinical and programmatic activities for LGBTQ+ foster adoption program
- Supervised and trained staff of up to six social workers
- Created and led parent training workshops
- Represented agency at state legislative level

Program Director, *Alternative Family Services* 1998-2000
San Francisco and Petaluma, California

- Developed and managed integration of adoption program within multicultural, bilingual, foster care agency
- Collaborated with program managers to facilitate program integration
- Created and provided staff and foster parent training
- Hired and supervised adoption staff and student interns

Adoption Social Worker, *Lilliput Children's Services* 1997-1998, 2017
San Leandro and Vacaville, California

- Provided case management and therapeutic services to foster children and foster adoptive families
- Recruited and trained families to parent children with special needs
- Wrote adoption home studies, quarterly reports, and court reports
- Represented children in court
- Trained social workers in statewide nonprofit foster care agencies to provide adoption services

Foster Care Social Worker, *FamiliesFirst* 1996-1997
Hercules, California

- Provided weekly therapeutic services to foster children
- Advocated for foster children within treatment team of teachers, therapists, lawyers, specialists, parents
- Supported foster parents to raise children with special needs
- Wrote quarterly reports

Volunteer experience

Volunteer, *San Francisco Food Bank*, San Francisco, California 2020-current

- Provided weekly grocery bagging/delivery services during pandemic

Mentor, *The Bay School of San Francisco,* San Francisco, California 2019-2022

- Mentored seniors in mental health related topics for capstone project