

Biographical Sketch

Leia Y. Saltzman MSW

Ph.D. Student

Boston College

Education

MSW, Boston College

BA, University of Waterloo

Research Interests

Posttraumatic growth and resiliency; Psychological impact of mass violence, conflict, and other forms of trauma; Trajectories of adaptation and coping following exposure to traumatic events; Community programs addressing trauma, conflict, and violence

Publishable Paper Title

Posttraumatic Growth in a Sample of Adult Male Survivors of Childhood Clergy Sexual Abuse: A Validation Study of the Posttraumatic Growth Inventory (Successfully defended 2014)

Organization Affiliations

National Association of Social Work; International Society for Traumatic Stress; Society for Social Work Research; United Nations NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York; United Nations NGO Committee on Mental Health, New York; United Nations NGO Committee on Trauma and Mental Health, New York

Awards and Fellowships

Boston College Doctoral Fellowship; Ann R. O'Meara Award (2014), Boston College; Graduated Dean's Honor List (2009), University of Waterloo; Honors Thesis Award (2009), University of Waterloo; Award for Academic Excellence (2009), Canadian Psychological Association

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Faculty (2014), Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA; Teaching Assistant (2014), Program Evaluation, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA; Teaching Assistant (2014), Statistical Analysis for Social & Behavioral Research, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA; Teaching Assistant (2013), Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA; Teaching Assistant (2013), Research Methods, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA; Teaching Assistant (2013), Program Evaluation, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA; Teaching Assistant (2012), Research Methods, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA; Teaching Assistant (2009), Child Psychopathology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada; Teaching Assistant (2009), Problem Behaviors in the Classroom, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada; Teaching Assistant (2008), Educational Psychology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

Research Experience

Principal Investigator (2013-2014), Posttraumatic Growth in a Sample of Adult Male Survivors of Childhood Clergy Sexual Abuse: A Validation Study of the Posttraumatic Growth Inventory. Co-Authors: Scott Easton, Ph.D., Christopher Salas-Wright, Ph.D.

Research Assistant (2012-2013), Would You Tell Under Circumstances Like That?: Barriers Disclosure of Child Sexual Abuse for Men. Scott Easton, Ph.D., Danny Willis, Ph.D.

Research Assistant (2012), Boston College, Tom Crea, Ph.D.

Research Assistant (2009), St. Jerome's University of Waterloo, Maureen Drysdale, Ph.D.

Publications

Hall, B. J., Saltzman, L. Y., Canetti, D., & Hobfoll, S. E. (2015). Temporal relationship between posttraumatic stress symptoms and posttraumatic growth among Jews and Palestinians during ongoing violence. *PLOS One*, 10(4): e0124782. doi 10.1371/journal.pone.0124782

Salas-Wright, C. P., Hernandez, L., Maynard, B.R., Saltzman, L. Y., & Vaughn, M. G. (2014). Early alcohol use among Hispanic adolescents in the United States: An examination of behavioral risk and protective profiles. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 49(7), 864-877.

Easton, S. D., Saltzman, L. Y., & Willis, D. G. (2013). "Would you tell under circumstances like that?"; Understanding the barriers to disclosure of child sexual abuse for men. *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1037/a0034223

Browne, E. H., Saltzman, L., An, S., Murata, A., Kim, H. M., Murata, M., & Jones-Rooy, A. (2013). Achieving peace and reconciliation in East Asia. In K. Malley Morrison, A. Mercurio, & G. Twose (Eds.), *The international handbook of peace and reconciliation* (pp. 605-630). New York NY: Springer Science and Business Media

Special Experiences

Reviewer, *Society and Mental Health*; Reviewer, *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*

Selected Presentations

Saltzman, L Y., Hall, B. J., Canetti, D., & Hobfoll, S. (January, 2015). The impact of exposure to terror on mental health: The mediating effects of perceived resource loss. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.