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### **Education**

<b>Boston College Graduate School of Social Work</b> Master of Social Work Concentration: Children, Youth, and Families	May 2012
<b>Saint Michael's College</b> Bachelor of Arts, Psychology	May 2009
<b>School for International Training</b> Dharamsala, India Tibetan and Himalayan Studies	Fall 2007

### **Awards and Honors**

Boston College School of Social Work Carolyn B. Thomas Doctoral Fellowship Awarded in recognition of both the accomplishments and anticipated contributions that a social work doctoral student has made/will make to scholarship related to the well-being of family and children.	Spring 2018
Boston College, School of Social Work Doctoral Fellowship	2015 - 2019
Boston College School of Social Work Matthew L. Pisapia Memorial Award Awarded in recognition of leadership through substantial contributions on the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work academic planning committee, scholarship on eating disorders, and research for the Department of Children and Family Services.	May 2012
Saint Michael's College Varsity Swim Team Co-Captain	September 2008 – May 2009
Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America	April 2005

## **Areas of Interest**

Clinical services for vulnerable children and families; Trauma-informed interventions; Refugees and migration; Family preservation; Child welfare

## **Research Experience**

### **Walker Cares**

June 2017 – September 2017

Research Consultant

Served as a consultant for child welfare organization, Walker Cares, to conduct research on permanency for youth in congregate care.

### **Boston College School of Social Work**

June 2016 – May 2017

Research Assistant

Project Title: International Social Work Practice in Conflict Environments

The project examines predictors of various outcomes (e.g., job satisfaction, mental health, organizational commitment) among child protection workers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Scott Easton, Ph.D.

### **Boston College School of Social Work**

June 2016 – May 2017

Research Assistant

Project Title: Exploring Factors Related to Outcomes for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors in Long Term Foster Care

The project aims to understand factors that contribute to outcomes of unaccompanied minors in long-term foster care in the US including education and mental health outcomes.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Thomas Crea, Ph.D.

### **Boston College School of Social Work**

September 2015 – September 2016

Research Assistant

Center for Social Innovation

Project Title: Evaluating the Predictors of Social Innovation in Non-Profit Settings

The project seeks to understand how factors contribute to a non-profit organization's internal innovation capacity, enhancing their service provisions for individuals and communities.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Stephanie Berzin, Ph.D.

### **Boston College School of Social Work**

April 2014 – January 2016

Research Assistant

Project Title: The impact of the 2007-2008 financial crisis on housing for foster youth: The mediating influences of social capital, trauma, and birth parent relationships.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Thomas Crea, Ph.D.

### **Boston College School of Social Work**

March 2011 – May 2012

Research Assistant

Project Title: Collaborative Training and Evaluation Efforts to Improve Supervisory Practice: A Massachusetts Case Study.  
Principal Investigators: Dr. Thomas Crea and Dr. Ruth McRoy

## **Publications**

### **Peer Reviewed Publications**

**Hasson III, R. G.**, Crea, T. M., & McRoy, R., Le, A. (In Press). Patchwork of promises: A critical analysis of immigration policies for unaccompanied children in the United States. *Child and Family Social Work*. DOI:10.1111/cfs.12612.

Roth, B. J., Crea, T. M., Jani, J., Underwood, D., **Hasson III, R. G.**, Evans, K., Zuch, M. (In Press). Detached and afraid: U.S. immigration policy and the practice of forcibly separating parents and young children at the border. *Children Welfare*.

Wang, K., Chu, Y., Cuevas, A., **Hasson III, R. G.**, Tucker, K., & Falcón, L. (2018). Acculturation and food insecurity among Puerto Ricans living in Boston. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 50(8), 829-835.

Reynolds, A., **Hasson III, R. G.**, & Crea T. M. (2018). Testing the ‘overburdening’ hypothesis: Do work and school attendance together place youth transitioning from care at risk for negative housing outcomes? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 85, 279-286.

Crea, T. M., Lopez, A., **Hasson III, R. G.**, Evans, K., Palleschi, C., & Underwood, D. (2017). Unaccompanied immigrant children in long term foster care: Identifying needs and best practices from a child welfare perspective. *Children and Youth Services Review*, Children and Youth Services Review.

Easton, S. D., Safadi, N.S., Wang, Y. & **Hasson III, R. G.** (2017). The Kessler Psychological Distress Scale: Translation and validation of an Arabic version. *Health and Quality of Life Outcomes*

Easton, S. D., Safadi, N., & **Hasson III, R. G.** (2017). “We Deal With Symptoms Rather Than Causes”: Antipoverty Policy Making in Occupied Palestinian Territories. *Journal of Loss & Trauma*, 22(8), 631-645.

Crea, T. M., **Hasson III, R. G.**, Evans, K., Berger Cardoso, J., & Underwood, U. (2017). Moving forward: Educational outcomes for existing Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) foster care in the United States. *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 31(2), pp. 240–256.

**Hasson III, R. G.**, Reynolds, A. D., Crea, T.M. (2017). Housing trajectories for youth transitioning from foster care: Gender differences from 2010-2014. *Child Welfare Journal*, 94(1), 35-52.

### **Manuscripts Under Review and In Preparation**

**Hasson III, R. G.**, Crea, T. M., Berger Cardoso, J. (In Press). Unaccompanied Refugee Minors and Migrant Youth: Policy and Practices in the United States. *Encyclopedia of Social Work*.

**Hasson III, R. G.**, & Crea, T. M., Easton, S. D., O'Dwyer, L. M. (in preparation). Rates of PTSD in a sample of unaccompanied children in the United States.

**Hasson III, R. G.**, & Crea, T. M., Easton, S. D., Underwood, D. (in preparation). Factors related to adverse functioning for unaccompanied children in long-term foster care in the United States.

**Hasson III, R. G.**, & Crea, T. M. (in preparation). Clocking in: Employment outcomes for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors exiting care in the United States.

### **Reports**

Sellers, C. M., Evans, K., Wyman Battalen, A., **Hasson III, R. G.**, McRoy, R. G., Lee, S., Preston, S.M., Getman, S. M., Takahashi, G. (2017). *Permanency for youth in out-of-home care: Suitability of the permanency rating tool*. Needham, MA: Walker Triesman Institute.

Crea, T. M., **Hasson III, R. G.**, McRoy, R. G. (2012). *Supervisor training in support of a casework practice model: findings from Massachusetts*. Final report, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA.

### **Media Publications**

Hasson III, R. G. (2017, February 3). Building knowledge and cultivating relationships: Reflections from SSWR 2017 [blog post]. Retrieved from <https://bcsocialworkblog.com/2017/02/03/building-knowledge-and-cultivating-relationships-reflections-from-sswr-2017/>.

Hasson III, R. G. (2014, January 6). "Letter: Sirocki respects taxpayers, not those in need." *The Forecaster*. Retrieved from <http://www.theforecaster.net/letter-sirocki-respects-taxpayers-not-those-in-need/>.

Hasson III, R.G. (2014, July 12). "Letter to the editor: LePage mandate on aid to immigrants disheartening." *Portland Press Herald*. Retrieved from <http://www.pressherald.com/2014/07/12/letter-to-the-editor-lepage-mandate-on-aid-to-immigrants-disheartening/>.

### **Conference Presentations**

**Hasson III, R. G.** *Factors Related to Adverse Functioning for Unaccompanied Children in Long-Term Foster Care in the United States: An Exploratory Study*. Twenty-Second

Annual Conference of Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington DC, January 2018.

Wang, Y., Easton, S. D., Safadi, N., **Hasson III, R. G.** *The Kessler Psychological Distress Scale: Translation and Validation of an Arabic Version.* Twenty-Second Annual Conference of Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington DC, January 2018.

**Hasson III, R. G.**, Easton, S. D., & Safadi, N. *We Deal with Symptoms Rather Than Causes: Challenges in Formulating Anti-Poverty Policies in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.* Twenty-Second Annual Conference of Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington DC, January 2018.

**Hasson III, R. G.** & Sellers, Christina, M. *Group Role-Play to Build Advocacy Skills and Achieve Equal Opportunity/Justice for All.* Sixty-third Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Dallas, Texas, October 19-22, 2017.

Evans, K., Rosales, R., **Hasson III, R. G.**, & Figuereo, V. *Learning to Work with Immigrants and Refugees: Urgency in Social Work Education.* Sixty-third Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Dallas, Texas, October 19-22, 2017.

Wang, K., **Hasson III, R. G.**, & Chu, Y. *Acculturation and Food Insecurity Among Puerto Ricans in Boston.* Sixty-third Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Dallas, Texas, October 19-22, 2017.

**Hasson III, R. G.**, Evans, K., Crea, T., & Underwood, D. *Moving forward: Educational outcomes for unaccompanied refugee minors exiting foster care in the United States.* 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA, January 2017.

Reynolds, A., **Hasson, R.** & Crea, T. *Classroom or Workplace: Is there a tradeoff between education and employment in obtaining secure independent housing for youth transitioning from foster care?* 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington DC, January 17, 2016.

Crea, T. M., McRoy, R. G., Nisenbaum, J., Lambert, D., **Hasson, R.** *Collaborative Training and Evaluation Efforts to Improve Supervisory Practice: A Massachusetts Case Study.* National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, Washington, DC, August 30, 2011.

## **Teaching Experience**

**Providence College**  
**Department of Social Work**  
**Providence, Rhode Island**  
**Adjunct Faculty**

Course: Human Behavior Through the Lifespan: SWK 253, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

- Served as an instructor for a human behavior course in the BSW program. The course is designed to provide a social work perspective on the psychosocial development of individuals from conception to later adulthood, examining both typical and dysfunctional development.

### **Boston College School of Social Work**

**Chestnut Hill, MA**

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Course: Research Methods in Social Work Practice: SCWK 8841, Spring 2018

- Provided in class support during statistics labs. Provided individual and small group tutoring on research methodology topics.

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Course: Research Methods in Social Work Practice: SCWK 7747, Fall 2017

- Provided in class support during statistics labs. Provided individual and small group tutoring on research methodology topics.

#### **Co-Teacher**

Course: Psychosocial Pathology, Spring 2017

- Contributed lectures, facilitated discussions, and led in-class case study exercises focused on diagnostic criteria for major mental health disorders as outlined by the DSM-V.

### **Salem State University**

**Salem, MA**

#### **Guest Lecturer**

Course: Designing Social Work Research: SWK 855, Fall 2015

- Lectured on sampling techniques in qualitative and quantitative research. Consulted small groups of students on design research proposals.

Course: Assessment & Intervention with Individuals, Families, & Groups: SWK 705, Fall 2013

- Lectured on the use of genograms during the assessment phase of family therapy.

Course: Assessment in Psychosocial Pathology: SWK 866, Spring 2013

- Lectured on diagnostic methods for assessing Schizophrenia and psychotic disorders in clinical social work settings.

Course: Research In Social Work Practice: SWK 707R, Spring 2013

- Lectured on the implementation of Evidence-Based Practice in clinical social work settings.

## **Clinical Experience**

**Private Practice (MA LICSW #: 119647)**  
**Brookline, MA**

August 2016 – Present

- Provide psychosocial consultation and therapy services for adolescents and adults experiencing wide ranging mental health difficulties including depression, anxiety, trauma, role transitions, and adjustment issues.

**Youth Villages** September 2012 – August 2015

**Youth Villages – Germaine Lawrence Campus  
Arlington, MA**

**Short – Term Counselor** April 2014 – August 2015

- Managed case load of 2 – 4 adolescent girls 12 – 18 years old, providing individual and family therapy focused on mental health issues including trauma, depression, and anxiety.
- Provided treatment to adolescent girls and families at Community Based Acute Treatment (CBAT) Level of Care focused on crisis intervention
- Provided treatment to adolescent girls and families involved in DCF care in a Stabilization Assessment and Rapid Reentry (STARR) program focused on comprehensive assessments, short-term treatment, and discharge treatment recommendations

**Youth Villages – Germaine Lawrence Campus  
Arlington, MA**

**Clinical Liaison** June 2013 – April 2014

- Managed case load of 2 – 4 adolescent girls 12 – 18 years old, providing individual and family therapy focused on mental health issues including trauma, depression, and anxiety.
- Received training in Trauma Focused – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and provided trauma focused therapy to adolescent girls 12 – 18 years old.
- Provided clinical support to team of clinicians including coordinating transportation for students and maintaining clinical updates with collaterals.
- Served as liaison between parents, guardians, and clinicians.

**Transitional Living Specialist** September 2012 – June 2013  
**Woburn, MA**

- Provided 18-22 year old clients with knowledge to utilize all available community resources.
- Provided Crisis Intervention Services on a 24/7 basis for designated caseload of young adults.
- Helped clients become self sufficient by assisting them in locating and learning how to use community resources including housing, employment and education.

**Lowell Treatment Center** September 2011 – June 2012  
**Adult Partial Hospitalization Program  
Lowell, MA**

**Social Work Intern**

- Completed psychosocial assessments, diagnosis, and treatment disposition for adults coping with major mental illness and addiction in a partial hospitalization program.

- Facilitated process, psychoeducational, and cognitive behavioral group therapy sessions.

**Metropolitan Career and Technical Institute**                               September 2010 – June 2011  
**Providence, RI**  
**Social Work Intern**

- Provided counseling and support to at-risk teens and families
- Crisis counseling in a multi-cultural high school environment
- Member of Response to Intervention team providing psychosocial consultations

**Gateway Healthcare, Inc.**                                                 August 2009 – August 2010  
**Smithfield, RI**  
**Case Manager**

- Provided clinical case management for caseload of adults coping with severe and persistent mental illness
- Provided individual counseling support for clients to achieve high levels of social integration and completion of daily living activities

## **Service**

**Boston College School of Social Work**                                 March 2017 – Present  
Member, Boston College School of Social Work  
Strategic Planning Steering Committee

**Boston College School of Social Work**                                 April 2016 – May 2017  
Doctoral Group Co-Leader

**Boston College School of Social Work**                                 September 2011 – May 2012  
Academic Planning Committee  
Student Representative



## **Reference Providers**

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