

MARCUS BROWN, MSW, LCSW-S

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EDUCATION

- 05/2026 University of Houston, Houston, TX
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, Anticipated May 2026
Dissertation: Pathways to Mental Health Recovery among Black Adults with Serious Mental Illness
- 12/2013 Washington University, St. Louis, MO
George Warren Brown School of Social Work
Master of Social Work
- 05/2012 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL (SIUC)
Bachelor of Science in Social Work - Cum Laude
Minor: Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Serious Mental Illness (SMI); Black Adults with SMI; Formal and Informal Mental Health Service Use; Social Support Networks; Mental Health Recovery and Wellness; Help-Seeking Intentions and Behaviors

TEACHING INTERESTS

Assessment and Diagnosis; Introduction to Social Work; Human Behavior and the Social Environment; Social Work Generalist Practice and Clinical Courses; Qualitative Research

FUNDING

- 2025 PhD Dissertation Research Award
University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Worker
Humana Endowed Chair in Social Determinants of Health (Total: \$1,620)
- 2025 PhD Dissertation Research Award
New York University, Silver School of Social Work
Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Group (Total: \$1,500)
- 2025 PhD Dissertation Research Award
University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Worker
Child & Family Center for Innovative Research (Total: \$1,000)
- 2023-current Doctoral Fellow
Council on Social Work Education Minority Fellowship Program (Total: \$25,800 annually)
- 2020-2022 Presidential Fellowship
University of Houston Graduate, College of Social Work (Total: \$3,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Brown, M., Narendorf, S. C., Khan, U., Gomez, G., & Munson, M. R. (2025). Co-creating the healing partner: An examination of the feasibility and acceptability of a boundary spanning and provision shifting clinician. *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*, 1-17.

Narendorf, S.C., Munson, M. R., Khan, U., **Brown, M.**, Gomez, G., Santa Maria, D., Gilmer, T., Gattis, M. N., Hayward, P. & Herman, D. (2025). Study protocol for a feasibility evaluation of *Charge Up!*: An adaptation of Critical Time Intervention for young adults moving from homelessness to housing. *Pilot and Feasibility Trials*, 1-13.

Brown, M., Horton, D., & Henderson, J. (2024). A Narrative of the Community Cultural Wealth of a Black Male Engineering Undergraduate Student. *Studies in Engineering Education*, 1-19.

Lea, C.H., **Brown, M.**, & Byatt, R. (2022). Alternative Schools, Career and Technical Education, and Emerging Adult Black Men in Reentry: A Case Study. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 1-18.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Savani, S., Arora, A., **Brown, M.**, Ma, Y., & Gearing, R. E. (2024). The influence of religion on euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. In A. Breivik, M. Schouler-Ocak & M. Khan (Ed.), *Suicide Across Cultures*. London: Oxford University Press.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

Lea, C.H., **Brown, M.**, Kennedy, P., Bhatt, R., Ma, Y., Rodriguez, M. & Adams, R. (Under Review). "Reentry and COVID-19: An Examination of the Vaccine Beliefs and Behaviors of Black Adults in an Urban Community. *BMC Public Health*.

Asante, R., Sanchez, C., **Brown, M.**, Brewer, K. B., Washburn, M., Boateng, D. A., Fogel, S. J., Robbins, S. P., & Gearing, R. E. (Under Review). Exploring Research Assistants' Changing Perceptions After Participating in a Mental Health Research Study. *Journal of the Society for Social Work Research*.

Gearing, R., Coffey, M., Weaver, N., Olson, L., & **Brown, M.** (Under Review). Rural Mental Health Services: A Systematic Review of Barriers and Promoters to Treatment Engagement. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health Services Research*.

Brown, M., Lea, C., Jones, T., Malorni, A., Spencer, M., & Bruick, S. (In Preparation). Social-Emotional Development and Culture: Exploring the Experiences and Perceptions of Racially and Ethnically Diverse Young People.

Narendorf, S., **Brown, M.**, Jeter, S., & Munson, M. (In Preparation). Modeling the Process of Treatment Continuation or Discontinuation Following Psychiatric Hospitalization.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Sanchez, C., **Brown, M.**, Asante, R., Brewer, K. B., Washburn, M., Boateng, D. A., Fogel, S. J., Robbins, S. P., & Gearing, R. E. (Accepted). No longer exclusive to madness: The impact of involvement in mental health research on graduate research assistants. Poster presentation accepted at the 2026 Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Brown, M., Johnson, K., Bell, M., DeFrance, L., Roach, J., & Perkins, B. (Accepted). Community advisory board insights on recovery for Black adults with serious mental illness. Poster accepted for presentation at the 2025 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Narendorf, S., **Brown, M.**, Straughter, A., Jackson, B., Shelley, A., Greenmun, J. & Justice, N. (June 2025). Introducing Charge Up!: Youth Centered Support Model. Panel presentation at the Texas Network for Youth Services, Houston, Texas.

Brown, M., Narendorf, N., Gomez, G., Khan, U., & Munson, M. (January 2025). The Healing Partner: Reimagining Mental Health Supports for Young Adults at Critical Points of Transition. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, Washington.

Narendorf, N., **Brown, M.**, Munson, M., Singletary, B. (January 2024). Applying the ADAPT-ITT Framework to build a Housing Support Intervention. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Brown, M., Savani, S., Arora, A., Ma, Y., & Gearing, R. (June 2024). End-of-life decisions: Exploring religious perspectives on euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. Oral presentation at the International Association for Suicide Prevention Conference, Bangkok, Thailand.

Ionesc, E., Bhatt, R., Davies, H., Arora, A., & **Brown, M.** (April 2022). Teaching Excellence: Should Social Work PhD Students Learn how to Teach? A pilot study-survey report. Poster presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX.

Brown, M., Johnson, K., & Johnson, M. (September 2021). Black and Indigenous people of color (BIPOC) mental health matters: Disparity to parity. Oral presentation delivered during the opening session at the National Association of Social Workers Indiana Chapter Annual Conference, Virtual.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION EXPERIENCE

09/2020-
Present

Research Assistant

University of Houston Graduate College of Social

- Conducts literature reviews and qualitative interviews; facilitates data collection and analysis; co-authors manuscripts for peer-reviewed publication.

08/2021-
Present

Item Writer (Contract)

Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

- Develops clinical exam items for licensure; applies research and practice expertise across diverse content areas.

- 08/2022-12/2022 **Program Evaluator Team Member**
 Lovescaping,[®] Houston, TX
- Conducted summative evaluation of a social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum; developed and delivered final report and presentation to stakeholders.
- 08/2021-05/2022 **Doctoral Research Intern**
 University of Houston College of Chemical Engineering
 Henderson Research Group
- Conducted qualitative data analysis using the Community Cultural Wealth framework; synthesized findings and submitted an article for publication.
- 05/2011-05/2012 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
 McNair Scholar – McNair Summer Research Institute
- Researched literature on attitudes and ethical concerns regarding e-therapy; presented findings at the McNair Summer Research Symposium (Carbondale, IL) and the National McNair Conference (Delavan, WI).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 08/2025 **Adjunct Instructor**
 University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
 Course: Groups: Advanced Clinical Practice (Fall 2025)
- Instructs 27 MSW students in an in-person course on clinical group work.
- 01/2023 **Adjunct Instructor**
 University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
 Course: Clinical Applications of the DSM-5 in Social Work Practice (Spring 2023)
- Instructed 27 MSW students in assessment and diagnostic clinical practice.
- 08/2022 **Teaching Assistant**
 University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
 Courses: Clinical Applications of the DSM-5 (online) in Social Work Practice and Brief Targeted Interventions (in-person) (Fall 2022)
 Instructor: Steven Parks, LCSW-S, MBA
- Delivered guest lectures, facilitated class discussions, and evaluated student assignments.
- 01/2019-05/2020 **Field Instructor**
 Saint Louis County Department of Public Health
 Affiliated with Washington University in St. Louis
- Supervised MSW interns; provided clinical instruction and conducted performance evaluations.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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| 05/2025-Present | <p>Clinical Supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides clinical supervision to Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSWs) in the state of Texas. |
| 05/2023-Present | <p>Clinical Therapist
SonderMind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivers virtual therapy; conducts biopsychosocial assessments and co-develops individualized treatment plans. |
| 02/2023-Present | <p>Healing Partner
University of Houston /Full Circle Strategy, LLC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides therapeutic support and case management for young adults experiencing homelessness; co-develops intervention materials for the mental health role. |
| 09/2022-Present | <p>Clinical Social Worker
West Oaks Hospital, Houston, TX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducts assessments and facilitates psychoeducational groups for children, youth, and adults in inpatient and outpatient psychiatric settings. |
| 01/2018-07/2020 | <p>Clinical Social Worker/Behavioral Health Consultant
St. Louis County Department of Public Health, St. Louis, MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy to children and youth; delivered crisis intervention and mental health services to individuals across the lifespan within an integrated healthcare setting. |
| 09/2017-06/2020 | <p>Clinical Social Worker/Intake Clinician
Mercy Hospital South, St. Louis, MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted mental health assessments for adolescents and adults to determine level of care, including inpatient admission, outpatient services, or discharge; provided diagnostic evaluations and clinical recommendations. |
| 04/2014-12/2017 | <p>Clinical Social Worker
Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted psychiatric assessments on the inpatient psychiatry unit; facilitated discharge planning and group therapy. Cross-trained in a Level 1 trauma emergency department and responded to crises requiring social work intervention. |
| 12/2013-08/2015 | <p>Crisis Intervention Clinician
Behavioral Health Response St. Louis, MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided crisis counseling and suicide prevention services via phone, text, and virtual platforms to individuals of all ages. |

12/2013-08/2015 **Youth Specialist**
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services St. Louis, MO

- Provided therapeutic mentoring to youth and families to address interpersonal challenges and behavioral health needs.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

03/2024-
03/2025 **PhD Student Representative, Dean Search Committee**
University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

08/2022-
05/2022 **Representative, Clinical Social Work Concentration Committee**
University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

01/2022
(Spring) **Ad Hoc Reviewer**
Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal

01/2019-
06/2020 **Chair, Behavioral Health Committee**
St. Louis County Department of Public Health

12/2012-
05/2013 **Volunteer Crisis Worker**
Life Crisis Services

01/2012-
05/2012 **BSW Case Manager Intern**
The Lighthouse Shelter

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

08/2024 –
Present **Chair, Community Advisory Board for R36 Dissertation Award**
Dissertation: Pathways to Mental Health Recovery Among Black Adults with SMI

08/2018 –
05/2020 **Chair, Men's Health Committee**
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

08/2017 –
08/2018 **Chair, Kappa League National Youth Mentoring Program**
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019 Director's Award, Recognized for Outstanding Services
Awarded by Saint Louis County Department of Public Health

2013 Shirlee Fink Kahn Award, Recognized for Outstanding Volunteer Service
to the St. Louis Community

Awarded by Washington University in St. Louis

2012 Social Work Undergraduate Student of the Year Award
Awarded by Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2010 McNair Scholar
McNair Scholars program providing educational and professional development
activities related to research and academic skills
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Texas Licensed Clinical Social Worker Supervisor, 2024 – Present

Texas Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Active License #: 103731, 2020 – Present

Missouri Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Active License #: 2017015856, 2017- Present