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Education

Teachers College, Columbia University, NY (current): Clinical Psychology Ph.D.

Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ (2008- 2009): Counseling – GPA 3.9

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (2007 – 2008): Psychology – GPA 4.0

Beth Medrash Govoha, Lakewood, NJ (2004 –2007): Bachelors Talmudic Law

Research Experience

JPSYCH, Associate Director of Research (current): literature review, research design, online survey programming, SPSS coding and data analysis, article and poster writing. Co-investigator: David H. Rosmarin (Bowling Green State University), drosmar@bgsu.edu.

Center for Applied Psychology, Research Associate (2007 - 2009): Literature review, database programming, data entry, SPSS coding and analysis, article and poster writing. Principal-investigator: Isaac Schechter, caps@bikurcholim.org.

Rutgers University & UMDNJ, Research Assistant (2007 - 2008). Principal-investigators: R. Contrada & J. Alleio.

Clinical & Related Experience

Professional Career Services, Lakewood, NJ (2009 - current):

- Interviewed and assessed potential job candidates.
- Provided career and academic counseling.

Center for Applied Psychology, Bikur Cholim, Monsey, NY (2007 - 2008):

- Organized and scored standardized tests (e.g., BASC, Conner's, PSC)
- Designed, executed, analyzed and reported quarterly client satisfaction surveys, as mandated by NY state law.
- Trained at the Rockland County Board of Health as a smoking-cessation group facilitator using a behavior modification program.
- Designed and implemented standardized school counseling referral forms.
- Standardized clinical outcome measurement: Selected instrument (PSC) and designed and programmed database (Access).
- Evaluations of health and anxiety group therapy.
- Community survey of health attitudes, information, and behaviors.
- Assisted in the development of intake procedures and relevant Excel spreadsheets.

Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ (2009): Community counseling practicum.

Peer-reviewed Publications

Pirutinsky, S. (in submission). *Who are we? Social identity, satisfaction with life, and self-esteem.*

Rosmarin, D. H., Pirutinsky, S., & Siev, J. (in submission). *Are Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jews equally likely to recognize scrupulosity as OCD and recommend professional treatment?*

- Pirutinsky, S., Rosen, D., Shapiro, R. L., & Rosmarin, D. H. (in preparation). *Stigmatization of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder within the Orthodox Jewish Community*.
- Pirutinsky, S., Rosmarin, D. H., & Pargament, K. I. (in press). Community attitudes towards culture-influenced mental illness: Scrupulosity vs. non-religious OCD among Orthodox Jews. *Journal of Community Psychology*.
- Pirutinsky, S. (2009). Conversion and attachment insecurity among Orthodox Jews. *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 19, 200 – 206.
- Rosmarin, D. H., Pirutinsky, S., Pargament, K. I., & Krumreil, E. J. (in press). Are religious beliefs relevant to mental health among Jews? *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.
- Pirutinsky, S. (2009). The terror management function of Orthodox Jewish religiosity: A religious culture approach. *Mental Health, Religion and Culture*, 12, 247 – 256.

Conference Presentations

- Rosmarin, D. H., & Pirutinsky, S. (submitted). *Recent research on Judaism and mental health*. Symposium presented at Nefesh International Network of Orthodox Mental Health Professionals 13th Annual Conference, New York, NY.
- Rosmarin, D. H., Pirutinsky, S., & Siev, J. (accepted). *Do Orthodox and Non-Orthodox Jews appraise symptoms of scrupulosity as psychopathology?* Poster session Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 43rd Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- Pirutinsky, S., Rosmarin, D. H., & Pargament, K. I. (accepted). *Religious culture as a moderator of the relationship between religious coping, depression and anxiety*. Poster session. Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 43rd Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- Pirutinsky, S., Rosmarin, D. H., & Pargament, K. I. (August, 2009). *Preliminary Validation of an Orthodox-Jewish Stigma Scale for Mental Illness*. Poster session American Psychological Association, Division 27 Society for Community Research and Action, Toronto, ON.
- Pirutinsky, S. (March, 2009). *Community attitudes towards culture-influenced mental illness: Scrupulosity vs. OCD among Orthodox Jews*. Paper presented at the Georgian Court University Celebration of Faculty Scholarship and Creativity, Lakewood, NJ.
- Rosmarin, D. H., Pirutinsky, S., Pargament, K. I., & Krumrei, E. J. (February, 2009). *Do religious doctrine and culture moderate the relationship between beliefs and distress?* Poster session Society for Personality and Social Psychology Pre-conference on Religion and Spirituality, Tampa, FL.
- Pirutinsky, S., Rosmarin, D. H., & Pargament, K. I. (January, 2009). *Preliminary Validation of an Orthodox-Jewish Stigma Scale for Mental Illness*. Poster session Nefesh International Network of Orthodox Mental Health Professionals 12th Annual Conference, Staten Island, NY.
- Pirutinsky, S., & Schechter, I. (January, 2009). *Diagnostic, clinical and socio-religious description of an Ultra-Orthodox and Hasidic Jewish population: An outpatient mental health clinic sample*. Poster session Nefesh International Network of

- Orthodox Mental Health Professionals 12th Annual Conference, Staten Island, NY.
- Schechter, I., Schorr, F., & Pirutinsky, S. (January, 2009). *Initial validation and preliminary findings of the Comprehensive Religiousness Scale for Orthodox Jews (CRS-OJ)*. Poster session Nefesh International Network of Orthodox Mental Health Professionals 12th Annual Conference, Staten Island, NY.
- Snow, D., Zemon, V., Schechter, I., Pirutinsky, S., & Langner, E. (May, 2008). *Mental health presentation of Baalei Teshuva*. Poster session Yeshiva University Behavioral Sciences Student Research Conference, Bronx, NY.

Non-Academic Publications

- Pirutinsky, S. (2007, June 25). Tourette's syndrome: Fact and fiction. *Binah Magazine*. [ultra-Orthodox magazine of general interest]
- Pirutinsky, S. (2007, July 16). Beyond bereavement: Getting through the grief. *Binah Magazine*.
- Pirutinsky, S. (2008, January 19). Obsessive Compulsive Disorder: A Frum Perspective. *Binah Magazine*.

Professional Activities

- American Psychological Association: Student Affiliate
- Ad-hoc Reviewer: *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture; Cognitive and Behavior Practice*
- Founder and Curator of the JPsych Archive, a searchable, full-text database of peer-reviewed, empirical articles on Orthodox Jewish Mental Health.

Statistical and Technology Competencies

- Dynacom Systems (2000 – 2006): computer programming, web development, database design and management.
- SPSS: data management and coding, SPSS syntax, charts and figures, basic inferential analysis (correlations, ANOVA, crosstabs, factor analysis, multiple regression).
- Database & Computer Programming: Access, MySQL, user interfaces, data management and transformation, C++, VB.
- Web Design & Programming: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, Perl, MySQL.