

PAMELA A. MELTON

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health research, particularly HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Virus disparities among historically underserved populations; socio-historical and psychosocial influences on health, behavioral health, and traumatic experiences

EDUCATION

DSW	Tulane University May 2018
MSW	The University of Alabama May 1997
BS	University of New Orleans December 1991

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor of Practice

Tulane University
School of Social Work
New Orleans, LA
October 2020 – Present

Assistant Professor (hybrid and on-line instruction)

Alabama A&M University
Department of Social Work, Psychology & Counseling
Normal, AL
August 2018 – Present

Adjunct Instructor (hybrid and on-line instruction)

Tulane University
School of Social Work
New Orleans, LA
August 2019 – October 2020

Adjunct Instructor (on-line instruction)

Samford University
School of Public Health
August 2019 – Present

Director of MSW Field Education/Clinical Instructor

Alabama State University
Department of Social Work
Montgomery, AL
August 2017 – August 2018

Instructor

The University of Alabama
School of Social Work
Tuscaloosa, AL
August 2013 – August 2017

Adjunct Instructor

The University of Alabama, School of Social Work
Tuscaloosa, AL
January 2011 – August 2013

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Melton, P.A., Sims, O.T., Oh, H., Truong, D.N., Atim, K., & Simon, C. (under review). African American Ethnicity, Hypertension, Diabetes, and Arthritis Independently Predict Co-occurring Depression and Obesity Among Community-dwelling Older Adult Alabamians. *Social Work in Public Health*

Sims, O.T., Wang, K., Chandler, R., **Melton, P.A.**, & Truong, D.N. (in press). A descriptive analysis of concurrent alcohol and substance use among patients living with hiv/hcv co-infection. *Social Work in Health Care*.

Sims, O.T., Wang, K., **Melton, P.A.** (under review). Time to Treatment Disfavors HIV/HCV Co-infected Patients. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

Sims, O.T., Chiu, C., Chandler, R., **Melton, P.**, Wang, K., Richey, C. & Odlum, M. (2019). Alcohol use and ethnicity independently predict antiretroviral therapy nonadherence among patients living with hiv/hcv coinfection. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, doi: 10.1007/s40615-019-00630-8.

Sims, O. T., Chiu, C., Chandler, R., Wang, K., **Melton, P.A.** (under review). Prevalence of Alcohol and Substance Use in a Sample of HIV/HCV Co-infected Patients Who Are in Routine Clinical Care Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*.

Sims, O.T., Oh, H., Noh, H., **Melton, P.A.**, Sheffield, S.D., Ingram, K.E., & Sawyer, P.S. (2018). Prevalence and predictors of co-occurring diabetes and hypertension in community-dwelling older adults. *Geriatrics & Gerontology International*, doi: 10.1111/ggi.13489.

Sims, O.T., **Melton, P.A.**, & Ji, S. (2018). A descriptive analysis of a community clinic providing hepatitis C treatment to poor and uninsured patients. *Journal of Community Health*.

Sims, O. T., Maynard, Q. R., & **Melton, P. A.** (2016). Behavioral interventions to reduce alcohol use among hepatitis c patients: A Systematic Review. *Social Work in Public Health*, e1-e9. doi: 10.1080/19371918.2016.1160346.

Peer-Reviewed Published Journal Conference Abstracts

Sims, O. T., Ji, S., & **Melton, P. A.** (2016). A descriptive analysis of a multidisciplinary health agency providing treatment to uninsured hepatitis c patients. *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, 111: S336-S400, doi:10.1038/ajg.2016.359

Manuscripts in Progress

Melton, P. A., Sims, O. T. *The Psychosocial Effects of an HCV-Infected Kidney Transplant on a Non-HCV Infected Transplant Recipient*

Simon, C., **Melton, P. A.**, Pryce, J. & Carter, V. *Community Engagement and Community Partners: Where's the Justice?*

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

Melton, P. A., Sims, O. T., Hyejung O, Simon, C., Atim, K. (Presenting October 2020). *Prevalence and Predictors of Co-occurring Depression and Obesity among Community-Dwelling Older Adult Alabamians*. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition. San Francisco, CA.

Sims, O. T., Chiu, C., Chandler, R., Wang, K., **Melton, P.A.** (November 2019). Prevalence of Alcohol and Substance Use in a Sample of HIV/HCV Co-infected Patients Who Are in Routine Clinical Care Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition. Philadelphia, PA.

Melton, P. A. (November 2019). *Prevalence and predictors of co-occurring diabetes and hypertension in community-dwelling older adults*. The Network of Minority Health Research Investigators (NMRI). Nashville, TN.

Sims, O.T., **Melton, P.**, Wang, K., Richey, C. (October 2019). Prevalence and Independent Predictors of Antiretroviral Therapy Non-adherence among Patients Living with HIV/HCV Co-infection. Council on Social Work Education. Denver, Colorado.

Sims, O.T., Wang, K., **Melton, P.A.** (October 2019). Time to Treatment Disfavors HIV/HCV Co-infected Patients. Council on Social Work Education. Denver, Colorado.

Sims, O. T., Chiu, C., Chandler, R., Wang, K., **Melton, P.A.** (March 2019). Prevalence of Alcohol and Substance Use in a Sample of HIV/HCV Co-infected Patients Who Are in Routine Clinical Care Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy. National HIV Prevention Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Simon, C., Pryce, J., Carter, V., & **Melton, P.** (January 2019). *How to Maximize Community Partners in Engagement Scholarship Partnerships*. Society for Social Work Research 2019 Annual Program Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Simon, C., Pryce, J., Carter, V., & **Melton, P.** (January 2019). *Social Justice in Social Work Education, Research and Practice*. Society for Social Work Research 2019 Annual Program Meeting Special Interest Groups. San Francisco, CA.

Sims, O. T., **Melton, P. A.** (November 2018). *Prevalence and Predictors of Antiretroviral Medication Non-adherence among HIV/HCV Co-infected Patients in Clinical Care*. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition. San Diego, CA.

Sims, O.T., Oh, H., Noh, H., **Melton, P.A.**, Sheffield, S.D., Ingram, K.E., & Sawyer, P.S. (November 2018). *Prevalence and predictors of co-occurring diabetes and hypertension in community-dwelling older adults*. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition. San Diego, CA.

Simon, C., **Melton, P. A.**, Pryce, J. & Carter, V. (January 2018). *Community Engagement and Community Partners: Where's the Justice?* Society for Social Work Research 2018 Annual Program Meeting. Washington, DC.

Simon, C., **Melton, P. A.**, & Pryce, J. (January 2017). *Social Justice in Social Work Education, Practice, and Research*. Society for Social Work Research 2017 Annual Program Meeting Special Interest Groups. New Orleans, LA.

Sims, O. T., Ji, S., & **Melton, P. A.** (October 2016). *A Descriptive Analysis of a Multidisciplinary Health Agency Providing Treatment to Uninsured Hepatitis C Patients*. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting (ACG). Las Vegas, NV.

Melton, P. A., & Sims, O. T. (October 2016). *PTSD and Poor Antiretroviral Adherence Among HIV-Infected African American Patients: A Comprehensive Review*. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition. Denver, CO.

Sims, O. T. & **Melton, P. A.**, (October 2016). *A Descriptive Analysis of a Pharmacist-Led Multidisciplinary Care Model Providing Hepatitis C Treatment to Uninsured Patients*. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition. Denver, CO.

Sims, O. T., Maynard, Q., & **Melton, P. A.** (May 2016). *Behavioral Interventions to Reduce Alcohol Consumption Among Patients with Liver Disease Caused by Hepatitis C Virus: A Systematic Review*. National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Minneapolis, MN.

Melton, P. A., & Sims, O. T. (May 2016). *PTSD and Poor Antiretroviral Adherence Among HIV-Infected African American Patients: A Comprehensive Review*. National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Minneapolis, MN.

Sims, O. T., Maynard, Q., & **Melton, P. A.** (January 2016). *Behavioral Interventions to Reduce Alcohol Consumption Among Patients with Liver Disease Caused by Hepatitis C Virus: A Systematic Review*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) 2016 Annual Program Meeting. Washington, DC.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL REFEREE

European Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, 2020 – Present

Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, 2018 – Present

Journal of Personality Disorders, 2019 – Present

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, 2017 – Present

Journal of Religion and Health, 2017 – Present

Social Work in Mental Health, 2020 – Present

PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACT REFEREE

2017 – 2018 American Public Health Association (APHA) HIV/AIDS Program

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Courses

Components of Social Work Practice

Disaster Mental Health and Trauma Interventions

Human Behavior and Social Environment I

Human Behavior and Social Environment II

Human Sexuality

Integrative Seminar

Family Theories

Forensic Social Work

Mental Health Practice with Adults

Mental Health Practice with Children

Models and Methods of Gerontology Social Work Practice

Psychopathology

Quantitative Research

Race, Gender and Ethnicity

Social Work Empowerment

Social Work in Mental Health

Social Work Practice with Groups

Social Work Practice with Communities

Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families

Social Work Practice in Health Care
Social Welfare Policy
Social Work Skills Lab

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to the Field of Social Work Practice
History of Social Welfare
Human Behavior and Social Environment I
Human Behavior and Social Environment II
Oppression and Social Injustice
Social Work Practice with Communities
Social Work Practice with Groups
Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families
Seminar

HONORS & AWARDS

2019 – National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases Travel Grant
2018 – Outstanding Doctoral Student Achievement Award, Tulane University
2017 – Excellence in Academic Advising, Nominated, The University of Alabama
2016 – Excellence in Academic Advising, Nominated, The University of Alabama
2015 – Excellence in Academic Advising, Nominated, The University of Alabama

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Public Health Association (APHA)
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
International AIDS Society (IAS-USA)
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

CLINICAL LICENSURES

State of Alabama, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) License Number 1475C
State of Alabama, Private Independent Practitioner (PIP) License Number 0590-1475C
State of Louisiana, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) License Number 4490

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Area Social Work Director

Alabama Department of Public Health
Birmingham, AL, March 2004 – August 2013

Monitored program budget restrictions and regulatory standards; monitored budget, internal and external reports to ensure accuracy and cost effectiveness; consulted with state office administrators regarding program budget and financial needs; increased revenue by

approximately \$1,000,000.00 per fiscal year; communicated with physicians, nurses, community partners and other providers in the medical community regarding patient care; supervised all clinical programs (Adult & Child Health, Family Planning, Disabled Medicaid Waiver, HIV and AIDS Medicaid Waiver, Home Health); responsible for marketing programs (increased patient census by 300%); completed program data collection and reports; recruited, interviewed, hired, and evaluated program staff; monitored compliance with health personnel policies; completed quality assurance audits to ensure program compliance; consulted with state office on policy assurance guidelines, budget restrictions and regulatory standards; participated in, attended, conducted trainings and meetings for professional staff and community partners; assured appropriate licensure and continuing education for all staff as required by state policy

Ryan White HIV Program Coordinator

Franklin Primary Health Center
Mobile, AL, September 2000 – March 2004

Responsible for monitoring and quality assurance of Ryan White Title Funding per HRSA guidelines; assisted administration with writing the Ryan White Grant Proposal; completed yearly grant proposals for Supplemental Funding; managed project resources, progress, completion timeframes, and budget; supervised staff; responsible for clinical, programmatic, fiscal management and data collection; consulted with Infectious Disease Physicians regarding contracts, patient care and clinic operations; developed psychosocial assessments treatment plans and maintained case records to reflect course of treatment; collaborated with a network of community medical providers that provided primary care to HIV patients; assured that internal and external reports were completed according to federal standards; monitored compliance with project policies and procedures; developed, implemented, and maintained collaboration with community partners and agencies; provided community health education programs; served as chair of the Mobile AIDS Consortium

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Psychiatric Clinical Social Worker Consultant

Children's Hospital of Alabama
Birmingham, AL, August 2007 – April 2018

Provide psychosocial assessment, psychotherapy counseling and crisis intervention for patients that present to the emergency room experiencing a temporary or situational problem; collaborate with psychiatrist regarding acute patients at imminent risk; provide individual and group therapy sessions; collaborate with other professionals to enhance the quality of patients' care

Therapist

Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center
Jasper, AL, August 1999 – August 2000

Provided psychosocial assessment, intervention, group therapy and psychotherapy counseling for individuals experiencing a temporary or situational problem; assessed patients and/or their situation from a variety of perspectives, consider several alternatives, and choose an appropriate method of intervention that is responsive to patients and/or families specific need; collaborated

with other professionals to enhance the quality of patients' care; consistently involved patients and families in determining a treatment plan and acted as a liaison

Clinical Social Worker

Children's Hospital

New Orleans, LA, June 1998 – August 1999

Served as a consultant and educator to the interdisciplinary team regarding biopsychosocial components of illness, disability, and hospitalization; collaborated with the physicians, nurses and other professionals to enhance the quality of patients' care; completed psychosocial assessments, interventions, and psychotherapy counseling for children, and their families; assisted patients and families follow treatment recommendations; collaborated with psychiatrist regarding patients at imminent risk

Medical Social Worker

University of South Alabama Medical Center

Mobile, AL, June 1997 – June 1998

Served as a consultant and educator to the interdisciplinary team regarding biopsychosocial components of illness, disability, and hospitalization; collaborated with the physicians, nurses and other professionals to enhance the quality of patients' care; completed psychosocial assessments, interventions, and psychotherapy counseling for adults, and their families; assisted patients and families follow treatment recommendations and provided services that helped restore them to optimum social health adjustment; identified and coordinated the use of formal and informal community resources for patients and families; presented educational programs to the community and/or hospital staff