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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2016 **Cleveland State University**, Cleveland, OH
(Expected) Master of Public Health, *GPA: 4.0*

2009 **John Carroll University**, University Heights, OH
Bachelor of Science, *Cum Laude*, Psychology Major

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present **Research Associate**
Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

2015 - 2016 **Data and Regulatory Coordinator**
Department of Psychiatry, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH

2011 - 2015 **Research Assistant/Project Coordinator**
Margaret Blenkner Research Institute, Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, Cleveland, OH

2010 - 2011 **Ticket Entry Clerk**
Cleveland Municipal Clerk of Courts Office, Cleveland, OH

2009 - 2010 **Resident Assisant**
Covenant House Michigan Young Adult Homeless Shelter, Detroit, MI

2009 **Job Readiness Instructor**
Covenant House New York City Young Adult Homeless Shelter, Manhattan, NY

2009 **Research and Development Analyst (Part-time Volunteer)**
Hotline and Shelter Worker (Part-time Intern)
Domestic Violence Center, Cleveland, OH

2009 **Experimental Psychology Teaching Assistant (Part-time)**
Department of Psychology, John Carroll University, University Heights, OH

- 2007 - 2009 **Resident Assistant (Part-time)**
Office of Residence Life, John Carroll University, University Heights, OH
- 2005 - 2007 **Data Entry Assistant (Part-time)**
John Carroll University, Dept. of Core Curriculum/Academic Advising, University Heights, OH
- 2005 - 2009 **Administrative Clerk (Seasonal Intern)**
Cleveland Municipal Clerk of Courts Office, Cleveland, OH

PROJECTS

- 2016 - Present **Cuyahoga County Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative**
Role: Research Associate; *Funded by United States Department of Justice*
Reduce domestic violence homicides by effectively identifying potential victims and monitoring high-risk offenders; Collect local data related to domestic violence and domestic violence homicide, complete a community/needs assessment, and develop a work plan
- 2016 - Present **Program Evaluations Conducted through Partnership for Evaluation, Research and Implementation**
Role: Research Associate; *Funded by The George Gund Foundation, St. Luke's Foundation, O'Neill Foundation, CWRU, and individual sites being evaluated*
Assist community-based agencies and other nonprofits to demonstrate the effectiveness of their services, measure success, and ultimately increase the likelihood of future program funding
- 2016 **Improving Medication Adherence in Hypertensive Individuals with Bipolar Disorder (iTAB-CV)**
Role: Data and Regulatory Coordinator; *Funded by NHLBI*
Identify attitudes, influences, and beliefs about adherence to non-psychotropic versus psychotropic medications in hypertensive persons with bipolar disorder and test the iTAB text reminder intervention.
- 2016 **Focusing on Young People to Erase Epilepsy Stigma**
Role: Data and Regulatory Coordinator; *Funded by CDC*
Identify optimal approach for communicating key messages and information on epilepsy, in order to reduce stigma associated with epilepsy
- 2015-2016 **Self-Management for People with Epilepsy and a History of Negative Health Events**
Role: Data and Regulatory Coordinator; *Funded by CDC*
Test whether the "SMART" intervention reduces negative health events and improves quality of life in people with epilepsy, especially for those associated with historically disadvantaged groups
- 2015 - 2016 **A Concierge Model of Customized Adherence Enhancement Plus Long-acting Injectable Antipsychotic in Individuals with Schizophrenia at Risk for Treatment Non-Adherence and Homelessness (CAL-C)**
Role: Data and Regulatory Coordinator; *Funded by Janssen (#R092670 SCH4031)*
Examined whether CAL-C improved health outcomes among the most vulnerable of populations with schizophrenia and whether it can be used to improve efficiency and quality of care in practice settings.
- 2015 - 2016 **Treatment Adherence Enhancement in Bipolar Disorder (CAE RCT)**
Role: Data and Regulatory Coordinator; *Funded by NIMH (1R01MH093321-01A1)*
Tested whether a customized intervention that addresses the specific reasons for non-adherence among high-risk patients with bipolar disorder improves treatment adherence and symptoms.

- 2015 - 2016 **Integrated, Ontology-driven Data Portal for the National Managing Epilepsy Well (MEW) Network**
 Role: Data and Regulatory Coordinator; *Funded by Case Western Reserve University*
 Tested whether a customized intervention that addresses the specific reasons for non-adherence among high-risk patients with bipolar disorder improves treatment adherence and symptoms.
- 2015 **Targeted Self-Management for Epilepsy and Serious Mental Illness.**
 Role: Data and Regulatory Coordinator; *Funded by CDC*
 Engage individuals with epilepsy and serious mental illness in illness self-management and treatment adherence crucial in minimizing morbidity and mortality associated with these conditions.
- 2013 - 2015 **Developing an Online Training Module on Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation for Care Managers in MyCare Ohio (Grant #:90AA0001/01; CFDA 93.048)**
 Role: Project Coordinator; *Funded by Ohio Department of Aging via the Administration on Aging*
 Developed online training for MyCare Ohio staff to learn how to screen for and report cases of abuse among patients dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid services; Includes evaluation
- 2012 - 2015 **Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program (Texas; Grant #: 90EA0002-01)**
 Role: Project Coordinator; *Funded by Administration on Aging*
 Conducted evaluation of effectiveness of training on elder abuse conducted with over 600 clinicians in a large hospital system in Texas, fidelity and feasibility of Elder Abuse Suspicion Index (EASI) screening tool
- 2012 - 2015 **Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Survey**
 Role: Project Coordinator; *Funded by individual home health agencies*
 Surveyed eligible home health and hospice clients according to protocol specified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and report results to CMS and contracting agencies
- 2013 **Evaluating the Social Life Template for Residents with Dementia**
 Role: Project Coordinator; *Funded by Mount Sinai Foundation*
 Evaluated implementation of a Montessori-guided intervention to support connection between the social and physical environment for residents with dementia living in assisted living
- 2012 - 2013 **Adult Protective Services (APS) Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) Evaluation**
 Role: Project Coordinator; *Funded by Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services*
 Evaluated I-Team Member perceptions of and satisfaction with the I-Team
- 2012 - 2013 **Causes of Direct Service Worker Turnover in Ohio: Employer and Employee Perspectives**
 Role: Project Coordinator; *Funded by Ohio's Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (G-1213-07-0234)*
 Combined previously collected provider and employee data to portray a comprehensive analysis of predictors of direct service worker turnover across four provider types in Ohio
- 2011 - 2012 **Examining Turnover of Direct Care Workers in Human Service Industries across Ohio**
 Role: Project Coordinator; *Funded by Ohio's Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Grant, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (G-1213-07-0234)*
 Analyzed difference in direct service worker turnover by region and provider type, as well as overall predictors of turnover, across four provider types in Ohio
- 2010 **Evaluating the Role of Older Workers, Volunteers and Participants of the Senior Community Service and Employment Program in Human Service Organizations: A Study of Seven States**
 Role: Project Coordinator; *Funded by Senior Service America, Inc.*
 Examined the use of senior volunteers and familiarity with the Senior Community Service and Employment Program across three provider types in seven states

PUBLICATIONS

Blixen, C., Bukach, A., Perzynski, A., Howland, M., & Sajatovic, M. (In press). Coping strategies used by poorly adherent patients for self-managing bipolar disorder. *Patient Preference and Adherence*.

Sahoo, S., Ramesh, P., Welter, E., Bukach, A., Valdez, J., et al. (In press). Insight: An ontology-based integrated database and analysis platform for epilepsy self-management research. *International Journal of Medical Informatics*.

Sajatovic, M., Tatsuoka, C., Perzynski, A., Welter, E., Colon-Zimmermann, et al. (In press). Targeted self-management for epilepsy and mental illness for individuals with epilepsy and psychiatric comorbidity. *Epilepsy & Behavior*.

Blixen, C. E., Perzynski, A., Bukach, A., Sajatovic, M. (2016). Patients' perceptions of barriers to self-managing bipolar disorder: A qualitative study. *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/0020764016666572

Levin, J. B., Krivenko, A., Bukach, A., Tatsuoka, C., Cassidy, K. A., Sajatovic, M. (2016). A reexamination of nonpsychiatric medication adherence in individuals with bipolar disorder and medical comorbidities. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1097/NMD.0000000000000544

Ramesh, P., Wei, A., Welter, E., Bamps, Y., Stoll, S., Bukach, A. et al. (2015). Insight: Semantic provenance and analysis platform for multi-center neurology healthcare research. *Bioinformatics and Biomedicine*, 731-736. doi: 10.1109/BIBM.2015.7359776

Bukach, A. M., Ejaz, F. K., Dawson, N., & Gitter, R. J. (2015). Turnover among community mental health workers in Ohio. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 42(6), 1-8. doi: 10.1007/s10488-015-0706-1

Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A. M., Dawson, N., Gitter, R., & Judge, K. S. (2015). Examining direct service worker turnover in three long-term care industries in Ohio. *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*, 27(2), 1-17. doi: 10.1080/08959420.2014.987034

Anetzberger, G. J. Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A., & Bass, D. (2014). Next steps: Documentation and accessing community healthcare resources. In R. Factora (Ed.), *Aging and money: Reducing risk of financial exploitation and protecting financial resources* (pp. 75-90). New York, NY: Springer Publications.

UNPUBLISHED REPORTS

Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A. M., & Conway, A. K. (2014, October). Development of Online Training Modules on Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation for Care Managers in MyCare Ohio. Report for the Ohio Department of Aging and Administration for Community Living.

Ejaz, F. K., & Bukach, A. (2014, July). Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program: Evaluation of the Training on Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation for Clinicians at WellMed Primary Care Clinics in Texas. Progress Report submitted to the Administration on Aging.

Primetica, B., Bukach, A., & Bass, D. (2013, October). Evaluation of the Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Services (APS) Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team). Final Report submitted to the Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS). Retrieved from <http://www.benrose.org/Research/projects/APS-ITeam-evaluation-final-report.pdf>

Gitter, R.J., Ejaz, F.K., Bukach, A.M., Dawson, N., & Judge, K.S. (2013, October). The Determinants of Direct Service Worker Turnover in Ohio. Final Report submitted to the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC). Retrieved from https://osuwmcdigital.osu.edu/sitetool/sites/odswpublic/documents/GitterReport_October2013.pdf

Gitter, R.J., Ejaz, F.K., Bukach, A.M. (2013, October). The Determinants of Direct Service Worker Turnover in Ohio. Policy Brief submitted to the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC).

Retrieved from https://osuwmcdigital.osu.edu/sitetool/sites/odswpublic/documents/GitterReport_October2013.pdf

Ejaz, F.K., Bukach, A.M., Gitter, R. (2013, October). Examining Causes of Direct Service Worker Turnover in Ohio: Employer & Employee Perspectives. Policy Brief submitted to the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC). Retrieved from

<https://osuwmcdigital.osu.edu/sitetool/sites/odswpublic/documents/EjazBriefOctober2013.pdf>

Ejaz, F.K., Bukach, A.M., Gitter, R. (2013, September). Examining Causes of Direct Service Worker Turnover in Ohio: Employer & Employee Perspectives. Final Report submitted to the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC). Retrieved from

<https://osuwmcdigital.osu.edu/sitetool/sites/odswpublic/documents/EjazReportOctober2013v2.pdf>

Ejaz, F.K., Bukach, A.M., Dawson, N., Gitter, R., & Judge, K. S. (2013, February). Examining Direct Service Worker Turnover in Ohio. Final Report submitted to the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC).

Retrieved from [https://osuwmcdigital.osu.edu/sitetool/sites/odswpublic/documents/EjazFinalUpdatedReportv3\(1\).pdf](https://osuwmcdigital.osu.edu/sitetool/sites/odswpublic/documents/EjazFinalUpdatedReportv3(1).pdf)

Ejaz, F.K., Bukach, A.M., Dawson, N., Gitter, R., & Judge, K. S. (2013, February). Examining Direct Service Workforce Turnover in Ohio. Policy Brief submitted to the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC). Retrieved from [https://osuwmcdigital.osu.edu/sitetool/sites/odswpublic/documents/FaridaEjazUpdatedBriefv3\(1\).pdf](https://osuwmcdigital.osu.edu/sitetool/sites/odswpublic/documents/FaridaEjazUpdatedBriefv3(1).pdf)

Ejaz, F. K., Calkins, M., & Bukach, A. M. (2013, January). Evaluating the Social Life Template for Residents with Dementia. Final report for the Mount Sinai Healthcare Foundation. Retrieved from

<http://www.benrose.org/Research/projects/Social-Life-Template-Residents-Dementia.pdf>

Ejaz, F.K., Rose, M., & Bukach, A. (2011, June). The Experience of Long-term Care Organizations in Seven States with Older Workers, Volunteers and Participants from the Senior Community Service and Employment Program (SCSEP). Final Report submitted to Senior Service America, Inc. Retrieved from

<http://www.benrose.org/Research/projects/SSAIReport052012.pdf>

Bukach, A. (2009, August). Teen Perceptions of Dating Violence: Results of Seven Focus Groups in Greater Cleveland. Report submitted to Cleveland Domestic Violence Center.

Harris, P.B., Cotton, M., Kaltenbach, J., Pirchner, D., Rudyk, J., et al. (2009, May). CHAMPS After-School Program Evaluation. Report submitted to the Cleveland Heights School District.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Sajatovic, M., Bukach, A., Sahoo, S. S., Welter, E., Bamps, Y. A., et al. (2016, December). *Quality of life in people with epilepsy: Preliminary results from the Managing Epilepsy Well (MEW) Network integrated database*. Session scheduled for the annual meeting of the American Epilepsy Society, Houston, Texas.

Sajatovic, M., Ramirez, L., Fuentes-Casiano, E., Cage, J., Tatsuoka, C., et al. (2016, September). *Post-hoc analysis of drop-out in 2 clinical trials of customized adherence enhancement + long-acting injectable antipsychotic for high-risk individuals with schizophrenia*. Session presented at autumn conference of The International Society for CNS Clinical Trials and Methodology (ISCTM), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sajatovic, M., Tatsuoka, C., Welter, E., Perzynski, A., Colon-Zimmermann, K., et al. (2016, June). *Targeted self-management for epilepsy and mental illness (TIME) for individuals with epilepsy and psychiatric comorbidity*. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy (PAME), Alexandria, VA.

Sajatovic, M., Ramirez, L. F., Fuentes-Casiano, E., Cage, J., Tatsuoka, C. et al. (2016, May). *A concierge model of CAE plus long-acting injectable antipsychotic in individuals at risk for non-adherence and homelessness*. Poster presented at the 169th APA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Bukach, A. (2015, June). *A new era for elder justice: Developing Ohio's roadmap- Research planning session*. Session presented at the annual conference of the Consortium against Adult Abuse and Elder Abuse/Domestic Violence Roundtable, Warrensville Heights, OH.

Brooks, B., Brooks, S., Bukach, A., Fried, A., & Perk, K. (2015, June). *A new era for elder justice: Developing Ohio's roadmap- Reports from planning sessions and panel discussion*. Session presented at the annual conference of the Consortium against Adult Abuse and Elder Abuse/Domestic Violence Roundtable, Warrensville Heights, OH.

Dayton, C., Ejaz, F., & Bukach, A. (2015, June). *Fostering quality research to evaluate and improve elder abuse interventions*. Session presented at the annual conference of the Consortium against Adult Abuse and Elder Abuse/Domestic Violence Roundtable, Warrensville Heights, OH.

Bukach, A. (2015, April). *Screening and reporting protocols for the abuse of older adults and adults with disabilities*. Session presented at the Northeast Ohio Social Service Coordinator's Conference, Cleveland, OH.

Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A., Anetzberger, G., & Warren, K. (2015, March). *Improving abuse identification and reporting: Training modules designed for care managers*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society on Aging, Chicago, IL.

Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A., Anetzberger, G., & Warren, K. (2015, March). *Recommended screening and reporting protocols for abuse in Ohio*. Session presented at the Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services Conference, Columbus, OH.

Primetica, B., Bukach, A., Bass, D., & Pla-Raith, S. (2014, November). *Interdisciplinary teams: An evaluation of a model designed for elder abuse professionals*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Bukach, A., Ejaz, F. K., & Gitter, R. (2014, November). *Direct service worker turnover in long-term care*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A., & Gitter, R. (2014, November). *Direct service workers job satisfaction and turnover: Employer & employee perspectives*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A., & Gitter, R. (2014, November). *Predictors of job satisfaction among direct service workers*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Gitter, R., Ejaz, F. K., & Bukach, A. (2014, November). *The determinants of direct service worker turnover in Ohio*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A., Conway, A. & Arooj, Z. (2014, October). *Resources for screening and reporting abuse*. Paper presented at Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence Roundtable Conference, Cleveland, OH.

Pla-Raith, S., Primetica, B., & Bukach, A. (2014, May). *Interfacing caregiving, stress, elder abuse, and the service network*. Session presented at the Ohio Attorney General's Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance, Columbus, OH.

Ejaz, F. K., Gitter, R., & Bukach, A. (2014, May 6). *Direct service workers and causes of their turnover across four long-term care industries in Ohio*. Webinar presented through the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center.

Bukach, A. & Pla-Raith, S. (2013, December). *Interfacing caregiving, stress, elder abuse, and the service network*. Session presented at the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging Caregiving Conference, Cleveland, OH.

- Bukach, A., Ejaz, F. K., Dawson, N., Gitter, R. G. (2013, November). *Turnover among community psychiatric supportive treatment workers in Ohio*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Ejaz, F. K., Bukach, A., & Dawson, N. (2013, November). *Examining direct service worker (DSW) turnover in three long-term care industries in Ohio*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Primetica, B., Bukach, A., Bass, D. (2013, November). *Evaluation of the Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Services (APS) interdisciplinary team (I-Team)*. Final Report presented to the Cuyahoga County APS I-Team Steering Committee at the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, Cleveland, OH.
- Primetica, B., Bukach, A., Bass, D. (2013, October). *Evaluation of the Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Services (APS) interdisciplinary team (I-Team)*. Final Report presented to the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services Administration at the Division of Senior and Adult Services, Cleveland, OH.
- Primetica, B., Bukach, A., Bass, D. (2013, August). *What does research tell us about I-Teams? An overview of existing research and preliminary findings from the Cuyahoga County APS I-Team survey*. Paper presented at The APS I-Team's Community Forum: Promoting Teamwork, Cleveland, OH.
- Bukach, A., Dawson, N., & Ejaz, F. K. (2013, April). *Predictors of direct service worker turnover in Ohio*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, Ashland, OH.
- Ejaz, F., Bukach, A., Dawson, N., & Judge, K. (2013, March). *Examining direct service worker turnover in four human service industries in Ohio*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Society on Aging, Chicago, IL.
- Bukach, A. (2013, February). *Overview of direct service worker turnover research completed at the Margaret Blenkner Research Institute*. Presented at Margaret Blenkner Research Institute Lunch Presentation for the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging Staff, Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, Cleveland, OH.
- Ejaz, F. K., Gitter, R., Bukach, A., Dawson, N., Judge, K. S., & Giri, B. (2012, November). *The turnover crisis in Ohio's direct service workforce: Causes and potential remedies*. Paper presented at the Margaret Blenkner Research Institute 50th Anniversary Conference, Aurora, OH.
- Ejaz, F. K., Rose, M., & Bukach, A. (2012, November). *Prospects for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) participants in long-term care*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.
- Ejaz, F. K., Judge, K. S., Gitter, R., Bukach, A., Dawson, N., & Giri, B. (2012, October). *Examining direct service worker turnover in Ohio*. Paper presented at Ohio's Direct Service Workforce Applied Research Conference, Columbus, OH.
- Bukach, A. B., Ejaz, F. K., Rose, M. (2012, April). *Potential for employment of older workers in long-term care*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, Youngstown, OH.
- Ejaz, F. K., Rose, M., & Bukach, A. (2012, March). *Long-term care providers' use of older workers and participants in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Society on Aging, Washington, D.C.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2013 - Present	Cleveland Elder Abuse/Domestic Violence Roundtable (Co-Chair)
2014 - Present	Ohio Public Health Association
2013 - 2015	Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Services Interdisciplinary Team
2013 - 2015	Gerontological Society of America

2013 - 2015	GSA Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of the Elderly Interest Group
2013 - 2015	Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HONORS

2007 - Present	Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society Member
2005 - 2009	Dean's List
2008 & 2009	Residence Life Ethical Leader of the Year Award