

Education

1990 BA Clark University Psychology, School Psychology
1995 MSW University of California, Berkeley Social Welfare
1999 PhD University of California, Berkeley Social Welfare*

Traineeship

1995–1997 NIMH Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Mental Health Services and Financing University of California, Berkeley, California.
1997-1999 NIAAA Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Alcohol Research Group, University of California, Berkeley, California.
1999-2001 NIAAA Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Alcohol Research Group, University of California, Berkeley, California.
2001-2002 NIMH Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Columbia University: College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, New York.
2025 Online Teaching Academy, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey.

Appointments and Positions

2025 – present Co-chair, National Association of Social Work's Standard of Care for Suicide Taskforce
2025 – present Member, New Jersey Healthy Youth Surveys Advisory Committee
2021 – present Member, New Jersey Youth Risk Behavior Survey Advisory Committee
2021 – present Professor, School of Social Work, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey.
2020 - 2025 Program Evaluator, New Jersey's Readiness to Stand United Against Youth Suicide, Department of Health, New Jersey, A Garrett Lee Smith State Suicide Prevention grant, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration
2019 – present Founding Member, Youth Suicide Research Consortium, <https://www.youthsuicideresearch.org/mission>
2017 – present Director, SRF Suicide Prevention Research and Training Project, School of Social Work, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey.
2016 – present Member, New Jersey Child Fatality Review Board- Suicide Division.
2010 – 2022 Member (2010- 2022) and Chair (2011- October, 2018), New Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to the Governor, Department of Children and Families, New Jersey, Appointed by State Senate of New Jersey
2016 – 2022 Chair (October 1, 2017 –August 31, 2020) and member (Sept, 2016-Sept 30, 2017, Sept 1, 2020 - 2022), Institutional Review Board, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey.
2018 – 2022 Director, Connect to Wellness at Monmouth University, A Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention initiative, Substance Abuse Mental Health and Service Administration

2014 – 2021 Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Monmouth University,
West Long Branch, New Jersey.

2009 – 2016 Executive Board Member, Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide (SPTS),
Freehold, New Jersey

2008 - 2014 Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Monmouth University, West
Long Branch, New Jersey.

2008 - 2014 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatric Social Work,
Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Columbia University:
College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, New York.

2002- 2008 Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatric Social Work, Division of Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry, Columbia University: College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, New York.

Honors

1986 Congressional Medal of Merit for Community Service

1997. NIMH Scholarship to the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research) Children's
Mental Health Services Workshop, University of Michigan, Summer.

2001 Young Investigator Award, Research Society on Alcoholism

2014 Runner-up, Martin Luther King Award, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey

2016 Best Teaching Note: Honorable Mention, Journal of Social Work Education-v051

Scott M (2015). TEACHING NOTE: Understanding Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention:
Curriculum for MSW students. *Journal of Social Work Education*. 51(1): 177-185. 9p. DOI:
10.1080/10437797.2015.979095.

Other Experience prior to Graduation

1995–1997 Graduate Research Assistant, University of California- Berkeley. Multimodal Treatment of
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (MTA) Study, under Direction of Stephen Hinshaw, Ph.D.
Conducted mental health, cognitive and achievement assessments.

1990-1993 Research Assistant, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Columbia University:

College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, New York, under direction of David Shaffer,
M.D. Directed Depression, Awareness Recognition and Treatment conference for community
and school counselors. Columbia TeenScreen Project: conducted suicide screenings and
diagnostic assessments of high school students.

1989 Research Assistant, Yale Child Study Center, New Haven, Connecticut. Gifted Learning

Disabled Study, under direction of Sara Sparrow, Ph.D. Conducted cognitive, achievement and
adaptive functioning assessments.

Grant Support

2002 - 2004 American Suicide Foundation Grant, *Perceived Need and Service Utilization by Youth At-Risk for Suicide*. Grant Award: principal investigator

2010 – 2012 Monmouth County Freeholders, *Training of Counselors in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression for Adolescents*, consultant

2010– 2011 Grant in Aid of Creativity- Monmouth University, *Evaluation of Crisis Team Training for Suicide Prevention*, principal investigator

2010- 2013 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act Funds, Title II; Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)*

Reduction Program of Monmouth County, project evaluator

2011- 2014 Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration, *New York State Garrett Lee Smith – Youth Suicide Prevention Grant*, Grant Award, project evaluator

2012 - 2016 Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration, *Garrett Lee Smith – Campus*

Suicide Prevention Grant, Monmouth University- Promoting Wellness and Resiliency on Campus, Grant Award, principal investigator/project evaluator

2014 - 2016 Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration, *Arkansas Garrett Lee Smith – Youth Suicide Prevention Grant*, Grant Award, project evaluator

2018 – 2021 Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration, *Garrett Lee Smith – Campus*

Suicide Prevention Grant, Monmouth University- Connect to Wellness at Monmouth University – A Competent Community Initiative Grant Award, principal investigator/ project evaluator

2020-2026 Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention: New Jersey State Suicide

Prevention grant in collaboration with the New Jersey, Readiness to Stand United Against Youth Suicide, The R2S Challenge, Department of Health, project evaluator

Bibliography

Published - Original, Books and chapters:

Scott M., Springer J, Hughes J (2022). *Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention in Schools*, In *Handbook of Youth Suicide Prevention: Integrating Research into Practice* (Ed. R. Miranda & E. Jeglic), Springer Publishing: NY, NY.

Scott M, Springer J, (2018). *Grades 11-12 curriculum (Emotional Readiness for Life After High School)*. In Underwood M, The State of Maine, Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide, *Lifelines: A Suicide Prevention Program*. (2nd Ed.) Hazelden Publications: Center City, MN. (p.241-269).

Underwood M, Springer J, **Scott M**, Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide (2011). *Lifelines Intervention: Helping Students At Risk for Suicide*. Hazelden Publications: Center City, MN.

Was evaluated and listed on Best Practice Registry, AFSP (prior to the registry closing)

Original, peer review – Articles:

Scott, M., Hogan, C. N., & Sabatini, S. A. (2025). Reflections on Students' Emotional Health and Wellness and the Role of Faculty . *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 31(3), 69–83. Retrieved from <https://reflections narratives of professional helping.org/index.php/Reflections/article/view/2090>

Scott M., Underwood M. (2025). Evaluating Standards of Care Training for Social Workers Completing Suicide Risk Assessment. *Journal of Research in Social Work Practice*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315251346037>

Scott M., Sabatini S., Mama R (2023). Defund the Police? or Reimagine the Police? Leaders in Law Enforcement's Perspective on the Role of Social Workers in Law Enforcement, *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 20:2, 241-257, DOI: [10.1080/26408066.2022.2156831](https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2022.2156831)

Scott M. (2021). Integration of Evidence-Based Interventions for Suicide Prevention In Social Work Practice. *Journal of Research on Social Work Practice*. 31(2),194- 204.

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Scott M., Underwood M, Lamis D (2015). Suicide and Related-Behavior Among Youth involved in the Juvenile Justice system. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*. 32(6): 517-527. DOI: [10.1007/s10560-015-0390-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-015-0390-8).

Miranda R, Ortin A, **Scott M,** Shaffer D (2014). Characteristics of suicidal ideation that predict the transition to future suicide attempts in adolescents. *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*. 55 (11): 1288-1296.

Underwood M, **Scott M,** Springer J (2011). The Facts about Bullying & Suicide Risk: Opportunities for Social Work Intervention. *Social Work Today*, 11(5); 10.

Scott M, Wilcox H, Fisher P, Turner JB, Huo Y, Shaffer D. (2010). School-Based Screening For Suicide Risk: Balancing Costs and Benefits. *American Journal of Public Health*. 100(9): 1648 – 1652.

Scott M, Wilcox H, Schonfeld IS, Davies M, Hicks RC, Turner JB, Shaffer D. (2009). The Columbia Suicide Screen: An Examination of Whether School-Based Screening Identifies At-Risk Students Not Already Known to School Professionals. *American Journal of Public Health*. 99(2): 334-339.

Miranda R, **Scott M,** Hicks R, Wilcox HC, Harris Munfakh JL, Shaffer D (2008). Suicide attempt characteristics, diagnoses, and future attempts: comparing multiple attempters to single attempters and ideators. *J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry*. 47(1):32-40.

Shaffer D, **Scott M,** Wilcox H, Maslow C, Hicks R, Lucas C, Garfinkel R, Greenwald S. (2004). The Columbia Suicide Screen: Validity and reliability of a screen for youth suicide and depression. *J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry*. 43(1):71-79.

Scott M, Parthasarathy S, Kohn C, Hinman A, Sterling S, Weisner C. (2004). Adolescents with substance diagnoses in an HMO: Factors associated with medical provider referrals to substance abuse and mental health treatment. *Ment Health Serv Res*. 6(1):47-60.

Scott MA, Snowden L, Libby AM. (2002). Effects of capitated mental health services on youth contact with the juvenile justice system. *J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry*. 41(12):1462-1469.

Scott MA, Snowden L., Libby AM. (2002). From mental health to juvenile justice: What factors predict this transition? *Journal of Child & Family Studies*. 11(3), 299-311.

Scott MA, Snowden L, Libby AM. (2002). Alcohol and juvenile justice contacts: A comparison of fee-for-service and capitated Medicaid mental health services. *J Stud Alcohol*. 63(1):44-48.

Pine D, **Scott MR**, Busner C, Davies M, Fried JA, Parides M, Shaffer D (1996). Psychometrics of neurological soft signs. *J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry*. 35(4):509-515.

Pine D, **Rish M**, Shaffer D, Busner C, Davies M, Fried J, Charney E (1994) Psychometrics of soft signs. Abstract. *J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry*. (6):918.

National Expert Working Groups:

- *National Association of Social Workers (NASW) National Standards of Care for Suicide Taskforce (2025- present)*, co-chair.
- *Developmentally Appropriate Warning Signs* (2013). Expert meeting sponsored by American Association of Suicidology and National Center for the Prevention of Youth Suicide (NCPYS); Washington DC. <http://www.youthsuicidewarningsigns.org/about>
- *Expanding the Youth Suicide Prevention Paradigm: Establishing and Promoting the Importance of Upstream Suicide Prevention Approaches*. Expert meeting held at the 45th Annual Conference of the American Association of Suicidology, April 18, 2012, Baltimore, MD.