

Dr. Joy McClellan, LCSW-QS

Dr. Joy McClellan is a distinguished trauma-informed psychotherapist and academic leader with 25 years of clinical expertise in treating complex trauma. As a Senior Instructor and MSW Program Coordinator at Florida Atlantic University, Dr. McClellan's expertise encompasses addressing mental health disorders, enhancing interpersonal relationships, and facilitating personal growth. She empowers clients to integrate traumatic experiences, regulate emotions, and build resilient, healthier lives. Her academic and clinical roles reflect her commitment to advancing the field of social work, particularly in trauma-informed care and education.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Social Work in Advanced Clinical Practice

*Florida Atlantic University, Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work
May 2020*

Capstone Project Title: Through the Lens of Resilience Theory: Predictors of Long-Term Foster Care

Dr. Joy McClellan earned her Doctor of Social Work in Advanced Clinical Practice from Florida Atlantic University in May 2020. Her capstone project, "Through the Lens of Resilience Theory: Predictors of Long-Term Foster Care," guided by Drs. Heather Thompson, Morgan Cooley, and Ellen Ryan, significantly contributed to understanding factors in foster care outcomes. This research exemplifies her commitment to child welfare and bridging academic research with social work practice.

Master of Social Work

*Barry University, School of Social Work
May 1992*

Concentration: Clinical Practice with Children and Families

Bachelor of Social Work

*Florida State University, College of Social Work
December 1990*

Psychotherapist in Private Practice: 2023

Delray Beach, FL

- Conduct individual therapy sessions using person centered integrated trauma treatment for complex trauma and EMDR
- Telehealth and face to face sessions provided in Southern Palm Beach County

MSW Program Coordinator & Senior Clinical Instructor: 2004 to 2023

Phyllis & Harvey Sandler School of Social Work
FAU College of Social Work & Criminal Justice

As the MSW Program Coordinator & Senior Clinical Instructor at FAU's Phyllis & Harvey Sandler School of Social Work (2004-2023), Dr. Joy McClellan has excelled in developing a dynamic curriculum, mentoring students into skilled clinicians, and forging strong community ties. Her innovative approach in curriculum design, combined with her leadership in faculty support, has significantly enhanced the program's relevance and impact. Dr. McClellan's dedicated liaison with community agencies ensures the curriculum's alignment with current social work practices, thereby enriching the academic and practical experiences of students and positively impacting the broader community.

Specializations:

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)

Proficient in Integrated Treatment of Complex Trauma for Children (ITCT-C)

Skilled in Integrated Treatment of Complex Trauma for Adults (ITCT-A)

Skills:

- Integrated Trauma Treatment
- Individual and Group Therapy
- Psychological Assessment
- Crisis Intervention
- Clinical Supervision
- Treatment Planning
- Crisis Management

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Best practice in the integrated treatment of complex trauma in children and families

Best practice in preparing clinicians through pedagogy for the integrated treatment of complex trauma in children and families

Deleterious impact of the trauma of the experience of foster care on children and families

System level barriers to effective treatment for families in the child welfare system

Trauma informed service provision for young mothers with children in the child welfare system who have the lived experience of foster care

Infusing child welfare systems with system of care principles

Overrepresentation of families of color in the child welfare system

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 2004 through present

Senior Instructor

Undergraduate and Graduate Program, School of Social Work, Florida Atlantic University

SOW 4650/6656: Child Welfare

SOW 4654/6653 Vulnerable Children and Families

SOW 4102 Human Behavior and the Social Environment 2

SOW 4510 Field Education in Social Work

SOW 6532 Field Instruction/ Integrated Seminar 1

SOW 6533 Field Instruction/ Integrated Seminar 2

SOW 6305 Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals

SOW 3302 The Profession of Social Work

SOW 6105 Human Behavior and the Social Environment 1

SOW 6116 The integrated treatment of complex trauma in children and families

SOW 6243 Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice with Children and Families

SOW 6535 Advanced Year Field Instruction and Seminar 1

SOW 6536 Advanced Year Field Instruction and Seminar 2

SOW 6611 Clinical Social Work with Families

PRIOR SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

The Community Partnership Group: Housing Partnership & Parent-Child Center

1999 through 2004

Roles held: Executive Vice President: CPG

Programs Director: PCC Clinical Director- Services to Children and Families

HP Campus for Living Director/ Family Preservation and Family Strengthening Services

Grant Writer

South County Mental Health Center

1995 through 1999

Roles held:

Program Director: Clinical Intensive Case Management and Community Treatment Team- co occurring substance use and mental illness diagnoses.

Program Supervisor, Clinical Intensive Case Management

Clinical Intensive Case Manager and Facilitator of Deinstitutionalization Project with the SPMI population from South Florida State Hospital

GRANTS AND PRESENTATIONS

April 2015: FIST Training at FAU: *CSWE Competencies and Behaviors: A review.*

May 15th 2017: Community Alliance of Palm Beach County: *Best Practices in Therapeutic Visitation*

June 2017: NASW Florida: Doctoral Programs in Social Work

February 2018: Fostering Family Solutions Summit: *Foster Care Recruitment and Support: Best Practices in Foster Parent and Birth Parent Co Parenting* (February 13, 2018). *(invited)*

McClellan, J., (2021). Fostering Family Solutions Summit: Dependency Case Management: *Best Practices in Foster Parent and Birth Parent Co Parenting* (April, 2021). *(invited)*

May 2021: *A Platform for Social Action: Engaging and Supporting the Voice of Youth in Foster Care Receiving Independent Living Services.* Florida Institute for Child Welfare Priority Research Award 2021-2022 **Amount: \$50,000, 10% IDC** (Principal Investigators: Marianna Colvin, PhD and Morgan

Cooley, PhD, LCSW; Co-Investigators: Heather Thompson, PhD, LCSW and Heather Howard, PhD, LCSW; Significant Contributors: Jill Carr, M.Ed and Joy McClellan, DSW, LCSW

McClellan, J., Osei-Skinner, P., Gustafsson, J.P. & Nair, V. (2022). Intersectional Feminism. Women's Leadership Institute. Florida Atlantic University. Boca Raton, FL. (March, 28th, 2022). (*invited*)

McClellan, J., Gustafsson, J. P. (2022). Antiracist clinical supervision in social work. [accepted]. 2022 NASW-FL Social Work Conference. Orlando, FL. (June 9-11, 2022). (*refereed*)

McClellan, J., Temes, P. (2022). Cultural humility in social work supervision. [invited]. Sandler School of Social Work Field Instructor Supervisory Training. (October 7, 2022).

McClellan, J., Temes, P. (2022). Antiracist clinical supervision in social work. [invited]. 2022 Oklahoma State University Field Instructor Institute. (November 3, 2022).

McClellan, J., (2023). Panel: Intersectional Feminism. Women's Leadership Institute. Florida Atlantic University. Boca Raton, FL. (March, 28th, 2023). (*invited*)

McClellan, J., Gustafsson, J. P. (2023). Cultural humility and clinical supervision in social work. [accepted]. 2023 Council on Social Work Education Conference. Atlanta, GA. (October 25-27, 2023). (*refereed*)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Development and implementation of community based BSW Field Seminar and internship in collaboration with the Broward Sheriff's Office Child Protection Investigations Unit to increase degreed social workers working in this capacity.

Development and implementation of a supervised visitation center supported by BSW and MSW level interns in Palm Beach County for families served by the dependency system.

Community Alliance of Palm Beach County

Racial Equity Task Force of Broward County: General Member, Program Committee 2017 - present

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County Workforce Capacity Committee: 2017

References:

Available upon request

As the MSW Program Coordinator & Senior Clinical Instructor at the Phyllis & Harvey Sandler School of Social Work, FAU College of Social Work & Criminal Justice (2004-present), Dr. Joy McClellan has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of social work education and practice. Her responsibilities and achievements in this position include:

Student Development and Support: Dr. McClellan has been instrumental in preparing MSW students for clinical practice. She has implemented innovative teaching methods and provided mentorship, guiding students through their academic and professional journeys. Her leadership in this area has significantly contributed to the development of competent and compassionate clinicians serving communities.

Curriculum Design and Faculty Support: She has actively collaborated with faculty members to design and develop a dynamic curriculum that reflects the latest trends and needs in social work. Her efforts in curriculum development have ensured that the program remains relevant and effective, equipping graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary for successful careers.

Community Engagement and Liaison: Dr. McClellan has fostered strong connections with community clinicians and agencies, ensuring that the program's curriculum aligns with the evolving needs of clients and the community context. Her role in bridging academic education with practical, real-world requirements has enhanced the program's impact and relevance.

Leadership and Innovation: Her leadership has been marked by a commitment to innovation in social work education. Dr. McClellan's approach has not only elevated the program's standing but also positively impacted the community by addressing critical social issues through informed and skilled social work practice.

Program Coordination and Administration: As a coordinator, Dr. McClellan has effectively managed the program's administrative aspects, ensuring smooth operations and alignment with accreditation standards. Her organizational skills and strategic planning have been key to the program's success and growth.

Through her extensive experience, Dr. McClellan has demonstrated a profound impact on the field of social work education, particularly in clinical training and community engagement. Her contributions have significantly enhanced the quality of education and practice, preparing a new generation of social workers to meet the challenges of a diverse and dynamic society.