

Curriculum Vitae

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Appointment:

Associate Professor, Yeshiva University, September 1998 – Present

Education

D.S.W. (2002), Wurzweiler School of Social Work
M.S.W. (1988), Wurzweiler School of Social Work

License

LCSW (2008) - State of New Jersey

Honors and Awards

Jewish Community Center Association Scholarship, 1986, 1987
Kraft Award, 1991, Presented to young professionals with exceptional leadership qualities.
Brandeis University Sherman Fellow, 1997
Selma Frank Scholarship, 1997

Association Memberships

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
International Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (IAASWG)
Association of Jewish Center Professionals (AJCP)
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
School Social Work Association of America (SSWA)
New York State Social Worker Educators Association (NYSSWEA)
International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)
Association for Women in Psychology (AWP)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
International Mental Health Institute (IMH)
National Social Science Association (NSSA)
European Society for Neurology and Psychiatry
International Society of Cross Cultural Research (ISCCR)
International Association for Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP)

Published Papers

Sweifach, J. (1996). Condom distribution in the Jewish Community Center: A conflict in values. *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 72(3), 203-209.

Sweifach, J. & Schauder, S. (1997). Developing a Jewish Community Center youth program. *Shehechianu*1(1), 3-8.

- Sweifach, J. (1998). The JCC teen worker: A model for professional practice. *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 74(4), 280-285.
- Sweifach, J., Auerbach, C., Schnall, D., Gelman, S. (1999). JCSA today: Results of the 1999 membership survey. *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 76(1/2), 11-20.
- Auerbach, C., Mason, S., Weiner, A., Gelman, S. Schnall, D., Sweifach, J., (2000) Using the gender lens to understand the results of the 1999 JCSA membership survey. *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 76(4), 267-274.
- Sweifach, J (2002) The Jewish community center and its social work guests: A review of the literature. *Social Thought Journal of Religion in the Social Services*, 21(2), 33-56.
- Sweifach, J (2004) Social work practice: Alive and well in the JCC, *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*. (80)2-3. 160-168
- Grodner, E., & Sweifach, J. (2004). Domestic violence in the Orthodox community. *Affilia*, 19(3), 305-316.
- Sweifach, J. (2005). Social work in JCCs: A question of compatibility, *Social Work*, 50(2), 151-161.
- Sweifach, J. (2005). Jewish Community Center Personnel: Comparing the Social Work and Non-Social Work Labor Force. *Arete*, 29(1), 17-30.
- Sweifach, J. (2006). Who is a Jew?: An ethical dilemma for social workers in Jewish Community Center practice. *Social Thought*, 24(4), 89-102.
- Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. (2006). The role of peer leadership in HIV/sex education. *Journal of HIV/AIDS Prevention & Education for Adolescents & Children*, 7(2), 121-135.
- Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. (2006). Social work doctoral students and information technology. *Journal of Continuing Education*, 9(1), 13-23.
- Sweifach, J., LaPorte, H. (2007). A Model for Group Work Practice with Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Victims of Domestic Violence: A Qualitative Study, *Social Work With Groups*, 30(3), 29-45.
- Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. (2007). HIV/AIDS education: The role of the school social worker *School Social Work Journal*, 32(1), 29-45.
- Gibelman, M., & Sweifach, J. (2008). Acting on our values: Do human service professionals volunteer? *Social Work*, 53(1), 53-64.
- Linzer, N., Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. (2008). Terror and triage. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 18(2), 12-24.

- Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. (2008). Why did they choose group work: Exploring the motivations and perceptions of current MSW students of group work. *Social Work with Groups*, 31(3/4), 347-362.
- Sweifach, J. (2009). Cross-cultural group work practice with African American and Jewish adolescents – JCC/READY. *Social Work with Groups*, 32(1/2), 109-124.
- Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. (2009). Group work in foundations generalist classes: Perceptions of students about the nature and quality of their experience. *Social Work with Groups* 32(4), 303-314
- LaPorte, H., Sweifach, J., Strug, D. (2009). Reflections about Jewish life in Cuba today: Jewish identity and continuity from an international perspective. *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 84(3/4), 313-324.
- Sweifach, J., Strug, D., & LaPorte, H. (2010). Designing strategies for adolescent ethno-religious engagement: The curious case of Cuba's Jewish youth. *Social Thought Journal of Religion in the Social Services*, 30(1).
- LaPorte, H., Sweifach, J. & Linzer, N (2010). Sharing the trauma: Guidelines for therapist self disclosure following a catastrophic event. *Best Practices in Mental Health: An International Journal*.
- Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. & Linzer, N. (2010). Social work responses to terrorism: Balancing ethics and responsibility. *International Social Work*, 53(6), 822-835.
- LaPorte, H., & Sweifach, J. (2011). MSW foundations students in the field: Reflections on the nature and quality of group work assignments and supervision. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 31(3), 239-249.
- Sweifach, J., LaPorte, H., & Strug, D. (2011). Jewish Identity in Modern Day Cuba: An Interplay of Continuity and Transformation. *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 30(1), 1-16.
- Sweifach, J. (2011) Conscientious objection in social work: Rights vs. responsibilities. *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 8(2), 1-14.
- Sweifach, J. (2012). Conscientious refusal in schools of social work: Rights, remedies, and responsibilities. *Teaching Ethics*, 13(1), 37-54.
- Sweifach, J., Linzer, N., & LaPorte, H. (2013). A social worker's duty to care: The self-other dimension of disaster response. *Traumatology*, 19(1), 3-10.

Accepted for Publication

Sweifach, J. (In Press). Assessing use of the Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups by

School Social Workers: A National Study *Social Work Practice with Groups*,36(2/3),
Sweifach, J. (In Press). Group work education today: A content analysis of MSW group work
course syllabi. *Social Work with Groups*.
Sweifach, J. Youth services. *Oxford Bibliographies*

Book Chapters

Strug, D., Sweifach, J., LaPorte, H., & (2009). Health and mental health services in Cuba's
Jewish Community. In S. Mason & D., Strug, & J. Beder (Eds.), *Community healthcare
in Cuba: An enduring Model* (pp. 35-47). Chicago: Lyceum Press.

Work in Peer Review

Sweifach, J., Linzer, N., & LaPorte, H. (2012). Beneficence vs. Justice: Serving Social Work
Clients in the Aftermath of Catastrophic Events. *Journal of Social Work Values and
Ethics*.

Work In Progress

Sweifach, J. Mutual aid and conflict: Understanding these important dimensions of social group
work today..

Sweifach, J. *Emerging professional roles in social work practice*

Sweifach, J. *Social workers in non-social service settings*.

Sweifach, J., Schauder, S. *Community service and political identity development in
adolescence*.

Maidenberg, M., & Sweifach, J. (2008). The Provision of HIV/AIDS-Related Services to
Haitians. *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services*

Sweifach, J. *An interdisciplinary comparison of the contents of codes of ethics*.

Sweifach, J. & LaPorte, H. *Mikvah Ladies: Uncovering domestic violence in the
orthodox community*

Sweifach, J. Acting on our values: Comparing social workers and other professionals on their
volunteerism.

Non Academic Publications

Sweifach, J., Sweifach A., & Bazewicz, J. (1986). *Generation to generation*. Recording
of Klezmer music.

Sweifach, J. Sweifach A., & Bazewicz, J. (1990). *Sounds of the shtetl*. Recording of Klezmer music.

Miller, N., Sweifach, J. Sweifach, A., & Bazewicz, J. (1997). *From Klezmer to Broadway*. Recording of Yiddish theater and Klezmer music.

Sweifach, J., Sweifach, A., & Bazewicz, J. (2000). *Internationale Klezmer Bands Helfen Kosovo*. A compilation of klezmer music, proceeds to aid in relief efforts in Kosovo. Published in Germany.

Sweifach, J., Sweifach A., & Bazewicz, J. (2001). *On 2nd Avenue*. Recording of Klezmer music.

Boeko, J., & Sweifach, J. (2001) *The Delegation*. Musical adaptation of a Shalom Aleichem story.

Agency Publication

Sweifach, J. & Schauder S. (1995). Procedures and policy for dealing with sexually active teenagers. Policy added as addendum to JCC MetroWest Policy and Procedures.

Invited Papers

Morristown Memorial Hospital (2005). The art of group facilitation. Morristown, NJ.

Jewish Community Center Association (2004). The development of a teen program: Skills, values & knowledge. Deal, NJ.

Iona College (2004). The Provision of HIV/AIDS-Related Services to Haitians. New Rochelle, NY.

AASWG (2001) Sweifach, J. & Hanken, M. Cross-cultural group work practice with African American and Jewish adolescents. Cleveland Ohio.

Conference Presentations

AJCP Teen Kindred Group. (1994). *Presentation on group ownership for NY metropolitan JCC teen directors*.

JCCA Professional Conference, Baltimore. (1995). *Presentation on creating a teen friendly environment*.

JCCA Professional Conference, Washington. (1996). *Facilitator of Teen Professionals Institute. Program development, skill building and facilitation technique*.

- JCCA Biennial, New York. (1996). *Presentation to lay leaders on how to create an effective Jewish teen program.*
- JCC Teen Professional staff. (1998). *On-site consultations to east coast JCC professionals and lay leaders on how to create effective teen programming.*
- JCC MetroWest Staff. (1998). Presentation on ethical conflicts in the workplace.
- NJAJCS (1999). Presentation and discussion of the results of the 1999 JCSA Survey.
- HIV/AIDS Conference (1999). Presentation with Michelle Maidenberg. *Haitian Culture and the Provision of HIV/AIDS-Related Services.*
- Sweifach, J. & Maidenberg M. (2000). *Effective & Efficient Supervision.* New York City Chapter National Association of Social Workers. NYC. 11/30/00 & 12/4/00.
- AASWG (2000). Birnbaum, M., Cicchiatti, A., Frankel, A & Sweifach, J. *Developing a conference To model, promote, and celebrate groupwork.*
- Sweifach, J. (2000). *Barriers to commitment.* NJ Singles Network: Singles symposium conference. JCC MetroWest.
- Hillel Symposium (2001). *Jewish identity workshop.* NJ Consortium of Jewish Student/Hillel's.
- Lay/Professional conference (2001). *Committee retention.* Terresa Grotta Foundation.
- Yom Iyun Workshop (2001). *Pastoral Counseling.* Max Stern Division of Communal Services
— REITS, New York, NY.
- AASWG Invitational (2001). Sweifach, J. & Hanken, M. *Cross Cultural Group Work Practice.* Cleveland, Ohio.
- NYS Social Work Education Association (2002). *Internet habits of social work doctoral students.* Buffalo, NY.
- AASWG (2002). The chat 'n' chew network: Beginnings. New York, NY
- AASWG (2003). Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. *Why did they choose group work: Exploring the motivations and perceptions of current MSW students of group work.* Boston, Mass
- Jewish Community Center Association (2004). *The development of a teen program: Skills, values & knowledge.* Deal, NJ.
- Iona College (2004). Maidenberg, M., & Sweifach, J. *The Provision of HIV/AIDS-Related Services to Haitians.* New Rochelle, NY.

- CSWE (2004). LaPorte, H., Fast, J., Sweifach, J., Clemens, S., Docherty, J., Schaeffer, R., Rodin, R. *Enhancing community in a school of social work through a commons day program*. Anaheim, CA.
- SSWA (2004). Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. *The role of school social workers in HIV/sex education*. San Francisco, CA.
- NASW - NJ (2004). Group Work 101: The art of group facilitation. Atlantic City, NJ.
- International Society for Third Sector Research (2004). Gibelman, M., & Sweifach, J. *Volunteerism among human service professionals*, Toronto, Canada.
- NYSSWEA (2004). Sweifach, J. & Laporte, H. *A Practical Guide for Working with Groups*, Syracuse, NY
- AASWG (2004). *The future of group work practice*. Birnbaum, M., Sweifach, J., & Laporte, H. Detroit, Michigan
- ARNOVA (2004). Gibelman, M., & Sweifach, J. *Patterns of volunteerism among human service professionals*, Anaheim, California
- International Mental Health Institute of Psychiatry (2005). Sweifach, J. & Laporte, H. *Domestic Violence in the Orthodox Jewish Home: A Value Sensitive Approach to Recovery*. Kings College, London England.
- International Congress Of Social Work (2005). Sweifach, J. & Laporte, H. *A Value Sensitive Approach to Domestic Violence in the Orthodox Jewish Home*. Havana, Cuba
- CSWE (2006). Sweifach, J., LaPorte, H. *Group work skill and ethnic sensitivity: Two important proficiencies for working with abused ultra-orthodox Jewish women*. Chicago, IL.
- Cuban Ministry of Public Health (2006). Anderson, M., Beder, J., Charlop, M., Heft-Laporte, H., Hendricks, C., Karasz, A., Mason, S., Strug, D., Sweifach, J. *Community-Practitioner Partnerships and Dialog about Health: Experiences from Cuba and New York City*. Havana, Cuba.
- International Association of Applied Psychology (2006). Sweifach J. & LaPorte, H. *Group work practice with abused orthodox Jewish womens*. Athens, Greece.
- Resovi International Conference (2006). Sweifach J. & LaPorte, H. *Group work and ethnic sensitivity: Skills & techniques for working with abused Orthodox Jewish women*. Montreal, Quebec
- Rocky Mountain Region Disaster Mental Health Institute (2006). Sweifach J. & LaPorte, H. *Disaster and Triage: Implications for mental health professionals*. Casper, Wyoming.
- World Congress of NGO's (2007). Sweifach, J. & LaPorte, H. Disaster response and issues of

confidentiality for social workers., Toronto, Canada.

Fifth International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health (2006). Sweifach J. & LaPorte, H. *Group work with orthodox Jewish survivors of domestic violence*, Hong Kong, China.

International Society of Cross Cultural Research (2007). Sweifach J. & LaPorte, H. *Insights from Group Work facilitators who work with Orthodox Jewish victims of domestic violence*, San Antonio, Texas.

International Society on Brain and Behaviour (2007). Sweifach, J., & LaPorte, H. *Terror and Triage*, Thessaloniki Greece.

International Society of Cross Cultural Research (2008). Sweifach, J. & LaPorte, H. *Catastrophic Events and Social Work Practice: Working With People After the Disaster*, New Orleans, LA.

International Society of Cross Cultural Research (2008). Sweifach, J. & LaPorte, H. *Affiliation patterns and practice of Jewish individuals living in Cuba*, New Orleans, LA.

International Association for Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (2008). *HIV/AIDS education in schools: Time for a change*, Istanbul Turkey

International Congress of the International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology (IACCP) (2008). *Cultural Identity in Cuba: A Qualitative assessment of the Jewish Community*, Bremen, Germany

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) (2008). *Group Work experiences of first year social work students*, Philadelphia, PA.

National Conference for Academic Disciplines (2009). *Terror and Triage*, Orlando Florida.

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (2009). *Sex Education: The Role of School Social Workers*, Jalisco, Mexico

American Association for the Advancement of Science (2010). *Disaster Response and Issues of Triage for Social Service Professionals*, San Diego, California

The Association for Humanist Sociology (2011). *Social Workers as first responders to man-made and natural disasters*, Santa Fe., New Mexico

World Congress of the International Critical Incident and Stress Foundation, Baltimore, MD.

London International Conference on Education. (2011). *HIV/AIDS Education: The roles that school social workers can play*. London, UK.

2nd International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society Registration (2012) Who is a Jew; Ethical implications for helping professionals. Vancouver, BC.

Consultations

Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York. (Sept. 1998-Sept. 2000).

- *Outreach consultant and training.*
- *Jewish continuity with adolescents*
- *Social action program design*
- *Jewish adolescent profile*

JCCA Fellows Program. (October 1998) Washington seminar

- Group work in the JCC*
- Effective teen work in JCC's*

United Jewish Federation of Greater NY. (1999/2000).

- Investigation and consultation on teen programming for North Eastern Queens.

United Jewish Appeal of Greater NY (2001)

- Creation of a teen program for Northeast Queens*
- Consultation with area synagogues and JCC on program and planning*
- Conducting focus group*

Summit Jewish Community Center (2001/2002)

- Creation and development of a teen program*
- Conducting focus groups*
- Survey research*

JCC MetroWest – Department of Special Needs (2001/2002)

- Evaluation of special needs programming*
- Survey research*
- Focus groups*

Special Needs PAC – Community Special Needs Services (2003/2004)

- *Evaluation of special needs programming*
- *Survey research*
- *Focus groups*

Research Projects

Jewish Communal Service Association – Survey of Membership - 2000

- *Development of survey instrument*
- *Focus Groups*
- *Development of evaluation report*

JCC MetroWest – Special Needs Department – Outcome Evaluation - 2002

- *Development of survey instrument*
- *Interviews*
- *Observations*
- *SPSS: data collection, coding, input, analysis, interpretation*
- *Development of evaluation report*

United Jewish Communities MetroWest-Special Needs Services PAC-Needs Assessment - 2003

- *SPSS: data collection, coding, input, analysis, interpretation*
- *Development of evaluation report*

Academic & Service Experience

A. Department

- Group Work Sequence Committee 2002-2013
- Chair, Essay Committee 2003-2013
- Chair, Curriculum Committee 2013-2014
- Deputy Director, Doctoral Program 2013-2014

B. School

- Admissions Committee 2003-2013
- Academic Appointments Committee 2012-2013
- Community Organization Committee 2010-2011
- Doctoral Committee 2002-2013
- Curriculum Committee 2007-2013
- Field Work Committee 2007-2012

C. University

- Wurzweiler-Einstein Cuba Consortium 2005-2009
- CJF – Seminar 2011
- Institute for University-School Partnerships – Data Analysis 2010

D. Community and Public Service

- MetroWest Federation Task Force on Special Needs 2002/2003
- JCCA Task Force on adolescents 1999/2000
- Shongum Lake Recreation Committee 2007-2009
- Randolph Democratic Committee 2008-2013
- Prime Movers Academy – Charter School – S. Bronx 2007-2013
- Board of Directors – Mount Freedom Jewish Center 2012-2013

E. Professional Organization Activities

- Clinical Advisory Board – In-Reach 2005-2007

Other Professional Experience

JCC MetroWest, West Orange, NJ

- Director of Youth Services 1996-1998
- Teen Director 1990-1996
- Group Work Supervisor 1988-1990
- Individual Case Work 1988-1998

Psychological Associates of North Jersey, Hackettstown, NJ 2008-2012

- Psychotherapist