

## **Bisma Sayed**

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### **EDUCATION**

**8-2010 – Ph.D. in Sociology**

**Concentrations: Medical Sociology & Statistics**

University of Miami  
Miami, FL

*In Progress*

**8/2008 Master of Science in Social Welfare**

Florida International Univ. Miami, FL

Capstone Project Title: Using the Trans-theoretical Model of Behavior Change for Brief Motivational Interviewing

Supervisor: Dr. Marian Dumaine

**8/2006 Bachelor of Arts in International Relations**

Florida International Univ. Miami, FL

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Medical Sociology; Statistics; Health Economics; Healthcare Organization; Health Policy; Health Related Quality of Life Measures

### **PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**8/2010-Current**

**University of Miami**  
**Department of Sociology**  
**Research Assistant to Dr. Michael French**  
**Health Economics Research Group**

Miami, Florida

**3/2010-8/2010**

**Health Economics Research Group**  
**Sociology Research Center**  
**University of Miami**  
**Research Associate**

Miami, Florida

- Prepare, develop and write papers for publication and reports on a variety of topics including substance abuse, economic cost studies, and health care services
- Collaborate with other investigators conducting research in substance abuse, health economics, and healthcare services.
- Direct data collection efforts for the Department of Children and Families Economic Cost of Substance Abuse study.
- Analyze data using STATA
- Conduct recruitment efforts, including presenting study to behavioral health providers across the state.
- Present study at meetings and conferences

4/2008 – 2/2010 **Spectrum Programs**

Miami, Florida

**Florida Center of Excellence for Emerging Behavioral Health  
Strategies**

**Health Services Research Associate/Quality Improvement Analyst**

- Prepare, develop and write research proposals and grants
- Conduct behavioral healthcare delivery research
- Analyze agency data, including selection, collection, analysis, and dissemination
- Write quarterly and annual reports
- Conduct program evaluation & development, quality and performance improvement initiatives
- Assess consumer and community needs
- Design programs and provision of services
- Provide research collaborations for agency, clinical and medical staff, and research activities
- Provide recommendations for quality improvement based on results of data analysis
- Conduct substance abuse research

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### In Progress

Allen-Kelsey, J., Belgrave, L., Sayed, B.A., Kaplan, L.M., Gostjev, F.A., Gong, L. In Preparation. Qualitative research methods: Comparing experiences of African American female caregivers of Alzheimer's sufferers in focus groups and participant observation research settings.

Alexandre, P.K., I. Beulaygue, M.T. French, K.E. McCollister, I. Popovici, and B.A. Sayed. In Preparation. "The DATCAP Operations Module as a Tool to Examine Differences in Substance Abuse Costs: Instrumentation and Findings."

French, M. & Sayed, B. In Preparation. Alcohol Use and Health Status.

French, M., Parmeter, C., & Sayed, B. In Preparation: Alcohol Use among Academic High Achievers: A Longitudinal Study.

Sayed, B. In Preparation. Conceptualization of the self in health related quality of life measures.

Sayed, B. In Preparation. Determinants of Health Care Utilization Revisited: A Structural Equation Approach.

### Under Review

French, M., Homer, J.F., Popovici, I., & Sayed, B. In Preparation. "The Consequences of Risky Alcohol Use among Academic High Achievers." [Authors Listed Alphabetically]

Alexandre, P.K., I. Beulaygue, M.T. French, K.E. McCollister, I. Popovici, and B.A. Sayed. In Preparation. "The Economic Cost of Substance Abuse Treatment in the State of Florida." *Evaluation Review*. [Authors Listed Alphabetically]

## REPORTS

### **The Annual Economic Impact of Alcohol and Drug Use in Florida**

Bohs, R., & Sayed, B. (2009). Annual Economic Cost of Substance Abuse in Florida: Report prepared for The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation and the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association: [http://www.samhcorp.org/pdf/Economic\\_Impact\\_of\\_AAD\\_in\\_Florida.pdf](http://www.samhcorp.org/pdf/Economic_Impact_of_AAD_in_Florida.pdf)

## PRESENTATIONS

Sayed, B. (October 2011). **The DATCAP Operations Module as a tool to Examine Differences in Substance Abuse Costs: Instrumentation and Findings.** Addiction Health Services Research Annual Meeting, Fairfax, VA

Sayed, B., Kaplan, L., Gostjev, F., Gong, L. (August 2011). **Experiences of Caregivers: A comparison of focus groups and participant observations.** American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Sayed, B., & Dow, J. (2011). **Data for Decision-Making Processes: Linking Data to Quality Improvement Initiatives.** Florida Alcohol and Drug Association's Fifth Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

Gostjev, F. and Sayed, B. (March 2010). **Examining Research Methods: Studying Experiences of Alzheimer's Caregivers in Support Groups and Natural Settings.** Creativity and Research Forum. University of Miami. Miami, FL.

Sayed, B. (January 2010). **Prescription Drug Use: The Silent Threat.** Meeting: Prescription Drug Abuse. Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida, Fort Myers, FL.

Bohs, R., & Sayed, B. (August, 2009) **The Annual Economic Impact of Alcohol and Drug Use in Florida:** Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association's Third Annual Conference: Turning Hope into Action: Innovation and Inspiration, Orlando, FL.

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

8/2007 – 8/2008      **Spectrum Programs & Miami Behavioral Health Center** Miami, FL  
**Research Intern/Clinical Intern**

- Developed and wrote research proposals
- Developed screening instruments
- Organized and facilitated research focus groups

- Conducted assessments and therapy sessions using evidence based practices
- Facilitated HIV and substance abuse therapeutic and educational groups
- Wrote accurate and detailed assessment reports, progress notes, treatment and discharge plans