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## **EDUCATION**

<i>Ph.D.</i>	Boston College Graduate School of Social Work	<i>June 2001</i>
<i>M.S.W. Clinical Concentration</i>	Boston College Graduate School of Social Work	<i>May 1997</i>
<i>B. A.</i>	<i>Concentration in Psychology and Law</i> University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	<i>May 1974</i>

## **LICENSURE**

<i>Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)</i> <i>Massachusetts</i>	<i>1999- Present</i>
<i>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Massachusetts</i>	<i>1997-1999</i>

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

<i>UMass/Memorial Healthcare Inc.</i> <i>Worcester, MA</i> <i>Director of Psychiatry Services in Public Safety</i>	<i>June 2008-Present</i>
<i>On-Site Academy, Westminster, MA</i> <i>Clinician and Law Enforcement Consultant</i> Provided mental health services and education and training for public safety professionals, military veterans, and their families. Clinical focus areas included: trauma, substance abuse, and crisis intervention. Served as clinician for Boston Police Department Peer Support Unit.	<i>July 2004-2010</i>
<i>Law Enforcement Assistance Network</i> <i>Worcester, MA</i> <i>Co-Director</i> Provided a multitude of services specific to the law enforcement community. Psychological consultation services to police departments include: Academy training Programs, stress program development, coaching for command personnel, treatment for personnel, and critical incident management. LEAN has been designated as training consultants by MPI to provide assistance in all aspects of police psychology.	<i>October 2006-June 2008</i>

Clinician, Sept. 2003-October 2004  
Apogee Integrated Mental Health Services  
Delivered mental health and substance abuse counseling in group practice setting to adults and adolescents. Worked with individuals, couples, and families.

Clinician, Sept. 1999-Sept. 2003  
Family Services of Central MA  
Provided outpatient mental health and substance abuse counseling to individuals, couples, and families. Conducted psychosocial assessments and provided referrals for agency's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) clients.

Clinician/ Instructor, Sept. 1999-Sept. 2003  
Parents Apart: A Court Approved Seminar for Divorcing Parents  
Family Services of Central Massachusetts  
Facilitated seminars assisting divorcing parents to understand the impact of divorce on children, enable parents to help children adjust to new households, and promote co-parenting.

Clinician, July 1996- July 1998  
Community Health Link  
Provided evaluation, treatment, and case coordination to the chronically mentally ill as part of a multidisciplinary team. Facilitated groups for mandated multiple DUI offenders and clients dually-diagnosed with mental illness and substance abuse.

Social Work Intern, Sept. 1996-May 1997  
UMass/Memorial Healthcare  
Provided inpatient and outpatient oncology support services. Conducted psychotherapy with individuals, couples, and families. Co-facilitated cancer patients' support group and the "I Can Cope" program, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Social Work Intern, Sept. 1995-May 1996  
UMass/Memorial Healthcare, Newborn Intensive Care Unit  
Provided assistance and support to patients and families with critically ill or premature infants. Conducted initial psychosocial assessments of parent(s), provided support as needed, and coordinated discharge planning with physicians, staff, and community-based agencies. Provided birth loss support services and crisis intervention.

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry September 2008-Present  
Department of Psychiatry  
UMASS Medical School, Worcester, MA

*Instructor*  
Boston University School of Social Work  
Professional Education Program, Boston, MA

*March 2007-2010*

*Instructor*  
University of New Hampshire, Professional Development Program  
Durham, NH

*May 2003-2011*

*Part-time Faculty*  
Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA

*August 2003-August 2004*

*Assistant Professor*  
University of New Hampshire, Department of Social Work, Durham, NH

*August 2001-May 2004*

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS AND IN-SERVICE TRAININGS FACILITATED**

“Preventing Youth Suicide: What Police Officers Should Know.” Trainings conducted for New Bedford PD funded by MA DPH. *Oct. & Nov. 2013*

“Lifelines: A Suicide Prevention Program.” Tiered 3-day training for school administrators, faculty and staff from multiple MA school districts. Funded by MA DPH & SAMHSA. *Sept.- Dec. 2013*

“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Four trainings for mental health clinicians funded by MA Department of Public Health. *Sept.- Dec. 2013*

“Caring for the Caregivers.” A training for MA National Guard Suicide Prevention Officers and Master Resiliency Trainers. Hanscom Air Force Base. *September 2013*

“Protecting the Prosecutors: The Impact of Trauma.” A training for Assistant District Attorneys and staff of the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office. *June 2013*

“Lifelines: A Suicide Prevention Program.” Tiered 3-day training for Wachusett Regional School District personnel. *June 2013*

“Understanding Youth Suicide: Recognizing Emotional Problems in Kids” Two trainings for MA EMS providers sponsored by MA Dept. of Public Health *June 2013*

Train-the-Trainer, “Understanding Youth Suicide.” Training for MA EMT Instructors, Natick, MA. Sponsored by MA Depart. of Public Health *June 2013*

“Suicide Intervention and Prevention: Reaching Out, Saving Lives.” Training for MA Department of Veterans Services S.A.V.E. Team and MA National Guard Medical Command Staff *May 2013*

<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Four trainings for mental health clinicians funded by MA Department of Public Health.</p>	<p><i>Mar.- May 2013</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Intervention and Prevention: Reaching Out, Saving Lives.” Training for MA Department of Veterans Services SAVE Team and MA National Guard Medical Command Staff</p>	<p><i>May 2013</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Four trainings for mental health services providers funded by MA Department of Public Health.</p>	<p><i>March- May 2013</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Intervention and Prevention 2012: What EMTs Should Know” Pre-Conference Workshop at Massachusetts EMS Conference, Springfield MA, sponsored by MA Dept. of Public Health</p>	<p><i>October 2012</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Prevention Training for Soldiers.” Train-the trainer material developed for and presented to Master Resiliency Trainers and Suicide Intervention Officers of the Massachusetts Army and Air National Guard. Hanscom Air Base, Bedford, MA.</p>	<p><i>September 2012</i></p>
<p>Management of Suicide Risk: Competencies for Mental Health Services Providers.” Conducted for MA Department of Veteran’s Services SAVE Team and MA National Guard Yellow Ribbon Program. MA National Guard Family Services Center, Wellesley, MA</p>	<p><i>June 2012</i></p>
<p>“Human Elements of Corrections Work: Training for New Recruits.” Conducted separately at Worcester, Middlesex, &amp; Franklin County Sheriff’s Department Training Academies.</p>	<p><i>June 2012</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for U.S. Navy Mental Health Clinicians.” U.S. Naval Base, Newport, RI and Camp Pendleton Marine Base, Camp Pendleton, CA. Contracted by U.S. Navy.</p>	<p><i>May &amp; Sept. 2011</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Intervention and Prevention: What Police Officers Should Know.” Multiple trainings for Falmouth (MA) Police Department. Funded by MA Department of Public Health’s Suicide Prevention Program</p>	<p><i>March 2011</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Three trainings funded by MA Department of Public Health.</p>	<p><i>Feb.-Mar. 2011</i></p>
<p>“The Human Elements of Corrections Work: Training for Recruits of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Department.” Conducted for Worcester County Sheriff’s Department, West Boylston, MA</p>	<p><i>Dec. 2010</i></p>
<p>“The Human Elements of EMS Work.” Presented at the Focus EMS Conference,</p>	<p><i>Nov. 2010</i></p>

## Durham New Hampshire

“Suicide Intervention and Prevention: Reaching Out, Saving Lives” Training for MA National Guard Army and Air Guard Resilience Corps. Conducted at Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford, MA	<i>Nov. 2010</i>
“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Three trainings funded by MA Department of Public Health.	<i>Oct.–Nov. 2010</i>
“Suicide Intervention and Prevention: What EMTs Should Know.” Training for MA EMS providers. Funded by MA Department of Public Health Suicide Prevention Program. Location: Shrewsbury, MA.	<i>April, 2010</i>
“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” “Nine trainings funded by the MA Department of Public Health.	<i>Sept. 2009– April 2010</i>
“Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians.” Conducted two 2-day clinician trainings funded by the NY State Office of Health. Training locations: Schenectady, NY and Staten Island, NY	<i>Jan. – Feb. 2010</i>
“Policing in a ‘Fishbowl’: Customer Service at UMMHC.” Three separate trainings for UMASS-Worcester Campus Police Department.	<i>June 2009</i>
“Police Suicide: Prevention and Available Supports” Training for Barnstable (MA) Police Department. Funded by MA Department of Public Health’s Suicide Prevention Program	<i>October 2009</i>
“Responding to Suicide Calls and Trauma Management for Law Enforcement.” Training for Nantucket Police Department. Funded by MA Department of Public Health’s Suicide Prevention Program	<i>February. 2009</i>
“Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians.” Two-day training for Ministry of Child and Family Development’s Northern Region clinical and administrative staff, Vancouver, BC (Canada).	<i>January 2009</i>
Suicide Prevention, Suicide Assessment and Intervention: Current Standards of Care.” Training for clinicians of MA Multiple Sclerosis Society HomeLinks Program.	<i>December 2008</i>
Suicide Prevention: A Training for Federal Probation Officers.” Workshop for U.S. Department of Probation in Boston, MA.	<i>October 2008</i>
‘Suicide Intervention and Prevention: A Training for Transit Police Officers.” Training for the MA Transit Police Department in Boston, MA.	<i>October 2008</i>
“Stress, Distress, and PTSD: The Human Elements of Law Enforcement.” Training sponsored by NY State Office of Mental Health. Conducted at Utica	<i>September 2008</i>

Community College in Utica, NY

<p>“Responding to Suicide Attempts: What First Responders Should Know.” Training sponsored by NY State Office of Mental Health for emergency responders. Conducted at Utica Community College in Utica, NY</p>	<p><i>September 2008</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Five state-wide trainings for mental health services providers funded by MA Department of Public Health.</p>	<p><i>Sept.- Dec. 2008</i></p>
<p>“Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians.” Two-day training for mental health staff of the Yellow Hawk Tribal Health Clinic of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, OR.</p>	<p><i>August 2008</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Intervention and Prevention: What Police Officers Should Know.” Training for law enforcement officers from local, state, tribal agencies, and jurisdictions in Pendleton, OR region.</p>	<p><i>August 2008</i></p>
<p>Suicide Intervention and Prevention: What First Responders Should Know. Training for fire/rescue and other medical responders in Pendleton, OR region.</p>	<p><i>August 2008</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Clinical staff training conducted at Wheeler Clinic in Plainville, CT.</p>	<p><i>May 2008</i></p>
<p>“Boot Camp” Training for Police Chiefs. Four-hour training on psychological health issues for police officers. Presented to newly-hired municipal police chiefs, Grafton (MA) Police Department.</p>	<p><i>May 2008</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Prevention: Training for Probation Officers.” Six-hour training for MA Probation Department, Clinton, MA.</p>	<p><i>April 2008</i></p>
<p>“Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians.” Two-day pre-conference workshop at the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.</p>	<p><i>April 2008</i></p>
<p>“Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians.” Two-day training sponsored by NY Office of Mental Health, Plattsburgh, NY.</p>	<p><i>April 2008</i></p>
<p>“Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians.” Two-day training provided to Wells Center clinical staff, Southbridge, MA.</p>	<p><i>February 2008</i></p>
<p>“College Suicide and Threat Assessment.” Workshop conducted for College of the Holy Cross Campus Administrators and Counseling Center staff, Worcester, MA.</p>	<p><i>January 2008</i></p>

<p>“Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians.” Two-day training provided to United Cerebral Palsy Center staff, Utica, NY.</p>	<p><i>November 2007</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Three trainings funded by MA Department of Public Health.</p>	<p><i>Oct.– Dec. 2007</i></p>
<p>“Psychological Issues Critical to Police Officers.” Full-day training provided to Springfield, MA Police Training Academy recruits.</p>	<p><i>October 2007</i></p>
<p>“Preventing Police Suicides: Prevention and Available Supports.” Training conducted for Lynn, MA Police Department Command Staff.</p>	<p><i>October 2007</i></p>
<p>“Suicide and the Police Culture.” Training for new police recruits at Springfield, MA Police Training Academy.</p>	<p><i>September 2007</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Two trainings provided at US Air Force bases (Little Rock, AR &amp; Moody, GA). Funded by Department of Defense through Suicide Prevention Resource Center</p>	<p><i>August 2007</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Three trainings funded by the MA Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program (Marlboro, Northampton &amp; Plymouth)</p>	<p><i>April-June 2007</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Two trainings provided to the NY State Office of Mental Health (Binghamton &amp; Potsdam)</p>	<p><i>April 2007</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Two trainings provided to the Maine Department of Health &amp; Human Services (Brewer &amp; Portland)</p>	<p><i>April 2007</i></p>
<p>“Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals.” Training provided to Kit Clark Elder Services Center Dorchester, MA.</p>	<p><i>January 2007</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Prevention and Self-Injurious Behavior: What Teachers Should Know” Training conducted for Newton Public Schools</p>	<p><i>August 2006</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Assessment and Intervention: Current Standards.” Instructor/trainer for a series of all-day continuing education trainings funded by the MA Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program.</p>	<p><i>Sept. 2005-June 2006</i></p>

<p>“Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Peer Support”  Training conducted for Massachusetts Department of Fire Services</p>	<p><i>March 2006</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Assessment and Intervention: Current Standards of Care”  Instructor/trainer for a series of all-day continuing education trainings. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention, funded by Massachusetts Department of Public Health</p>	<p><i>Sept. 2004-June 2006</i></p>
<p>“Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Peer Support”  Training conducted for Brigham &amp; Women’s Hospital Peer Support Program, Boston, MA</p>	<p><i>February 2006</i></p>
<p>“Preventing Police Suicides: Available Support Systems”  Training conducted for Boston Police Training Academy’s recruit class</p>	<p><i>February 2005</i></p>
<p>“Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Peer Support”  Training conducted for Boston Emergency Medical Services (BEMS)</p>	<p><i>February 2005</i></p>
<p>“Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Peer Support”  Training conducted for American Response Ambulance (AMR)</p>	<p><i>December 2004</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Assessment and Intervention: Current Standard Care”  Instructor/ trainer of a six-hour Continuing Education training presented in affiliation with University of New Hampshire Division of Continuing Education (DCE).</p>	<p><i>October 2004</i></p>
<p>“Suicide Assessment and Intervention for Social Workers: Current Standards of Care.” Instructor/ trainer of a six-hour Pre-conference Workshop presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Suicidology, Miami, FL.</p>	<p><i>April 2004</i></p>
<p>“Suicide and Mental Illness: Information for Law Enforcement Personnel.”  Workshop presented to the Massachusetts State Police Crisis Negotiation Team, Conducted at the MA State Police Training Academy at Braintree, MA.</p>	<p><i>January 2004</i></p>

### **PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Feldman, B.N. (2013). “Youth Suicide Prevention: An Introduction.” Presented at UMASS Medical School Pediatric Grand Rounds. Worcester, MA. November 22.

Feldman, B.N. (2013). “Preventing Suicide: A Focus on Youth.” Presented in conjunction with UMASS Medical School Psychiatry Department Be Mentally Well Lecture Series. Worcester, MA October 2.

Feldman, B.N. (2013). “Human Elements of Law Enforcement: Strategies for Suicide Prevention.” Presented at the U.S. Attorney’s Law Enforcement Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training Conference. Weston MA. September 18.



Feldman, B.N. (2013). "The First Line of Support." Suicide prevention lecture for MANG Family Readiness Group. Presented at the Massachusetts National Guard Family Program Volunteer Conference. Southbridge, MA April 14.

Feldman, B.N. (2013). "Working with Schools on Suicide Prevention: A Collaborative Approach." Presented at the Massachusetts Statewide Suicide Prevention 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Framingham, MA April 2.

Feldman, B.N. (2013). "Preventing Youth Suicide: A Brief Introduction." Presented at the Central MA Child Fatality Review Conference. Shrewsbury, MA March 27.

Feldman, B.N. (2012). "Youth Suicide Prevention: A Brief Introduction." Presented at the Mount Wachusett Community College Conference for Youth Mental Health, Leominster, MA October 11.

Feldman, B.N. (2012). "Youth Suicide Prevention: Connecting the Links." Presented at the Worcester Institute on Loss and Trauma 13th Annual Conference, Worcester, MA September 19.

Feldman, B.N. (2012) "Human Elements of Corrections Work and Preventing Correctional Officer Suicide." Presented at MA Sheriff's Association Training & Education Committee Annual Conferences Plymouth, MA June 14 and Holyoke, MA June 8.

Feldman, B.N. (2012). "The Impact of Suicide Calls on Emergency Medical Services Providers: Strategies to Limit Critical Incident Stress and Prevent EMS Suicides." Presented at the Massachusetts Statewide Suicide Prevention 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Marlboro, MA. May 1.

Feldman, B.N. (2012). "Human Elements of Corrections Work and Preventing Suicide Among Correction Officers." Presented at the Massachusetts Statewide Suicide Prevention 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Marlboro, MA. May 1.

Feldman, B.N. (2012). "Mental Health Needs of Disaster Responders. Presented to visiting delegation from China in conjunction with the UMMHC Disaster Medicine Program, April 26.

Feldman, B.N. (2012). "The Impact of Suicide Calls on Emergency Medical Services Providers: Strategies to Limit Critical Incident Stress and Prevent EMS Suicides." Presented at the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. April 21.

Schimtz, W., Feldman, B.N., Quinnett, P. (2012). The Crisis in Suicide Training for Mental Health Professionals: Overlooked, Resisted & Often Dismissed." Presented at the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. April 21.

Feldman, B.N. & Grudzinskas, A.J. (2012). "Human Elements of Correction Work: Stressors and Strategies." Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic & Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health. Atlanta, GA March 22.

Grudzinskas, A.J. & Feldman, B.N. (2012). "Crisis Intervention and Risk Management Training for Correction Officers: Working with Mentally Ill Offenders." Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup>

Annual Academic & Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health. Atlanta, GA March 22.

Feldman, B.N. (2011). "Suicide Watch: Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk in Schools and on Campus." Presented at the Virginia School and Campus Safety Training Forum. Hampton, VA. August 2.

Feldman, B.N. (2011). "The Impact of Suicide Calls for Responding Police Officers: Strategies to Limit Critical Incident Stress and Prevent Potential Police Officer Suicides." Presented at the International Critical Incident Foundation 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Stress, Trauma, and Coping: Mapping the Future of Crisis and Disaster Response. Baltimore, MD February 26.

Feldman, B.N. (2011). "Preventing Firefighter Suicide." Presented at Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts Professional Development Conference. Leominster, MA. February 9.

Feldman, B.N. (2010). "Teen Suicide Prevention: What Educators Should Know." Sponsored by Anna Maria College's Criminal Justice and Fire Science Programs, The Molly Bish Center for the Protection of Children and the Elderly, and the Worcester District Attorney's Office. Presented at the Safe Schools Summit Conference, Worcester, MA September 23.

Feldman, B.N. (2010). "The Impact of Suicide Calls for Responding Police Officers: Strategies to Limit Critical Incident Stress and Prevent Potential Police Officer Suicides." Presented at the New England Chiefs of Police Annual Conference, Burlington, VT September 13.

Feldman, B.N. (2010). "The Impact of Suicide Calls for Responding Police Officers: Strategies to Limit Critical Incident Stress and Prevent Potential Police Officer Suicides." Presented at the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) 43rd Annual Conference, Orlando, FL April 21.

Grudzinskas, A., Clayfield, J.C., Feldman, B.N. (2010). "The Boston Police Study: Improving Outcomes for Justice-Involved People with Mental Illness." Presented at the GAINS Center Conference, Lake Buena Vista, FL March 19.

Feldman, B.N. (2010). "Human Elements of First Responder Work." Sponsored by Anna Maria College's Criminal Justice and Fire Science Programs, The Molly Bish Center, for the Protection of Children and the Elderly, and the Worcester District Attorney's Office. Presented at the Conference for First Responders, Paxton, MA March 11.

Feldman, B.N. (2009). "Risk Management for Suicide: What Clinicians Should Know. Presented at the MA Executive Office of Health & Human Services Department of Public Health 8th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference, Sturbridge, MA May 15.

Feldman, B.N. & Grudzinskas, A. (2009). "Understanding the Impact of Trauma: What Prosecutors Should Know. Presented to District Attorney's Office for the Middle District Prosecutorial staff, Worcester, MA October 20.

Feldman, B.N. (2008). "Preventing Police Suicides: Prevention and Available Supports." Presented at the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) Annual Conference, Boston, MA, April 18.

Feldman, B.N. (2007). "Preventing Police Suicides: Prevention and Available Supports." Presented at the Society for Police and Criminal Psychologists Annual Conference, Springfield, MA, September 29.

Feldman, B.N. (2007). "Risk Management for Suicide: What Clinicians Should Know." Presented at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Suicide Prevention Conference, Sturbridge, MA, May 15.

Feldman, B.N. (2007). "Caregivers and Stress: Taking Care of Yourself." Presented at the Aiding Suicide Survivors Conference for Clergy and Funeral Director, Worcester, MA March 21.

Feldman, B.N. (2006). "Police Suicide: Prevention and Available Supports." Presented at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Education and Technology 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Boston, MA October 14.

Feldman, B.N. (2005). "Clinical Assessment for Risk and Lethality of Suicide." Presented at the Coalition for Kids in Danger 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Framingham, MA November 8.

Feldman, B.N. (2005). "Risk Management for Suicide: What Clinicians Should Know." Presented at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health 4th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference, Worcester, MA May 17.

Feldman, B.N. (2005). "Crisis Negotiators and Stress: *Taking Care of You*." Presented at the New England Association of Crisis Negotiators 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Falmouth, MA April 25.

Feldman, B.N. (2004). "Suicide Assessment and Intervention for Social Workers: Current Standards of Care." Pre-conference Workshop presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Suicidology, Miami, FL April 14.

Feldman, B.N. & Freedenthal, S. (2004). "Social work education in suicide intervention and prevention: An unmet need?" Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Suicidology. Miami, FL April 16.

Feldman, B.N. & Freedenthal, S. (2004). "Social work education in suicide intervention and prevention: An unmet need?" Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in Anaheim, CA February 29.

Freedenthal, S. & Feldman, B.N. (2004). "Working with suicidal clients: Predictors of social workers' perceived competence." Presented at the Eighth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research in New Orleans, LA January.

Feldman, B.N. (2003). "Developing and Piloting Curricula for Post-graduate Social Workers on Suicide and Suicide Prevention: A Project Overview." Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Suicidology, Santa Fe, NM April 26.

Feldman, B.N. (2002). "The Influence of Relational Factors on Men's Adjustment to Their Partners' Newly-Diagnosed Breast Cancer." Presented at the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute Research Forum, Wellesley Center for Women's Studies, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA June.

Feldman, B.N. (2001). "The Influence of Relational Factors on Men's Adjustment to Their Partners' Newly-Diagnosed Breast Cancer." Presented at the National Council on Family Relations Conference, Rochester, NY November.

Kayser, K., Feldman, B.N., Borstelmann, N., & Daniels, A. (2002). "A Psychosocial Program for Breast Cancer Patients and Their Partners: An Evaluation Study." Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Diego, CA January.

Kayser, K., Feldman, B.N., Borstelmann, N., & Daniels, A. (2001). "Evaluating a Psychosocial Program for Couples Coping with Breast Cancer: Preliminary Results." Presented at the National Council on Family Relations Conference, Rochester, NY November.

Kayser, K., Feldman, B.N., Borstelmann, N., & Daniels, A. (2000). "Evaluating a Psychosocial Program for Couples Coping with Breast Cancer: Preliminary Results." Presented at the International Evaluation for Practice Conference, Huddersfield, England July.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Current/ Ongoing Research Support**

*Emergency Department Safety Assessment and Follow-up Evaluation (ED-SAFE)* 2009-2014  
(Training Director)

*Agency: National Institute of Health (NIH)/National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)*

The goal is to examine the effectiveness, feasibility, and sustainability of a multi-component screening and intervention for suicide within general ED settings. The study will have important implications for a variety of stakeholders, including patients, family members, healthcare providers, financial managers, health insurers, administrators, and policy makers.

*Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Curriculum Modules for Adolescent Mental Health Emergencies* 2012- 2013  
(Principal Investigator)

*Agency: Emergency Medical Services for Children Program, MA Department of Public Health* This project focuses on curriculum development for EMTs specific to their dealing with adolescent behavioral health emergencies and related issues and represents the continuation of work which commenced in 2010. This earlier work evolved over the past two years to provide the groundwork and curriculum development for EMS front-line workers and EMS trainers. The current project provides the underpinnings for creating multiple training modules for EMS trainers/instructors to educate EMTs across Massachusetts. The overall purpose of this phase of the EMSC project is to develop and provide current, evidence-based, and practical training materials for MA EMS instructors/trainers.

*"Risk Identification and Management Training for Correctional Personnel"* 2012-2013  
(Co-Principal Investigator)

*Agency: MA Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program*

The purpose of the research is to develop a needs assessment survey to determine the suicide prevention training needs for correction officers. This survey will be modeled on previous research conducted in 2011 by Dr. Feldman which identified suicide prevention-related training needs for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). This project will focus on Sheriffs' Department personnel in Massachusetts.

Results will help guide and the development of training needs and eventual curriculum development for correction officers.

*Curriculum Development for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)*  
*(Principal Investigator)*

2011-2012

*Agency: MA Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program*

The purpose of this work was to develop a series of in-service suicide prevention training modules for EMTs. Based on results from the EMT needs assessment survey (see below), these modules were developed to help EMTs to better understand and identify persons at risk for self-harm or violence, due to mental health or other stress related issues. The trainings and related materials were prepared for presentation to a select cadre of trainers who will over time develop sufficient competence in the topic areas to deliver it back to their respective institutions.

*On-Line EMS Suicide Prevention Survey Administration Project*  
*(Principal Investigator)*

2011

*Agency: MA Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program*

This research project extended the prior work conducted for the MA Department of Public Health's Emergency Medical Services for Children Program (EMSC). This work incorporated the print version of a 40-item survey, developed by the Principal Investigator, to assess the suicide-prevention training needs of Massachusetts EMTs, as well as their perceptions and experiences related to suicide prevention into an on-line survey template. Working in consort with UMASS Medical School's Office of Survey Research, the project resulted in the formatting and development, administration, and data analysis of the EMT training needs assessment survey.

*Suicide Intervention and Prevention Training for Massachusetts Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)*  
*(Principal Investigator)*

2010-2011

*Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC), MA DPH*

The purpose of this research was to establish through focus groups, literature review, and other sources, a detailed needs assessment survey to determine EMT training needs in suicide intervention and prevention. Previous data suggest that calls involving the deaths/near deaths of children and adolescents are anxiety-provoking, and that EMTs feel especially under-prepared to interact with or support families of deceased or critically-injured children/adolescents. These concerns provided the rationale for developing a comprehensive needs assessment survey (see above). The project was supported by MA

DPH Suicide Prevention Program, but much of the material has important cross-over value in areas of family/bystander interactions, proper death delivery notices/referral to family support services and EMT self-care.

*Making Educators Partners in Suicide Prevention (MEPSP) Training and Evaluation*

2011

*Principal Investigator*

*Agency: MA Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Program*

This pilot study was designed to train teachers and staff by way of in-person or on-line trainings at several Massachusetts high schools. The purpose of the research was to compare two different methods of delivering the MEPSP suicide prevention program to high school teachers: (1) presenting this training via a two-hour in-person training; or (2) by completing the identical suicide prevention curriculum at one's own pace via on-line training. In either training delivery format, teachers completed pre- and post-knowledge questionnaires to evaluate effectiveness of the MEPSP training.

**Completed Research Support**

*Police Suicide Prevention through Peer Support” and Means Restriction:* 2008-2010

*Policies for Police Chiefs*

*(Co-Principal Investigator)*

*Agency: MA Department of Public Health & MA Chiefs of Police Association,*

The goal of this project is to develop protocols for municipal peer support program formulation.

*Boston Police Study*

*(Co-Investigator)*

2008-2010

*Agency: Sidney R. Baer Jr. Foundation*

The goal of this program is to develop crisis intervention and risk management training protocols for police and first responders, and to compare a specialty response unit model with a generalist training for all officers model in a setting where resources are identical. The program will then evaluate the system change and the effectiveness of both models over a two year period, and provide strategies for community implementation of either model.

*The Social Work Education in Suicide Study (SWESS)* 2003-2004

*(Principal Investigator)*

*Funder: Irving and Barbara C. Gutin Family Charitable Foundation of New Hampshire*

Working with the New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice, the project involved the formulation, distribution, and analysis of 600 social workers in a national, Web- based survey to examine their graduate-level training and education experiences about suicide and suicide intervention and prevention. This research required collaboration with the Suicide Prevention Partnership (SPP) and the American Association of Suicidology (AAS). 2002-2004

*The Development of Suicide Prevention and Intervention Curricula Project* 2002-2004

*(Principal Investigator)*

*Funder: Irving and Barbara C. Gutin Family Charitable Foundation of New Hampshire*

Under the auspices of the New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice, the project entailed development of methodology to assess higher education curricula in suicide prevention and intervention and developing a model curriculum for social workers. Responsible for implementing, pilot-testing, and evaluating the curricula. The project also required implementing and evaluating the curriculum. This research involved collaboration with the Suicide Prevention Partnership (SPP) and the American Association of Suicidology (AAS). Funded by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation of the Irving and Barbara C. Gutin Family Charitable Foundation.

*Skills Training for Breast Cancer Patients and their Partners: An Evaluation Study* 1999- 2001  
(Project Coordinator)

This multi-site research study (Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital) sought to determine the efficacy of a newly-developed psychosocial intervention for newly-diagnosed breast cancer patients and their partners. Responsibilities included data management, coordination of recruitment process, monitoring treatment adherence, collection of data at three points in time, and data analysis. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Breast Cancer Research Program.

*Dissertation Research* 1999-2001  
"The Influence of Relationship Factors on Men's Adjustment to Their Partner's Newly-Diagnosed Breast Cancer." Dissertation Chair: Karen Kayser, Ph.D.

*Field Education Reflection Study* 1998-2001  
(Project Coordinator)  
Boston College Graduate School of Social Work,  
Position: Research Assistant  
Funder: Boston College Graduate school of Social Work

The purpose of this research was to examine and better understand MSW students' field work/internship experiences to determine future program directions. I assisted in development of the study questionnaire, and was responsible for data collection, data management, and data analysis.

*Center for Work and Families, The Carroll School of Management, Boston College* 1998 - 1999  
(Student Research Associate)  
Assisted in developing survey instrument to assess effectiveness of newly-established on-site childcare centers for a leading pharmaceutical manufacturer. Analyzed data and reviewed manuscripts for publication.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Schmitz Jr., W.M., Allen, M.H., Feldman, B.N., Gutin, N.J., Jahn, D.R., Kleespies, P.M., Quinnett, P., Simpson, S., (2012). Preventing suicide through improved training in suicide risk assessment and care: An American Association of Suicidology Task Force Report Addressing Serious Gaps in U.S. Mental Health Training. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 42(3): 292-304.

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Feldman, B.N. & Broussard, C.A. (2006). Men's adjustment to their partners' breast cancer:

A dyadic coping perspective. *Health and Social Work*, 31(2).

Feldman, B.N. & Broussard, C.A. (2005). The influence of relational factors on men's adjustment to their partners' newly-diagnosed breast cancer. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 23(2/3).

Kayser, K., Feldman, B.N., Borstelmann, N., & Daniels, A. (2002). Evaluating a psychosocial program for couples coping with breast cancer: Preliminary results. *Research in Social Work Practice*. (In press).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

*Project Coordinator, Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant* Sept. 2006– Oct. 2007  
Newton Public Schools, Newton, MA  
Coordinated and facilitated activities related to DOE-funding for improving and establishing crisis management and safety policies, procedures, and planning. Responsible for developing and enhancing collaboration with community partners (e.g., police, fire, public health) with Newton public and non-public school ERCM-related efforts.

*President, Capitol Enterprises, Inc.* 1976-1993  
Performed multiple administrative functions related to operating multi-unit, general merchandise retail chain with six operating units and a central warehousing facility that employed over 400 full-and part-time individuals. Oversaw major operational activities.

## **TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS**

*Lifelines: A Comprehensive Suicide Awareness and Responsiveness Program for Teens* February 2013  
(Certified Instructor) Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide (SPTS)

*Multi-hazard Emergency Planning for Schools – Field-Delivered* April 2012  
(Certified Trainer) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

*Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians* May 2007  
(Approved Trainer) American Association of Suicidology

*International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF)* July 2006  
Trained trainer – Group Crisis Intervention

*Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals* April 2006  
(Approved Trainer) Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)

*Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA)* March 2006



*National Incident Management System (NIMS), IS-00700*

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of State Police  
Crisis Negotiations – Basic Crisis Negotiator*

*May 2005*

*International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF)*

*May 2005*

*Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention*

*International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF)*

*October 2004*

*Trained trainer – Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Peer Support*

*International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF)*

*June 2004*

*Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management*

*Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)*

*July 2004*

*EMDR Institute*

*International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF)*

*June, 2003*

*Advanced Group Crisis Intervention*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

*American Association of Suicidology (AAS)*

*International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)*

*International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF)*

*National Police Suicide Awareness Foundation (NPSF)*

*National Ski Patrol (NSP) – Professional Division*

*New England Association of Crisis Negotiators (NECNA)*

*Society for Police and Criminal Psychologists (SPCP)*

## **SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER AFFILIATIONS**

*Suicide Prevention Coalition of Central MA*

*January 2012 -Present*

*Co-Chair*

*National Network of Depression Centers*

*Sept. 2011-Present*

*Member, Suicide Prevention Task Group Member,*

*Military Families Task Group*

*Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide*

*2009-Present*

*Member, Clinical Advisory Board*

*Suicide Intervention and Prevention Academic Interest Group*

*Sept. 2009-Present*

*UMMHC, Psychiatry Department*

<i>MA Violent Death Reporting System (MVDRS) Member, Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Oct. 2008-Present</i>
<i>Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention, Executive Committee (Chair, 2008-2012)</i>	<i>2004-Present</i>
<i>Boston Police Critical Incident Stress De-briefing Team, Clinician</i>	<i>2004-2010</i>
<i>Youth Suicide Prevention Assembly (YSPA) of New Hampshire</i>	<i>2003-2004</i>
<i>Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Community Coalition Member University of New Hampshire</i>	<i>2001-2004</i>
<i>Devereux Massachusetts, Advisory Board Member, The Devereux School, Rutland, Massachusetts Served on Quality Assurance Committee monitoring program development, and training of new staff members, safety compliance, and research programs.</i>	<i>1998-2004</i>