

Kristy Lee, MSW, LMSW

Assistant Professor of Social Work

Biography

Ms. Lee has been an Assistant Professor of Social Work and Field Coordinator at LMU since 2018. She holds a Master of Social Work with a Clinical Concentration from East Tennessee State University and a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Lincoln Memorial University. She is currently a Doctoral Student at Walden University, pursuing her Ph.D. in Social Work Administration. Her dissertation topic is Professional Perceptions of Food Insecurity among At-risk Seniors in the Appalachian Region of Southwest Virginia. Ms. Lee holds a Licensed Master Social Work (LMSW) license in Tennessee and Virginia. Ms. Lee is pursuing her Tennessee clinical licensure (LCSW), in collaboration with the University of Tennessee-NOW Grant (Nurturing Options for Women), the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-an initiative by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and Servolution Health Services. As a part of the grants, Ms. Lee is providing behavioral health services to the uninsured community affected by substance use disorder and other mental health diagnoses as a part of her clinical licensure requirements.

Teaching and Research Interests

Teaching interests are in Introduction to the Social Work Profession, Child & Family Welfare, Gerontology, Medical Social Work, and Social Work Practice Skills. Research interests are currently in Food Insecurity, Elder Care, Rural Appalachian Service Gaps, The Criminalization of Addiction, and Substance Use Disorders.

LMU and other Professional Service

Ms. Lee is the faculty sponsor for a very active LMU SHARE club (Students for Humanity, Advocating, Referring, & Empowering). She has taught the LMU- College Success Skills course to incoming freshmen for five years. Ms. Lee serves on the Council for Inclusive Excellence Committee and as a Community Standards Hearing Officer. Ms. Lee maintains licensure requirements by completing a minimum of 15 hours of CEU credits per year, to include Ethical Practice, and Suicide Prevention, among other topics. Ms. Lee is currently pursuing her clinical license that requires 3,000 hours of client clinical contact/100 hours of supervision/over a period of no less than 2 years. Ms. Lee is a member of the Social Workers of the Lakeway Area (SWLA) Conference Planning Committee, as well as an active member of the Rural Health Association of Tennessee, the National Rural Health Association, and a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), and the Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD).

Presentations

Lee, K. (2022, June 18). *Be Very Strong-Faith & Recovery*. (Panel Discussant) Claiborne County Community Professionals, Cumberland Gap, Tennessee

Lee, K. (2018, March 24). *Depression, Anxiety, and Suicide: What caregivers need to know*, (Presenter). Annual Caregiver Training/Support Services: Mountain Empire Older Citizens-AAA, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Lee, K. (2018, March 21). *Agitation & Dementia-using Seclusion and Restraints*, (Presenter). Annual Professional In-Service Training: Mountain Empire Older Citizens, (PACE)-AAA, Big Stone Gap, Virginia