

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Allison J. Ober**

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** University of California Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs,  
Department of Social Welfare. (2009.)
- M.S.W.** Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- B.A.** Psychology, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont.

### FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

- 2009 UCLA AIDS Institute Seed Grant Fellowship (\$5,000).  
2007 UCLA Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health HIV/AIDS Pre-  
Doctoral Training Program Fellowship (\$2,500).

### ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

#### **Policy and Behavioral Science Researcher**

RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA  
2011 – Present

- Conduct health policy and behavioral science research in the areas of HIV risk behavior surveillance and prevention, substance use and treatment, illicit drug markets, and health services:
  - Principal Investigator on a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded study (R03) examining adaptive strategies among young black men who have sex with men and developing and adaptive strategies questionnaire.
  - Co-Principal Investigator on a National Institute of Justice (NIJ)-funded evaluation of open-air drug market interventions; leading a respondent-driven sampling (RDS) study of drug users and a qualitative study of community members in and near drug markets.
  - Co-Investigator on a study on a NIDA-funded study (R01) of implementation strategies for delivering evidence-based substance use disorder treatment to patients within primary care settings.
  - Co-Investigator on a NIDA-funded randomized control pilot study testing the feasibility of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (R21) in drug treatment programs and the association between implementation and program and patient outcomes.

- Co-Investigator on a Department of Defense (DoD)-funded study examining medical provider perceptions of prescription drug misuse among service members.

### **Assistant Research Scientist**

UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs (ISAP), Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA  
2009 – 2011

- Provided guidance to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) on quality measurement, management, and improvement of alcohol and drug treatment programs and on implications of healthcare reform for the public alcohol and drug treatment system:
  - Led pilot projects, evaluations, and case studies with county alcohol and drug treatment departments and treatment providers on performance measure acceptability and feasibility and on integration of substance use disorder (SUD) services with primary care services;
  - Provided technical assistance and training to treatment providers on improving client retention and providing a continuum of services to clients through implementation of evidence-based practices;
  - Planned and hosted a statewide forum and leading an ongoing learning collaborative on the integration of substance use disorder services with primary care services and health homes; and
  - Advised ADP and California counties on healthcare reform implications for the alcohol and drug treatment system.
- Wrote scholarly papers and grant proposals and conduct quantitative data analysis.

### **Research Project Associate III**

RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA  
2003 – 2009

- Primarily served as Coordinating Center Project Director on a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-sponsored international cooperative agreement program studying the role of drugs in the sexual transmission of HIV in the United States and Russia:
  - Coordinated communication and tracking of scientific decision-making among study sponsor, sites, coordinating center, and multiple workgroups;
  - Prepared Institutional Review Board (IRB) submissions;
  - Monitored budget;
  - Facilitated development of data management protocols;
  - Assisted with instrument development;
  - Wrote manuals of operation;
  - Monitored site compliance with study protocol;

- Provided training, technical assistance and quality assurance to research sites.
- Wrote scholarly papers, conducted data management and data analysis, and assisted with the writing and coordination of grant proposals.

### **Research Intern**

University of California, Los Angeles  
Department of Family Medicine  
David Geffen School of Medicine  
2007 – 2008

Conducted event-level data analysis of demographic and behavioral correlates of methamphetamine and crack cocaine use during sex among a low-income sample of men who have sex with men.

### **Senior Professional Research Assistant/Research and Training Coordinator**

University of Colorado Health Sciences Center  
Department of Psychiatry Division of Substance Dependence  
1999 – 2003

- For the NIDA Clinical Trials Network (CTN) multi-site behavioral and pharmacological drug and alcohol addiction treatment trials, conducted training on Good Clinical Practices and the administration of psychosocial assessments; led protocol implementation at multiple research sites; oversaw data collection; served as a liaison between study sponsors and community treatment providers; trained and supervised research assistants; and coordinated communication with the local Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- For a locally-based HIV-prevention project with out-of-treatment injection drug users, conducted training for and monitored behavioral interventions (motivational interviewing, risk reduction, and case management); supervised a team of 8-10 outreach workers and interventionists; oversaw staff hiring, study recruitment, HIV prevention outreach and daily activities; and wrote procedural manuals.

### **Research Analyst**

State of Washington Children's Administration, Olympia, WA  
1997 – 1999

Coordinated statewide research projects for the measurement of child welfare program outcomes and effectiveness, client satisfaction and staff workload; designed survey instruments; trained research staff; conducted structured telephone and face-to-face interviews; assisted the design and management of databases and data analysis; wrote reports; and presented findings to local and national audiences.

### **Clinician**

Ruth Dykeman Children's Center, Seattle, WA  
1996 – 1997

Provided individual, group and family therapy to emotionally impaired adolescents in residential treatment; developed treatment plans; and oversaw treatment implementation in the residential milieu.

### **Clinician**

Southeast Youth and Family Services, Seattle, WA  
1994 – 1996

Provided counseling to a diverse population of youth and their families in agency, school and home settings; conducted intakes and assessments; and developed treatment plans.

### **Policy Associate**

ICF Kaiser International, Fairfax, VA  
1989 – 1993

Facilitated the implementation and public understanding of federal regulations by developing and assisting the delivery of public relations training courses and writing public information materials, technical guidance and toolkits.

### **Assistant Field Director/Campus Organizer**

Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGS), Boston, MA and Boulder, CO  
1987 – 1989

Trained outreach staff to conduct fundraising and public education on statewide consumer and environmental protection issues; hired and supervised staff; and directed campaign recruitment.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Ober, A.J.**, Watkins, K., Hunter, S.B., Lamp, K., Lind, M. Setodji, C.M. An Organizational Readiness Intervention and Randomized Controlled Trial to Test Strategies for Implementing Substance Use Disorder Treatment into Primary Care: SUMMIT Study Protocol, 10:66.

**Ober, A.J.** Sussell, J.A., Kilmer, B., Saunders, J., Heckathorn, D.D. (2015.) Using Respondent Driven Sampling to Evaluate a Drug Market Intervention. (*Revise and Resubmit, Evaluation Review.*)

Hunter, S.B., **Ober, A.J.**, Paddock, S.M., Hunt, P.E., Levan, D. (2014). Continuous

Quality Improvement (CQI) in Addiction Treatment Settings: design and intervention protocol of a group randomized pilot study. *Addiction Science and Clinical Practice*, 9:4.

Tucker, J., **Ober, A.J.**, Ryan, G., Golinelli, D., Ewing, B., Wenzel, S.L. (2014). To Use or Not To Use: A stage-based approach to understanding condom use among homeless youth. *AIDS Care*, 26(5), 567-573.

**Ober, A.J.**, Miles, J.N.V., Ewing, B., Tucker, J.S., & D'Amico, E.J. (2013). Risk for inhalant initiation among middle school students: Understanding individual, family and peer risk and protective factors. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, 74(6):835-40.

**Ober, A.J.**, Martino, S.C., Tucker J.S., Munjas B. (2012) If You Provide the Test, They will Take It: Individual and Partner-Level Factors Associated with HIV/STI Testing and Knowledge of Results in a Representative Sample of Homeless Youth in Los Angeles. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 24(4), 350-362.

Padwa, H., Urada, D., Pearce Antonini, V., **Ober A.J.**, Crevecoeur-McPhail, D., Rawson, R. (2012). Integrating Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Primary Care: The Experience in California. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 44(4), 299-306.

**Ober, A.J.**, Iguchi, M.Y., Weiss, R., Gorbach, P., Heimer, R., Ouellet, L.J., Shoptaw, S., Anglin, D., Zule, W.A. (2011.) The relative role of perceived partner risks in promoting condom use in a three-city sample of high-risk, low-income women. *AIDS and Behavior*, 15(7), 1347-1358.

Iguchi, M., **Ober, A.**, Berry, S., Fain, T., Heckathorn, D., Gorbach, P.M., Heimer, R., Kozlov, A., Ouellet, L., Shoptaw, S., Zule, W. (2009). Simultaneous recruitment of drug users and men who have sex with men in the United States and Russia using respondent-driven sampling: sampling methods and implications. *Journal of Urban Health*, 86, Supplement 1, 5 – 31.

**Ober, A.**, Shoptaw, S., Wang, P., Gorbach, P., Weiss, R.E. (2009). Factors Associated with Stimulant Use in a Sample of Older, Low-Income Men who Have Sex with Men in Los Angeles. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 102, 123 – 129.

Bogart, L., Walt, L., Pavlovic, J., **Ober, A.**, Brown, N., Kalichman, S. (2007). Cognitive strategies affecting recall of sexual behavior among high-risk men and women. *Health Psychology*, 26(6) 787-793.

Forgays, D.G., Rzewnicki, R., **Ober A.J.**, Forgays, D.K. (1993). Headache in college students: a comparison of four populations. *Headache*, 33(4), 182-90.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Ober, A.J.,** Watkins, K., Lamp, L., Lind, M., Heinzerling, K., Osilla, K., Hunter, S., DeVries, D., Diamante, A. (November, 2014.) Integrating Substance Use into Primary Care Collaborative. Panel presentation at the annual Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) meeting.
- Ober, A.J.,** Watkins, K., Lamp, L., Lind, M., Heinzerling, K., Osilla, K., Hunter, S., DeVries, D., Diamante, A. (October, 2013.) Using an Integrated, Collaborative Care Model to Integrate Substance Use Disorder Treatment into Primary Care: Design, Implementation Protocol and Preliminary Findings of a Randomized Control Trial. Oral presentation at the annual Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) meeting.
- Ober, A.J.,** Iguchi, M.Y., Weiss, R., Gorbach, P., Heimer, R., Ouellet, L.J., Shoptaw, S., Zule, W.A. (June, 2011.) Predictors of HIV among Low-Income MSMW in Three Cities. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Hollywood, Florida.
- Ober, A.J.,** Rawson, R., Koch, D., Zarate, P., Urada, D., Pearce, V.P. Client transfers across treatment services as a measure of provider connectedness. (October, 2010.) Workshop presentation at the annual conference of the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Sacramento, CA.
- Ober, A.J.,** Iguchi, M.Y., Weiss, R., Gorbach, P., Heimer, R., Ouellet, L.J., Shoptaw, S., Zule, W.A. (June, 2010.) The relative role of perceptions of partner risk in condom use in a three-city sample of low-income women. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Rawson, R., **Ober A.,** Fan, J., Urada, D., Pearce, V. (April, 2010.) A Preliminary Examination of Client Transfers across Drug Treatment Services as a Measure of Provider Connectedness. Poster presentation at the Quality of Behavioral Healthcare Conference, Clearwater Beach, Florida.
- Ober, A.,** Shoptaw, S., Wang, P., Gorbach, P., Weiss, R.E. (June, 2008.) Factors Associated with Stimulant Use in a Sample of Older, Low-Income Men who Have Sex with Men in Los Angeles. Poster presented at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND LICENSURES

2008 – Present      Member, College on the Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)

