

Short Biography: Dr. Romain Jammal-Abboud

Dr. Jammal-Abboud has 18 years of professional experience as a social worker and supervisor in different roles and institutions of child, youth, and family welfare: She has worked as the manager & Coordinator of different social services in Israel, has been a psychosocial therapist, a supervisor of social workers and of multidisciplinary teams in parent-child centers in the North of Israel, and, last but not least, a student advisor at different schools of social work & Education in Israel.

In the last five years, she has been working as a lecturer, researcher, supervisor, and coordinator of academic programs that mediate between theory and practice in local and international schools of social work and education: Department of Social Work at Zefat College, Department of Educational Counseling at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, School of Social Work at the University of Haifa, Gordon College of Education, School of Social Work at the Management Center Innsbruck in Austria, and Department of Educational Sciences at the University of Innsbruck.

Her various roles in academia and practice have fostered her interest in scientific research. In her research, she focusses on the development of professional identity of social workers coming from different cultures and working in multicultural contexts. Her master thesis dealt with the experiences of Arab social workers treating Arab fathers at parent-child centers in Israel. In her thesis, she discussed the cultural, political, and gender-based tensions that Arab social workers experience in the encounter with their clients. In her doctoral research, she described the personal benefits gained and the cultural tensions encountered by Arab social workers in the academic socialization and the subsequent practice following their formal studies. Findings of her dissertation underline the complexity of the identity development of Arab social workers and emphasize the importance of considering a multicultural approach in social work education and practice. In 2016, Romain Jammal-Abboud won the “Ora Gilbar Prize” from the University of Haifa in recognition of her outstanding scientific contribution.

Dr. Jammal-Abboud has published several high-standing articles and presented her work on culturally sensitive social work on diverse international conferences, including the most prestigious SSWR conference on social work. Currently, she is a postdoctoral fellow at the Faculty of Educational Sciences of the University of Innsbruck, Austria. In her postdoctoral research, she is participating in an international, interdisciplinary longitudinal study on parent-child relations and the impact of parenting practices on child development. The research project is involving partners from Israel, Austria, Switzerland, and Germany.

Fields of interest: Social Work Education, Professional Identity Development of Social Workers, Practice Wisdom of Social Workers, Development of Professional Knowledge between Cultures, Culture-Sensitive Social Work, Critical Social Work, Arab Fathers in Israel, Social Work with the Arab Minority in Israel, Qualitative Research Methods.

Curriculum Vitae: Romain Jammal-Abboud, January 2021

Date of birth: July 6th, 1976

Family status: married, three children

Country of birth and citizenship: Israel

Languages: Hebrew, Arabic, English

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HIGHER EDUCATION

1. PhD Social Work, University of Haifa 2020

Thesis: "To be an Arab social worker in an Arab-Israeli society: an intercultural and contextual professional identity". The entitlement to this degree dates from September 6, 2020.

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Eli Buchbinder

2. MA Social Work, Hebrew University of Jerusalem 2013

Successful Completion of the Research Project for the Conferment of the Master Degree, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare

Thesis: "The Therapeutic Encounter Between Arab Social Workers and Arab Fathers in Child-Parent Centers in the Arab Sector in Israel" (Hebrew language).

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Edith Blit-Cohen.

3. MA Social Work MSW, University of Haifa 2006

4. BA Social Work, Hebrew University of Jerusalem 1998

5. Postdoc October 2020/21

Country: Austria

University: Innsbruck University

Institute: institute of Education and the Research Center on Education and Family Studies.

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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Articles Published in Peer-Reviewed journals

1. Buchbinder, E. & Jammal-Abboud, R. (2012). Recruiting Arab Fathers in a Center for Children at Risk in Israel. *Journal of Family Social Work, 15*(4), 337-348. (Q2)
2. Blit-Cohen, E. & Jammal-Abboud, R. (2017). The Impact of the Arab-Israeli Culture on the Characteristics of the Therapeutic Encounter Between Women Social Workers and Fathers in Arab Parent-Child Centers. *Journal of Social Work Practice, 31*(3), 337-351. (Q4).

Other Publications

1. Jammal-Abboud, R. & Blit-Cohen, E. (2019). Building a Bridge Between Arab Culture and What You Learn at the University": Social Workers with Fathers at Arab Child-Parent Centers in Israel. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science 2: 66-73*.
2. Jammal-Abboud, R. & Blit-Cohen, E. (2019). The Experience of Arab Social Workers Treating Arab Fathers at Parent-Child Centers in Israel. *Social Policy 107*. (Hebrew language).
3. National Steering Committee for the Improvement of Professional Work in Parent-Child Centers for Children and Families at Risk in Israel (2014a). *Improving Diagnostic Processes in Centers for Children and Families at Risk. Report Volume I: Theoretical Anchors*. Tel-Aviv: Israel Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services. (Co-Author of the Report)
4. National Steering Committee for the Improvement of Professional Work in Parent-Child Centers for Children and Families at Risk in Israel (2014b). *Improving Diagnostic Processes in Centers for Children and Families at Risk. Report Volume II: Professional Values*. Tel-Aviv: Israel Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services. (Co-Author of the Report).

Submitted Manuscripts

1. Jammal-Abboud, R. (2021). Personal Growth – and a challenging threat in the process of acquiring knowledge in social work. *Social Work Education*. (Q2). Submitted January 2021.
2. Jammal-Abboud, R. (2021). The absorption experience of new Social Workers in the setting of a social work department: between universalism and culture. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. (Q1). Submitted January 2021.

Manuscripts in Preparation

1. Mahajne, E. (1) & Jammal-Abboud, R. (1) (2021). Burnout of Arab social workers in welfare bureaus: manifestations, causes, consequences and coping. *Social Service Review*. (Q1).
2. Jammal-Abboud, R. (2021). Professional social work identity, Review article. *Journal of Social Work*. (Q1)
3. Jammal-Abboud, R. (2021). Cultural sensitivity or perpetuation of social suffering in Arab society as a way to deal with conflicts. *Social Service Review*. (Q1).
4. Jammal-Abboud, R. (2021). Professional re-socialization. *Social Work Education*. (Q2).
5. Jammal-Abboud, R. (2021). Professional and cultural literacy. *British Journal of Social Work*. (Q2).

INVITED LECTURES AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES

Blit-Cohen, E. & Jammal-Abboud, R. (2020). *Building a Bridge Between Arab Culture and What You Learn at the University*. Poster Presentation at the SSWR Conference on Racial and Economic Inequality. January 15-19, 2020. Washington, DC, USA.

Jammal-Abboud, R. (2017). *The Meaning and Value of Supervision in Social Work in the Context of Multicultural Conflicts*. Oral Presentation at the Austrian Conference on Youth Research, Innsbruck, Austria, November 16 - 18, 2017.

- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2017). *Guiding Arab Social Workers in Israel Through the Professional Socialization Process*. Guest Lecture at the Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Innsbruck, Austria. February 1, 2017.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2016). *Between Individualism and Collectivism: Arab Social Workers Dealing with Violence Dilemma in a Multicultural Society*. Oral Presentation at the 5th International Conference on Violence in the Health Sector. Dublin, Ireland, October 26 - 28, 2016.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2016). *The Experience of Arab Social Workers Treating Arab Fathers at Parent-Child Centers in Israel in the Context of Political and Gender Conflicts*. Oral Presentation at the 8th Conference of the European Society on Family Relations. Dortmund, Germany, August 31 - September 3, 2016.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2016). *The Therapeutic Encounter Between Arab Social Workers and Arab Fathers in Child-Parent Centers in the Arab Sector in Israel*. Oral Presentation at the ESPANet ISRAEL. The Welfare State in Multicultural Societies: Challenges for Social Policy.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2015). *Professional Knowledge Among Cultures: Professional Practice of Arab Social Workers. From an Individualistic Orientation to Intervention in a Collective Society*. Oral Presentation at the Conference of the Qualitative Research Center of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2015). *The Social Work Ethic Code Between Individualism and Collectivism: Arab Social Workers Dealing with Social-Medical Dilemmas*. Oral Presentation at the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 11th World Conference. BIOETHICS, MEDICAL, ETHICS & HEALTH LAW. October 20-22, 2015, Naples, Italy.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2015). *The Impact of the Arab-Israeli Culture on the Characteristics of the Therapeutic Encounter Between Women Social Workers and Fathers in Arab Parent-Child Centers*. Oral Presentation at the Social Policy Association's (SPA) Annual Conference. Belfast Metropolitan College. July 6-8, 2015, Belfast.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2015). *The Meaning of Supervision in the Context of Multicultural Conflicts*. Oral Presentation at the EASSW 2015 Conference: Social Work Education in Europe: Towards 2025. June 29 - July 2, 2015. Milan, Italy, Bicocca University.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2015). *Quality and Methods in Research on the Professional Practice of Arab Social Workers in Israel*. Oral Presentation at the Conference on Issues and Dilemmas in Ethnographic Research in Multicultural Contexts. June 3-4, 2015, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Be'er Shiva University.
- Jammal-Abboud, R. (2015). *Professional Knowledge Across Cultures: From an Individualist Orientation to Interventions in a Collective Society*. Oral Presentation at the European Conference for Social Work Research. April 22 - 24, 2015.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Submitted

1. BSF, U.S-Israel Binational Science Foundation for a research proposal in: COVID-19, Psychological trauma & resiliency among children and adolescents: A bilateral cross-cultural study of Israeli African-Bedouins and African-Americans. Collaboration between Ben-Gurion University, Zefat College and Howard University. Value of the Foundation is 250,000 \$. (2020).
2. The Mofet Institute Post-Doctoral Foundation for a research proposal in: Professional Identity: Between Education & Social Work. Value of the Foundation is 100,000 NIS. (2020).
3. USAID MERC funds collaborative scientific research projects between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Prof Al-krenawi, A. Ben-Gurion University. Jammal-Abboud, R. Zefat College & Elribat University-Emirates. (2020)

Will be submitted

1. **Scholarship program for outstanding postdoctoral women students, Council for Higher Education Israel.** The amount of the scholarship is 30-40 thousand dollars a year. Romain Jammal-Abbod, Zefat Academic College (will be submitted in February), (2021-2022).
2. **Edmond de Rothschild Foundation.** Research proposals on the socio-economic implications of the Corona crisis on higher education in Israel. The amount is 80000-10000 NIS. Romain Jammal-Abboud Zefat Academic College (February 2021).

Funded

1. **Fellowship of the Austria-Israel-Academic Network Innsbruck (AIANI) 2020**
2. **Fellowship of the Austria-Israel-Academic Network Innsbruck (AIANI) 2017**
Fellowship and Guest Lecture

Awards

1. **Ora Gilbar Prize, University of Haifa** 2016
In Recognition of Outstanding Scientific Contribution (5000 NIS).

2. **Award of the Israel Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services** 2001
Awarded Best Social Worker and Therapist in the Treatment of People with Drug Addiction. (5500 NIS).

PROFESSIONAL WORK IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK, EDUCATION, AND COUNSELING

1. **Counselor of Managers and Teams in Centers for Children and Families at Risk** in Sachneen and Kfarmanda 2013-2018
2. **Member of the National Steering Committee on the Improvement of Professional Work in Parent-Child Centers for Children and Families at Risk in Israel** 2012-2014
Israel Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services, Tel-Aviv.
3. **Member of the Organizing Committee for the Conference on Methods of Interventions in Parent-Child Centers for Children and Families at Risk** 2012
Conference under the Patronage of the Israel Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services, Department of Child and Youth Affairs, Tel-Aviv.
4. **Manager of the Parent-Child Center for Children and Families at Risk** 2003-2016
in Shefa-Amer
5. **Responsible Therapist & Supervisor for the Staff Members in the Department of Addiction Prevention and Treatment** 1998-2002
Municipality of Shefa-Amer
6. **PERACH Coordinator** 1994-1998
7. **Receptionist in an Old Age Home** 1993-1994
"Meshaan Center" in Carmel, Haifa

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL

1. **Head of the Fields Studies Unit, School of Social Work, Zefat College** 2020-now
2. **Coordinator, Supervisor, and Lecturer in the School of Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem** 2017-now
Responsible for the Practical Training in Counseling (West Jerusalem)
3. **Coordinator and Lecturer in the Gordon Academic College** 2016-now
Teaching Courses in Social Identity Development, Social Engagement, and Social Involvement; Moderating Workshops at the Simulation Center
4. **Coordinator of a Learning Center at the University of Haifa** 2014-now

At the center the students' work is carefully supervised in individual and group supervisions authorized by the Field Studies Unit. The goals of the supervisions are to provide students with professional skills, help them to develop self-awareness and a heightened awareness of others, and to ensure the quality of their professional work.

5. **Teaching Courses on Culture-Sensitive Social Work in Austria** 2017-2019
Three workshops on Culture-Sensitive Social Work and Social Work with Children and Families at Risk at the Management Center Innsbruck (Department of Social Work and Welfare Policies) and the University of Innsbruck (Faculty of Educational Sciences)
6. **Lecturer in the School for Social Work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem** 2016-2017
Teaching Courses on Culture-Sensitive Skills and Strategies in Working within the Arab Community
7. **Lecturer in the Postgraduate School for Social Workers in Tel-Aviv** 2015-2016
Teaching Courses in Therapy Models, Cultural-Sensitive Therapy Minorities, Arab Society in Israel, Fathers and Therapy, Relationship between Parents and Children

FURTHER TRAINING

1. **Courses and Advanced Courses in Tutoring Students** 2009-2011
University of Haifa
2. **Training Course on the Topic of "Film and Photography as Therapeutic Tools"**, JDC Israel Ashalim for Children, Youth and Young Adults at Risk & their Families 2008-2009
3. **Training Program in Managing Parent-Child Centers** 2006-2007
Postgraduate School for Social Workers, Tel-Aviv
4. **Training in Time Limited Psychotherapy (TLP)** 2005-2006
Postgraduate School for Social Workers, Tel-Aviv
5. **Advanced Training Course in Treatment and Therapy for Drug Addiction**, Postgraduate School for Social Workers, Tel-Aviv 2002-2003
6. **Training Course in Treatment and Therapy for Drug Addiction** 1999-2000
Postgraduate School for Social Workers, Tel-Aviv