

Curriculum Vitae

Irene Glasser, Ph.D.

11 Bull Street
Newport RI 02840
401-848-0621
860-377-5455 (cell)
Irene_Glasser@brown.edu

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Connecticut, Anthropology, 1986
Dissertation: *The Culture of a Soup Kitchen: Sanctuary*, Advisor, Pertti J. Peltto, Ph.D.

MSW University of Connecticut, School of Social Work, M.S.W., 1970
Thesis: *Job Satisfaction and Adjustment to Old Age* (ACSW, 1973)

BA University of Connecticut, Sociology, with honors, 1966

Post Doctoral Fellow, National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse (NIAAA) Research Fellow, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University, 1999-2003

EMPLOYMENT AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Lecturer, Anthropology Department, Brown University, 2013-present

Research Associate Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University 2003-present

Consultant for the Newport Partnership for Families Age-Friendly Newport initiative, analyzing quantitative data and conducting a Focus Group Study (Brown University IRB approved) with group of Newport residents aged 65 and over, in English and Spanish, March 2020-present

Analysis of AARP Survey for Age-Friendly Communities: Newport RI, March 2020; Cranston RI analysis July, 2021, Providence RI, May 2023.

Focus group consultant, Housing Works, Rhode Island, Understanding the housing needs and aspirations of Rhode Islanders, 2015

Focus group consultant, Housing Works, Rhode Island, The Impact of Affordable Housing on Health in Rhode Island, 2016-17

Independent Researcher, Adult Primary Care Clinic, Brownstone Building, Hartford Hospital, Research on Patient Perspectives on Treatment for COPD, 2014-present

May 6, 2024

Adjunct Professor, Roger Williams University, Department of Anthropology, 2007-2015

Ethnographer for US Census Bureau, Statistical Research Division, Ethnography of Homeless Populations, 2009-2010 and 1988-1990.

Co-Evaluator with Eric Hirsch, Ph.D., SAMHSA funded Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals in Rhode Island 2015-2018

Co-Evaluator with Eric Hirsch, Ph.D., SAMHSA funded Riverwood Mental Health *Housing First* 2008-2014

Co-Evaluator with Eric Hirsch, Ph.D., Rhode Island's *Housing First* Pilot Program and Rhode Island Point in Time Homeless Census, 2006-2008

Research Consultant, Community Renewal Team, focus on evaluating the Byrne Supportive Housing for the Re-Entry Community Pilot Project, Smoking Cessation 2007-2008

Director of Research and Grant Writer: Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT), Grant writer for over \$3,000,000 in new funding in the areas of public health, behavioral health, housing and homelessness services 2003-2007

Professor in Anthropology (Emeritus), Eastern Connecticut State University, (1972-2001) specializing in sociology, social work and director of field placements; cultural, urban, applied, and medical anthropology; and Canadian Studies. Chair, Department of Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work, 1987-1989, Director, Canadian Studies, 1994-1999.

Senior Scientist, Institute for Outcomes Research and Evaluation, Hartford Hospital, 2001-2003

Associate Scientist, Centre de Recherche, Philippe Pinel de Montréal, 1996-1997.

School Social Worker, East Hartford Public Schools, 1970-1972.

AWARDS

- National Institute of Mental Health grant for second year social work training, 1967-1968
- ECSU Outstanding Faculty Award, 1991
- Henry Barnard Distinguished Lectureship "Homeless Children in International Perspective," 1992
- ECSU Excellence in Teaching Award, 1997
- Second Place in Brown University School of Medicine Postdoctoral Research Poster Competition for "Alcoholics Anonymous in Russia" 2003

- Outstanding Service Award, Community Renewal Team, 2004
- Advisor of the Year Student Activities Leadership Award, Brown University, 2015
- Howard R. Swearer Engaged Faculty Award for Teaching, Brown University, 2022

BOOKS

Glasser, Irene (2012) *Anthropology of Addiction and Recovery* Long Grove Illinois: Waveland Press

Glasser, Irene and Rae Bridgman (1999) *Braving the Street: The Anthropology of Homelessness* New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books.

Glasser, Irene *Homelessness in Global Perspective* (1994) New York: G.K. Hall Reference, A Division of MacMillan, Inc.

Glasser, Irene *More Than Bread: Ethnography of a Soup Kitchen* (2010, 1988) Tuscaloosa, Alabama: University of Alabama Press.

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, LETTER

Glasser, I and Smith, MA (2023) “A Follow Up to the AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey Through a Focus Group Study” *Gerontology & Geriatric Medicine* Volume 9: 1–8 DOI: 10.1177/23337214231172659

Glasser, I. (2021) “Provide help for homeless to quit smoking: *Providence Journal*, Your Turn, Irene Glasser Guest columnist, November 20, 2021

Glasser, I. Hirsch, E. (2020) “Census Count of the Homeless is Important” Opinion Commentary *Providence Journal* July 23, 2020
<https://www.providencejournal.com/search?text=Glasser&start=1>

Akande, M, Cioe, P, **Glasser, I**, Hirsch, E. (2020) “Resilience is associated with importance of quitting in homeless adult smokers” *Addictive Behaviors*
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2020.106515>.

Glasser, I, Burke, K., Smith, M (2020) “The Newport Rhode Island AARP Survey of Adults Aged 45 and Over” Report for the Newport Partnership for Families.

Glasser, I. (2019) “Review of Governing Habits: Treating Alcoholism in the Post-Soviet Clinic (book by Eugene Raikhel) in Book Reviews, *Journal of History of the Behavioral Sciences* 166-167.

Glasser, I. and Hirsch, E. (2019) "Homeless Individuals as Collaborators for Housing First Program Improvement" *Practicing Anthropology* Vol. 41, No. 1 Winter, 2019: 38-42.

Glasser, I., Wang, F., Reardon, J., Vergara, C., Salvietti, R., Acevedo, M., Santana, B., Fortunato, G. (2016) "Improving COPD Care in a Medically Underserved Primary Care Clinic: A Qualitative Study of Patient Perspectives" *COPD: Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease* 20:11 1-6

Glasser, I. (2015) "Where Smoking Persists" Letter to the *New York Times* 30 November 2015

Zywiak, W., Glasser, I., Moore, R. et al. (2015) "Results of the Nicotine Anonymous Pilot Study: With an Invitation to Practitioners and Researchers" *The Addictions Newsletter* Summer 2015 Vol. 23 No. 2 pages 23-25.

Glasser, I., and Hirsch, E. (2015) "Smoking Cessation and Social Justice" Letter in response to article on cigarette use and the mobility impaired community, *American Journal of Public Health* Vol. 105, No. 2, online

Glasser, I., Hirsch, E. and Chan, A. (2014). "Reaching and enumerating homeless populations" In R. Tourangeau, B. Edwards, T. Johnson, K. Wolter, and N. Bates (Eds.), *Hard-to-Survey Populations*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Glasser, I. and Hirsch, E. (2014) "Understanding Homelessness: From Memoir to Pathways Home" A Bibliographic Essay *Choice* May: 11523-1531.

Glasser I, (2012) "Ethnographies of Home and Homelessness" in Susan J. Smith, Marja Elsinga, Lorna Fox O'Mahony, Ong Seow Eng, Susan Wachter, Suzanne Fitzpatrick, editors. *International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home*, Vol. 2. Oxford: Elsevier. pp. 119–123.

Glasser, I. (2010) "Nicotine Anonymous May Benefit Nicotine-Dependent Individuals" Letter in response to article on cigarette use and nicotine dependence, *American Journal of Public Health* Vol. 100, No. 2, 196.

Glasser, I., Powers, J.T., Zywiak, W.H. (2009) "Military Veterans at Universities: A Case of Culture Clash" *Academics Affairs, Anthropology News* May, p. 33.

Zywiak, W. H., Stout, R. L., Trefry, W. B., Glasser, I., Connors, G. J., Maisto, S. A., & Westerberg, V. S. (2006). Alcohol relapse repetition, gender, and predictive validity. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 30, 349-353

Glasser, Irene and William Zywiak (2003) "Homelessness and Substance Use: A Tale of Two Cities" *Substance Use and Misuse* Volume 38, number 3-6, March 2003, 553-578.

Glasser, Irene (2003) "Homeless Families" *International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family*, second edition, 816-822.

Glasser, Irene (2002) "The Contemporary Soup Kitchen" in Counihan, Carole (ed.) *Food in the USA: A Reader* New York: Routledge, 239-246.

Glasser, Irene and Bridgman, Rae (2004) "Homelessness" *Encyclopedia of Medical Anthropology*, 3 vols., Carol R. Ember and Melvin Ember, eds., New York: Kluwer/Plenum, (170-177).

Heath, Dwight and Glasser, Irene (2004) "Alcohol Use" *Encyclopedia of Medical Anthropology*, 3 vols., Carol R. Ember and Melvin Ember, eds., New York: Kluwer/Plenum, 293-301).

Glasser, Irene (2002) "Life in a Soup Kitchen" in *Urban Life* (fourth edition) editors: Gmelch, G. and Zenner, W. Long Grove, Illinois: Waveland Press 196-305.

Glasser, Irene (2002) "Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders in the Homeless Population" *Social Work Education for the Prevention and Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders* National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (available on NIAAA website)

Glasser, Irene (2002) Book review, "Ethnocultural Factors In Substance Abuse Treatment" (edited by Shulmith Lala Ashenberg Straussner) *Substance Abuse* Vol. 23, No. 3.

Glasser, Irene (2001) "Study Guide" for Kojo A. Dei *Ties That Bind: Youth & Drugs in a Black Community* Prospect Heights, Illinois: Waveland Press, Inc. 169-178.

Glasser, Irene 2000 "Hotel Hooker Serves as a Home for the Otherwise Homeless" *Commentary The Hartford Courant* July 23, C 1, 4.

Glasser, Irene, Louise Fournier and André Costopoulos (1999) "Homelessness in Quebec City, Quebec and Hartford, Connecticut: A Cross-National and Cross Cultural Analysis" *Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development* 28(2): 141-164.

Glasser, Irene (1997) "On Being Native and Homeless on the Streets of Montréal" Review of National Film Board of Canada video "No Address," for *City and Society* Annual Review 263-265.

Journalism

Recent articles published in *Street Sights*, a newspaper "Written for, about, and by people who are homeless or have been homeless." <https://streetsights.wordpress.com/> online and in print

"A View from Newport" Irene Glasser February 2022

May 6, 2024

“The Distribution of Food for Those in Need in Newport RI” Irene Glasser, March 2022,
 “Reflections on Teaching about Homelessness” Irene Glasser and Eric Hirsch, April, 2022
 “A Hands Up of Amos House” Irene Glasser, May, 2022
 “How Can I Get help If I am Experiencing Homelessness?” Irene Glasser July 2022
 “How Can I Find Permanent Housing That I Can Afford? Irene Glasser August 2022
 “Answering Questions About Permanent Affordable Housing In Rhode Island” September 2022
 “The Power of Data” Irene Glasser October 2022
 “An Innovative Approach in Newport Country” Irene Glasser November 2022
 “”Looking Back at a Year of Writing for Street Sights” Irene Glasser December 2022
 “The Revitalization of the Voices of Homelessness Constituent Advisory Board” Irene Glasser
 March 2023
 “The Words We Use and the Images We Show have Power” Irene Glasser and Urvi Binjraka
 April 2023
 “The Transformation of the McKinney Shelter” June 2023
 “The 134 Collaborative: A Hub for Services for People Experiencing Homelessness in the Heart
 of Downtown” September 2023
 “Health Care for the Unhoused: High Rates of Smoking and Little Help” December 2023
 “Operation First Step” with Yune Jee Bang, March 2024

PROFESSIONAL AFILIATIONS

American Public Health Association
 Rhode Island Public Health Association
 Society for Applied Anthropology
 American Evaluation Association

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Fluent in Spanish, conversational French, advanced beginner Swedish

Certifications

Tobacco Treatment Specialist, trained through the RI Health Department, 2016
 State of Connecticut License Master’s Level Social Worker 15806729
 Certificate in Journalism , University of Massachusetts, Amherst Massachusetts, July 2021

OTHER EXPERIENCES:

Lived at the Choctaw Indian Hospital campus, in the heart of the Choctaw Nation, Tali hina
 Oklahoma, 1962-1964

Faculty Advisor to the Students for Samaritans, Suicide prevention student organization at Brown
 University, 2014-present

May 6, 2024

Honors thesis adviser second reader for students in Anthropology, Public Health, Biology and Science and Society concentrations, Brown University

Present lectures on cross cultural issues in addictions for Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Member of the Nicotine Working Group, Brown University School of Public Health

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Violinist, Touro Band, Violinist, Salve Regina/Newport Community Orchestra; Bassoonist, Salve Regina/Newport Community Symphonic Band

REFERENCES

Mary Kenny, Ph.D.
Professor in Anthropology
Eastern Connecticut State University
Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-0192 kennym@easternct.edu

Eric Hirsch, Ph.D.
Professor in Sociology and Chair, Department of Sociology
Providence College
Providence RI 02918
401-865-2510, ehirsch@providence.edu

William Zywiak, Ph.D.
Lecturer in Mathematics, Bryant University
Smithfield RI, 02917
401-529-6058 wzywiak@bryant.edu