

Christiana Bratiotis BIO

- An introduction to hoarding, squalor, animal hoarding
- Hands-on skill building for work with people who hoard
- Strategies for working with hoarding in vulnerable populations
- Communication skills for engaging and motivating clients who hoard
- CBT basics for community practitioners working with people who hoard

Christiana Bratiotis, Ph.D., LICSW completed her Doctor of Philosophy at Boston University in the Interdisciplinary Social Work and Sociology program. Upon completion of her doctoral studies, Dr. Bratiotis was awarded a three year post-doctoral research fellowship at Boston University School of Social Work, where she served as director of the Hoarding Research Project.

Dr. Bratiotis is currently an Assistant Professor at University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada where she teaches graduate level clinical practice courses. Dr. Bratiotis has also taught courses in social welfare and mental health policy and provided supervision to social work practicum students during her time at University of Nebraska Omaha and Portland State University. In 2010, Dr. Bratiotis was recognized with an Excellence in Teaching Award by Boston University.

Dr. Bratiotis provides individual and group specialized outpatient cognitive behavioral therapy for hoarding disorder. In addition to providing clinical treatment, she offers national and international consultation on hoarding disorder to families and communities. Dr. Bratiotis' primary area of research is the formation and operation of multi-disciplinary community hoarding task forces highlighted in her book titled "The Hoarding Handbook: A Guide for Human Service Professionals" released by Oxford University Press.

Dr. Bratiotis has given more than 150 invited community lectures, key note addresses, agency clinical trainings and academic presentations on the nature and treatment of hoarding. Dr. Bratiotis authored a computer-based social work training titled "Compulsive Hoarding in Older Adults" and developed the HOMES Multi-disciplinary Hoarding Risk Assessment instrument. She is a founding member of the Greater Boston Regional Hoarding Network and the Omaha Metro Hoarding Task Force. Her work has been highlighted by media outlets including the New York Times, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune and MSNBC.

Dr. Bratiotis earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Psychology and Masters of Social Work (MSW) from the University of Nevada, Reno. She completed a one year post-MSW fellowship at the Yale School of Medicine, Child Study Center. Dr. Bratiotis served as director for two non-profit organizations and has over 15 years of experience working in and with communities to build capacity and address issues of diversity and social justice.