

Kristy Lee, MSW, LMSW

Assistant Professor of Social Work and Field Coordinator



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 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 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) and Servolution Health Services. As a part of the grant, 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 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 College Success Skills course to incoming freshmen for four years. 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).