

Malena Marguerite Price

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EDUCATION

University of Miami (GPA: 3.94) **Coral Gables, FL**
PhD Clinical Psychology, Adult Track Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2026
Duke University (GPA: 3.88) **Durham, NC**
MSc Global Health May 2018

Qasid Arabic Institute, Scored Advanced Low on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview

Duke University, *Cum Laude* (GPA: 3.81) **Durham, NC**
B.A. International Comparative Studies (Middle East Studies) & Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Arabic) May 2015

Immersive Education

Moulay Ismail University, *ISA Study Abroad* **Meknes, Morocco**
Coursework: Geopolitics of the Middle East, Gender Equity, Arabic, French, Moroccan Culture Jan-May 2014

Howard University, *Charles B. Rangel Scholar (Full Tuition)* **Washington D.C.**
Coursework: Economics, Foreign Affairs, and Policy Studies June-July 2013

Arab Academy, *Kenan Institute Language Grantee (Full Tuition)* **Cairo, Egypt**
Coursework: Modern Standard Arabic and the Egyptian Dialect March 2012

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Proficient in use of SPSS, NVivo, STATA, R, and ACASI software

Functional fluency in the Arabic language, particularly in the Jordanian, Levantine dialect

Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT). Baptiste Yoga Instructor. The Baptiste Institute. 300 hour certification. *March-Aug 2020*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Jha Lab, *Graduate Research Assistant* **Coral Gables, FL**

- Deliver Mindfulness Based Attention Training (MBAT) Interventions to military personnel April 2021
- Investigate the effects of mindfulness training on psychological health and cognitive performance outcomes using advanced statistical methods

Strengthening Health with Innovation and Engagement (SHINE) Lab, *Research Assistant* **Coral Gables, FL**

- Conduct psychosocial measures with Black women living with HIV from the ages of 31 to 70 Aug 2020-March 2021
- Enter medical records to understand the intersections of health disparity and behavioral research

Columbia University, Global Mental Health Lab, *Volunteer Research Assistant* **New York, NY**

- Developed a literature review for a project on interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT)-focused interventions in Jordan Sept 2019-May 2020
- Attended supervision calls twice per week for ThriveNYC, an initiative that provides IPT to mothers with perinatal depression
- Coded interviews for a Postpartum Depression Study in Kuwait using NVivo Software and conduct Intercoder Reliability with colleagues to ensure agreement across study findings

The University of Jordan, School of Nursing, *Volunteer Research Assistant* **Amman, Jordan**

- Drafted, edited, and supported the submission process for manuscripts focused on suicidality and depression among Jordanian adolescents, and resilience and social capital among Syrian refugees residing in Jordan Sept 2019-Present
- Collaborate remotely with Dr. Alduraiddi and Dr. Dardas with manuscript submission and the brainstorming of future projects

Sawiyan, Sudanese Refugee Social Services Organization, *Research Intern* **Amman, Jordan**

- Edited grants and project proposals to international donors and government entities that resulted in the attainment of \$600,000 in funding for community engagement projects Sept 2018-May 2019
- Communicated with beneficiaries in Arabic in order to understand their needs and documented these needs for referral purposes

RTI International, Substance Use, Gender and Applied Research Program, *Research Intern* **Durham, NC**

- Troubleshoot discrepancies in skip patterns for a quantitative survey used to record sexual health data among young Black women in North Carolina and people of color at risk for HIV in South Africa Jan 2017-May 2018
- Recruited a total of 60 participants and completed intakes for a 3-stage, randomized control trial that successfully reduced sexual health behaviors among African American women ages 18-25 years old
- Supported drafting and editing of three R01 grant proposals to successfully win project funding totaling 3 million USD

Ipas, Asia Regional Support Team, *Program Associate* **Chapel Hill, NC**

- Developed financial tracking metrics to successfully support and monitor an \$800,000 program budget Nov 2015- Jan 2017
- Provided technical support to North Carolina and in-country staff for five team Sharepoint sites
- Contributed administrative and logistical support to seven team staff members, including booking their travel to India, Nepal, Myanmar, Dubai, and Bangladesh, and applying for and procuring their international visas

Bringing Hope to the Family, Duke Engage, *Primary Education Intern* **Kaihura, Uganda**

- Facilitated hands-on learning and extra-curricular activities for over 50 students at a co-ed primary school June-Aug 2012
- Administered 25 surveys examining female adolescent reproductive health needs at a vocational school for girls

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

- US Fulbright Research Grant**, University of Jordan, *Understanding Refugee Mental Health* **Amman, Jordan**
Jan-July 2019
- Recorded the impacts of colorism during the migration and societal integration processes faced by Sudanese refugees living in Amman through 15 case interviews
 - Drafted introduction, methods, discussion, and conclusion sections of a manuscript elucidating findings from a quantitative study that assessed the social capacity, health-related quality of life, and resilience of Syrian refugees residing in Zaatari Refugee Camp
 - Coded six focus group discussions that explored suicidality, self-harm, and the impact of e-games among 15 Jordanian adolescents
- MSc Thesis Fieldwork** **Amman, Jordan**
June -Sept 2017
- Designed and executed 36 qualitative interviews in Arabic on the gaps in reproductive healthcare among Syrian refugees and Jordanians residing in Amman
 - Presented study abstract at the *Duke Global Health Institute's Annual Poster Presentation*
- Bass Connections Global Health Research Group** **Durham, NC**
Sept-Dec 2013
- Conducted 10 life-story interviews with members of the Iraqi, Syrian, and Bhutanese refugee populations in Durham
 - Explored ways in which resettlement adversely impacts refugees' mental health
- Energy and Environmental Innovation** **Israel/Palestine**
March-April 2013
- Discussed regional impacts of renewable energy and wastewater reclamation with global leaders at numerous energy sites across the nation
 - Presented research study to over 50 members of the Duke Community and Duke University Donors
- Duke Immerse: Refugee Policy and Practice** **Cairo, Egypt**
Jan-May 2012
- Examined the effects of forced migration through an interdisciplinary approach bridging Cultural Anthropology, Politics, Psychology, and Mental Health
 - Presented research to over 100 members of the Duke Community and Board of Trustees

PUBLICATIONS

- Boland, C.L.**, Zanesco, A.P., Denkova, E., Alessio, C., Price, M.M., Rodgers, S.L. & Jha, A.P. (*under review*). Investigating the impact of mindfulness training on measures of stress and affect in time-pressured professional and community settings.
- Dardas, L. A., **Price, Malena M.**, Arscott, J., Shahrour, G., & Convoy, S. (2021). Voicing Jordanian Adolescents' Suicide. *Nursing Research*, 70(1), E1-E10. Print.
- Price, Malena M.**, Safadi, R., & Clements, D. (2020). Reproductive Health Experiences of Syrian Refugees Residing in Jordan. *Journal of Midwifery and Reproductive Health*, 8(4), 2437-2446. Print.
- Alduraidi, Hamza, Dardas, Latefa A., and **Price, Malena M.**, "Social Determinants of Resilience Among Syrian Refugees in Jordan." *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services* 58, no. 8 (2020): 31-38. Print.
- Price, Malena M.** (2012). Happiness in the Eyes of a Refugee. Kenan Institute for Ethics Uprooted/Rerouted: Narrative of Bhutanese and Iraqi Refugees. 51-55. Print.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Price M.**, Zanesco A., Denkova E., Berry J., Rogers S., Jha A. (2022). Taming the Wandering Mind with Mindfulness-Based Attention Training: An Internal Meta-Analysis. Poster to be presented at: McKnight Mid-Year Research and Writing Conference; 2022 Feb 25-26. Tampa, Florida.
- Guler, J., Zax, A., Price, M., Hambrick, E., & Vernberg, E. (2020). Examining methodological practices to promote linguistic diversity in pediatric psychology research: A case example of research with resettled refugee families. Society of Pediatric Psychology (SPPAC), Virtual Conference.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Sawiyah**, *English Teacher* **Amman, Jordan**
Jan-July 2019
- Designed and taught a 26 week-long "Essential English" course to 15 Sudanese refugees (2 hours/week)
 - Integrated student feedback into lesson planning for course enhancement
- Al Injaz**, (The Achievement) Service Learning, *Tutor* **Durham, NC**
Sept 2012-May 2018
- Visited an Arab refugee family's home to improve their English speaking skills on a weekly basis
 - Communicated with families in Arabic to empower them and give them practical tools to transition to life in Durham
- Service-Learning Department**, Course: Refugee Lives, *Service Learning Assistant* **Durham, NC**
Jan-May 2015
- Maintained and curated course WordPress site and managed/uploaded digital course materials to the site
 - Served as the liaison between students, Church World Services (CWS), and local Arab refugee families
- International Youth Leadership Conference**, *Representative for the United States of America* **Dubai, UAE**
March 2015
- Conducted Gulf Cooperation Council and Arab League simulations, drafted resolutions, and debated economic policy at the American University in the Emirates

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Psychology Graduate Student Organization (PGSO), **2021-2022 Graduate Student Association Representative**
- Society of Clinical Psychology, Division 12 of APA, **2021 Student Campus Representative**
- McKnight Fellowship Executive Board Member, **2021-2022, Vice President**
- McKnight Fellowship Executive Board Member, **2020-2021, Treasurer**

AWARDS AND HONORS

Health Policy Research Scholars Program , Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Semi-Finalist	June 2021
McKnight Doctoral Training Fellowship , Florida Education Fund (FEF) (\$36,000)	Aug 2020-May 2023
Delta Gamma Foundation , Doctoral Merit Scholarship Recipient (\$2,890)	Aug 2020-Aug 2021
Fulbright Research Scholar , Jordan (\$21,050)	Sept 2018-Aug 2019
Critical Language Enhancement Award (CLEA) Grantee , Arabic, Jordan (\$8,550)	Sept-Dec 2018
David L. Boren Fellow , Arabic, Jordan (\$10,500)	June-Sept 2017
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow , Arabic (\$111,000: stipend + full tuition)	Sept 2016-May 2018
Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation , Merit Scholarship Recipient (\$2,500)	Sept 2014-May 2015
Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program , Scholarship Recipient (\$8,600)	June -July 2013
The Girlfriends' Fund , Merit Scholarship Recipient (\$6,000)	Sept 2011-May 2015