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I am a clinical social worker at the [Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center](#) at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK). I earned my Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and have specialized in oncology social work since 1992. At MSK, I work with people with breast cancer, particularly those who are under the age of 45. In my role, I provide supportive counseling, education, and practical guidance to patients and their family members.

I have expertise in psycho-spirituality and am particularly interested in the role of spirituality in the cancer experience. I am dedicated to pursuing and developing socially just, anti-oppressive, and anti-racist social work practices in the medical setting.

Outside of work, I am a lover of poetry and read and recite it as a core spiritual practice.

Languages Spoken

English

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Education

Master of Social Work (MSW), Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Licensures

Masters of Science in Social Work

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW-R)

Publications

Developing Antiracist Social Work Practice at a Comprehensive Cancer Center. *Health and Social Work* . 48(4): 261-269. Co-authors: L. Mathew, M. Stewart, P. Damaskos, K. Sinha, M. Cammarata, C. Brown, M. Davis, A. Abraham Kaba. November 2023.

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Locations

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