MSM Counseling Center

The center is designed to provide brief counseling and crisis intervention services. If a student is interested in making an appointment with one of the psychologists, they should contact that person directly via the information provided. If the person you call is booked, they may recommend that you contact another clinician. If you cannot get an appointment in 1-2 weeks’ time, or you have a question regarding services available, you should contact Dr. Sand, Shara@DrSharaSand.com, directly.

Current policy is that students can have 6 (six) sessions provided by the school per calendar year. If further treatment and/or medication are needed, then an appropriate referral will be made.

COUNSELING STAFF:

Shara Sand, Psy.D. Director
On site: Friday 12:30-3:30
Administrative: Off Site (2 hours)
For appointments: Phone: 212-666-5376
Email: Shara@DrSharaSand.com
On-call Emergencies: 917-734-9168

Bio:
Dr. Sand is a licensed clinical psychologist in New York State and received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University, Bronx, NY. Her Postdoctoral Training in Medical Psychology/AIDS was completed at St. Luke’s/Roosevelt Hospital Center, NYC. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree (Manhattan School of Music) and a Master’s Degree in Music (Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music). Dr. Sand specializes in working with issues surrounding gender, sexuality and sexual orientation. She has a wide variety of experience as a clinician, teacher, writer and speaker and offer services in several specialty areas. Memberships include the American Psychological Association, the New York State Psychological Association, the Performing Arts Medicine Association, Association for the Study of Dreams, and the American Federation of Musicians, Local 802.

Michele Bartnett, Ph.D. On site: Monday 11:00AM-3:00PM
On site: Wednesday 11:00AM-4:00PM
For Appointments: Phone: 212-873-0146
Email: DrMicheleB@verizon.net

Bio:
Dr. Michele Bartnett received her Ph.D. from NYU and completed her Post Doctoral Training in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis at NYU. She received her Master’s degree from Teacher’s College, Columbia University in Special Education. Dr. Bartnett has lived abroad, has conducted workshops with psychologists in India and is fluent in French. Clinical specializations include depression, anxiety, and loss. She is an avid music lover has performed folk music playing guitar, banjo and dulcimer.
Peter J. Haddad, Ph.D.  
On site: Thursday 10:00AM-4:00PM  
For Appointments: Phone: 917-804-7183  
Email: PeterJHaddad@gmail.com

Bio:
Dr. Peter Haddad is a Licensed Psychologist with over 25 years of clinical experience. He completed his doctoral training at The University of Detroit Mercy, a private Jesuit University, and interned at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He has practiced in Michigan and now in New York City with a special emphasis on relationships, most particularly on improving understanding, communication, compassion, and cooperation between intimate partners. He also works with individuals searching for ways to cope with and adapt to the often dispiriting demands and challenges brought on by life changes, big and small, or just by everyday life. In his spare time, Dr. Haddad has been known to lay down a tight bass line to classic rock tunes that some have characterized (mistakenly) as just a bit too loud.

Elizabeth Clark, Psy.D.  
On site: Tuesday 6:00PM-9:00PM  
For appointments: Phone: 847-772-1655 (texts preferred)  
Email: lizclarkpsyd@gmail.com

Bio:
Dr. Liz Clark is a recent transplant to NYC from her native Chicago, where she completed her doctoral degree and postdoctoral training. She has experience and expertise in eating and body image issues, gender and sexual orientation issues, and multicultural counseling, and has worked with college students at several different universities over the past 5 years. A former flutist and avid choral singer, music is an integral part of her life, and she is pleased to be able to work with student musicians at MSM.

Julie Ackerman,  
Counseling Center Extern  
On Site: Monday 1:30-5:30pm  
Wednesday 1:30-5:30pm  
Tues/Thurs evening group classes

Bio:
Julie Ackerman is an advanced doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at CUNY Graduate Center. She has worked in psychiatric hospital, community outpatient, and counseling settings. Before beginning her clinical training, she played the violin from childhood through college, and wrote a masters thesis on the aesthetics of music. She is interested in the creative process in the arts, and is currently working on a dissertation on dreams.