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**EDUCATION**

2005	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Department of Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education, University of Wisconsin – Madison. Major: Rehabilitation Psychology. Minor: Educational Psychology
1999	Master of Science (M.S.), University of Wisconsin-Stout. Major in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling
1996	Bachelor of Law, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan. Major: Law

**LICENSE & CERTIFICATION**

2007 – present	Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) # 00089937
2010 – present	Licensed Professional Counselor. Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing. (LPC) # 4447-125
March 2023	Certificate in Methods in Grant Preparation, Clinical and Translational Research Institute
August 2022	Certificate in DBT Skills with Marsha Linehan
March 2017	Certificate in Question, Persuade, Referral (QPR) Trainer
August 2014	Graduate Certificate in Dispute Resolution, Marquette University

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2025 - present	Associate Professor & Director of Behavioral Science, Department of Developmental Science, School of Dentistry, Marquette University
2024 – 2025	Associate Professor, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, Marquette University
2018 – 2024	Assistant Professor, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, Marquette University
2017 – 2018	Associate Professor & Director of Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling concentration, Department of Counseling, Mount Mary University
2013 – 2017	Assistant Professor, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling concentration, Department of Counseling, Mount Mary University
2008 – 2013	Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, Marquette University
2006 – 2008	Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling, Special Education, and Rehabilitation, California State University, Fresno

2005 – 2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, Counselor Education Program, City University of New York – Hunter College

### **AWARD**

2025	Institute for Women's Leadership Faculty Fellowship
2024	Marquette University Faculty Development Award
2024	Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Faculty Colleague Award
2023	Rynne Faculty Research Fellowship
2022	Way Klinger Early Career Award

### **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

2011 – present Licensed Professional Counselor, Wisconsin  
 2018 – present Clinical Supervisor, Marquette University, WI  
 2013 – 2018 Clinical Supervisor, Mount Mary University, WI  
 2013 – 2018 Licensed Professional Counselor, Sebastian Family Psychology Practice, Milwaukee, WI  
 2008 – 2013 Clinical Supervisor, 7Cs Community Counseling Clinic, Marquette University  
 2006 – 2008 Clinical Supervisor, California State University, Fresno, CA  
 2005 – 2006 City University of New York – Hunter College, New York, NY  
 2001 Forensic Psychology Practicum, Mendota Mental Health Institute, Madison, WI  
 2000 Supported Employment Specialist, Community Support Network, Madison, WI  
 1999 Prevocational Program Internship, Mendota Mental Health Institute, Madison, WI

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE – COURSE TAUGHT**

Marquette University, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology

2018 – present Research Methods in Counseling  
 Counseling Practicum  
 Internship in Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Foundations in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling  
 2008 – 2013 Intermediate Research and Statistics (Doctoral program)  
 Counseling Psychology Practicum (Doctoral program)  
 Career Development (Master's program)  
 Multicultural Counseling (Master's program)  
 Assessment in Counseling (Master's program)  
 Introduction to Counseling (Master's program)  
 Individual Counseling (Master's program)  
 Behavioral Disorders in Children & Youth (Master's program)

## Counselor Education Internship (Master's program)

Mount Mary University, Department of Counseling

2013- 2018	<p>Multicultural Counseling</p> <p>Statistics and Research Methods</p> <p>Group Procedures</p> <p>Techniques in Counseling</p> <p>Career Development</p> <p>Counseling Assessment and Program Evaluation</p> <p>Introduction in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling &amp; Case Management</p> <p>Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Disabilities</p> <p>Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Intervention</p>
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California State University, Fresno, Department of Counseling, Special Education, and Rehabilitation

2006 – 2008	<p>Medical Aspects of Severe Disability</p> <p>Assessment of Individuals with Disabilities</p> <p>Seminar in Counseling Techniques</p> <p>Internship in Rehabilitation Counseling</p> <p>Research Methods in Education</p>
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City University of New York – Hunter College, Counselor Education Program

2005 – 2006	<p>Counseling Skills</p> <p>Counseling Internship Supervision</p> <p>Counseling Practicum Supervision</p> <p>Research Methods</p>
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## SERVICES

### A. University Service

Marquette University

2024 – present	Co-Chair, Asian Pacific Islander and Desi Americans (APIDA), Employee Resource Group
2024 – present	University Academic Senate
October 2024	College of Nursing, Telehealth Accelerator Grant Proposal reviewer
March 2024	Rynne Faculty Fellowships proposal reviewer
2022 – present	Office of Research and Innovation, Innovation Council Member
2022 – present	Telehealth Research Community, Leadership Team Member
2023 – 2024	School of Dentistry Mental Health Workgroup Team Member

Dec 2023 College of Nursing Tele-health Symposium Workgroup Team Member

Mount Mary University

2014 – 2017 Admission Committee

California State University – Fresno

2007 – 2008 Instructional Materials Committee, Assistive Technology Initiative

2006 – 2008 President’s Committee on Disabilities

## **B. College Service**

Marquette University

2020 – 2022 College of Education Diversity Strategic Plan Committee

California State University, Fresno

2006 – 2008 Research/Counseling, Special Education, & Rehabilitation Advisory Council

## **C. Department Service**

Marquette University

2019 – present Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Specialization Liaison

2023 - present CECP Diversity Strategic Planning Committee Member

Fall 2024 Online CMHC Admission Procedure Workgroup Member

2023 - 2024 CMHC Tele-mental Health Policy Workgroup Member

2023 – 2024 CIP Code Workgroup member

2020 – 2021 Scholarship and Travel Award Committee, Chair

2012 – 2013 Diversity Committee

2012 – 2013 Internship Liaison, Internship Committee Member

Mount Mary University

2013 – 2018 CPCE Coordinator

2015 – 2018 Grace Scholars Program Liaison

2015 – 2018 Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Specialization Liaison

California State University, Fresno

2007 – 2008 Rehabilitation Counseling Program Internship Coordinator

2006 – 2008	Ad-Hoc Accreditation & New Program
2006 – 2008	Rehabilitation Counseling Program Comprehensive Examination Coordinator

#### **D. Community Engagement**

##### Marquette University

2024 – present	Southeast Asia Literacy Club, Marquette University, Advisor
2021 – present	Marquette University Commencement Column Marshal
2023	Marquette University Convocation volunteer
2023	Marquette University McNair Program Summer Research Institute, Mentor
2022 - 2023	Marquette University Office of Research and Innovation, Undergraduate Summer Research, Mentor

##### Milwaukee

2024 - present	American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Volunteer
2024 - present	City on a Hill Pro Bono Behavioral Health Therapist
2023 – present	Independence First Foundation, Milwaukee, WI, Board of Director
2023 – present	WisPAN (Wisconsin Peer Alliance for Nurse), Director At Large
2020 – present	Catholic Charity Refugees Citizenship Program, Tutor
2020 – present	“Together 4 Sickle Cell”, Mentor
2020 – 2022	Friends of Brookfield Central High School Bands, Inc, President
2016 – 2019	Greater Milwaukee Suicide Prevention, Member
2016 – 2018	Mt Mary University Asian Students Organization Advisor
2015 – 2018	Wisconsin Counseling Journal, Manuscripts Reviewer
2013 – 2018	Mt Mary University International Club Member
2014 – 2018	Independence First, Milwaukee, WI, Board of Director
2011 – 2014	Data Team Committee – Milwaukee Succeed, Milwaukee, WI
2010 – 2014	Independence First, Milwaukee, WI, Advocacy Committee Member
2010 – 2014	Asian and African Refugees Consortium, Milwaukee, WI., Member

##### National

2024 - present	Asian Rehabilitation Counseling Society, Community Network Committee, Co-Chair
7/16/2025	Mental Health, Religion & Culture, manuscript reviewer
7/11/2025	Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Journal, manuscript reviewer
2024	BMC Psychiatry, manuscript reviewer
2023	Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies, manuscript reviewer
2018 – present	Journal of Disability Studies, Editorial Board

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2024 - present	Association of Rehabilitation, Research, Policy and Education
2021 - present	Asian Rehabilitation Counseling Society (ARCS)
2022 – present	American Counseling Association (ACA)
2022 – present	American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA)
2022 – present	Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)
2018 – present	Midwest Psychological Association
2016 – 2023	National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE)

## GRANT FUNDING

### External

**Ong, L.Z. (PI).** *Marquette Behavioral Workforce Education and Supervisor Support.* (July 2025 – June 2029). Health Resources and Services Administration, Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program for Professional grant. **Funded.** \$2,400,000. [M01HP54869-01-00].

Rubya, S., Madiraju, P., & **Ong, L.Z.** (2025). *A machine learning approach to mentor matching for veterans with PTSD.* NMDSI Paving ROADS Seed Fund Program. **Funded.** \$50,000

Tsvetkova, A., & **Ong, L.Z.** (2025). *Mental health, income, and access: exploring virtual service use among disabled and unemployed adults in the U.S. population.* Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute (NMDSI), Student Scholars program, Marquette University. **Funded.** \$2,500

**Ong, L.Z., & Chen, A.** (August 2024). *CORE self-evaluations training in underrepresented minority young adults who experience poverty in urban areas: A feasibility study* (FI-31476). John Templeton Foundation. Online funding inquiry \$500,000. Full proposal declined.

Chen, A., **Ong, L.Z., & Alexandar, A.** (March 2024). *Cultivating Joy Within – Empathetic Joy Meditation for Nurses.* Mind & Life Prosociality, Empathy, Altruism, Compassion, and Ethics (PEACE) Grants. **Not Funded** \$25,000

Berger, B., **Ong, L. Z., & Maier, B.** (January 1 – December 31, 2024). *Compensated Work Therapy Core Career Training in Veterans with Disabilities: A Feasibility Study.* Community-Led Seed Grants, Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment, Medical College of Wisconsin, **Funded** \$40,844

Ko, J.L. (PI), & Afinoguénova, E. (Co-PI). K-12 Pedagogical Expert: **Ong, L. Z.** (2023 - 2025). *Chinese Language Learning and Artificial Intelligence, STARTALK Grant,* National Security Agency, **Funded** \$219,851

Papanek, P.E. (PI), Deacon, A., **Ong, L.Z.**, & Pan, L. (Co-PIs). *Marquette Health Careers Opportunity Program Academy*. (September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2028). Health Careers Opportunity Program: The National HCOP Academies. Not Funded: \$3,250,000

**Ong, L.Z** (PI). (2023). *Understanding and Promoting Rohingya Refugees' Mental Health Using Participatory Research*. Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health Call for Proposals. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Not Funded \$250,000

Perouli, D. (PI), Chen, K.K., & Kaczmarek, T. (Co-PIs). Project Outcome Evaluator: **Ong, L.Z.** (January 2023 – December 2027) *CyberWIN: Expanding the Cybersecurity Workforce and Curriculum Assessment Methods in The State Of Wisconsin*. NSF CyberCorps Scholarship for Services (SFS). **Funded** \$2,655,095.

Hood, S. (PI), & Kriofsk Mainella, A. (Co-PI). Project Outcome Evaluator: **Ong, L. Z.** (2022). *WI Empower, Respect, Consent: Interactive video-based curriculum to teach interpersonal skills and complex intimacy-based consent skills* (Wisconsin DHS ARPA HCBS Grant #728240; total \$1,999,900 across 2 years). Not Funded.

Othman, E (PI) & Khalil, M (Co-PI). Marquette Research Team: Drs. Lee Za **Ong**, Irfan Omar, Sumana Chattopadhyay, and Mr. Sabu Dinesh. (2021). *Times of Watershed: American Muslims during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Tri-States Project*. Grand Research Challenge: Humanities Without Walls. Not Funded. \$130,538.

**Ong, L.Z.** (PI) (2021). *Investigating Mental Health Care Needs of Native American College Students: Community Based Participatory Research*. Forest County Potawatomi Foundation. Not Funded. \$16,702.

**Ong, L.Z.** (PI). *Internships to Improve Behavioral Health Access in Underserved Areas*. (July 2021 until June 2025). Health Resources and Services Administration, Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program for Professional grant. **Funded** \$983,180.

Dr. Praveen Madiraju (PI) and Dr. Dennis Brylow (Co-PI). Research Mentors: Drs. Michael Zimmer, Debbie Perouli, Sheikh Iqbal Ahamed, Shion Guha, Paula E. Papanek, Aleksandra J. Snowden, and Satish Puri. External Evaluator: Dr. Lee Za **Ong**. (March 2020 – February 2024). *Research Experiences in Undergraduate (REU) Site: Data Science Across Disciplines*. National Science Foundation. **Funded** \$404,683.

**Ong, L.Z.** (PI), & Madiraju, P. (2020). *Student Health Allies & Peer Educators Competencies and Its Effect on Student-Athletes' Well-Being*. NCAA. **Funded** \$20,000

**Ong, L.Z. (PI).** *Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program: Rehabilitation of Individuals Who Are Mentally Ill.* (October 2019 – September 2025). U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services. **Funded \$900,000**

Abromeit, J., Othman, E., & **Ong, L.Z. (Co-PI)** (April 2019 – April 2020). *Gendered Differences of Abilities and Milwaukee Muslim Immigrants.* Wisconsin Humanities Council. **Funded \$10,000.**

**Ong, L.Z (PI).** (2019). *Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Minority Mentoring and Role Modeling Program (CRCMMRM).* Organization for Autism Research Applied Research Fund. Not Funded \$20,000.

Callender, K. & **Ong, L.Z. (Co-PI).** (2019). *Mindfulness-based Intervention for Persons Living With Autism (M-LiWA) for Increased Mindful Awareness and Reduced Anxiety.* Mind & Life Institute PEACE Grants. Not Funded \$25,000.

#### **Internal: Marquette University**

**Ong, L.Z. (2025).** *Factors shaping leadership in Chin refugee young adult women in the U.S.* Marquette University Institute for Women's Leadership 2025-2026 Faculty Fellows Program. **Funded \$5,000.**

**Ong, L.Z., & Walker-Dalhouse, D. (2024).** *Rohingya refugee youths' schooling experience and mental health in the U.S.* Marquette University 2025 Summer Faculty Fellowship or Regular Research Grant. Not funded \$20,000.

Stocker, D., Venkateswaran, K., Program Evaluator: **Ong, L. Z. (2024).** *Multidisciplinary team-based pro bono persistent pain management pilot project: 3PM program.* Marquette University Explorer Challenge. **Funded \$25,000.**

**Ong, L.Z. (PI), Lerret, S. M., & Mendoza, K. (2023).** *Learning Non-Verbal in Telehealth (LeNViT): A Pilot Project.* Marquette University 2023 Telehealth Accelerator Grant. **Funded \$20,000.**

**Ong, L.Z. (PI).** (2023). *Rohingya Refugees' Mental Health and Their Process of Healing.* Marquette University Center for Peacemaking: Rynne Fellowship. **Funded \$3,800.**

**Ong, L.Z. (PI), & Gonzalez. (2023).** *Rohingya Refugees, their Healing Process from Myanmar to The U.S.* Marquette University Office of Research and Innovation Summer 2023 Undergraduate Research Program. **Funded \$5,000**

- Pawlowski, J.I., & **Ong, L.Z.** (PI). (2023). *Program Evaluation for Marquette University McNair Scholars' Wellbeing Group Experience: A pilot project*. Marquette University Student Success Initiative. **Funded** \$500.
- Davies, H., **Ong, L.Z.** (Co-PI), Lerret, S. (2023). *Expanding Access to Telemental Health Services For Young Adults Living In Poverty In Milwaukee Through Listening And Learning From Our Community*. Marquette University President's and UWM Chancellor's Challenge. **Funded** \$45,000.
- Lerret, S., **Ong, L.Z.** (Co-PI), & Robb, J. (2022 -2024) *Telehealth Research Community*. Research Community Mini-Grant. Marquette University Committee on Research. **Funded** \$5,000
- Callender, K. A., Kriofske Mainella, A., & **Ong, L. Z.** (PI). (2022). *Relationship Between Sexual Trauma, Self-Compassion and Perceptions About Sex In Individuals Living With A Disability*. Research Community Mini-Grant. Marquette University Committee on Research. **Funded** \$2,000
- Ong, L.Z.** (PI), & Brown-Carr, S. (2022). *You Matter: Self-Identity, Self-Compassion, And Wellbeing Of Youth Athletes*. Marquette University Office of Research and Innovation Summer 2022 Undergraduate Research Program. **Funded** \$5,000.
- Ong, L.Z.** (PI). Co-PIs: Kriofske Mainella, A.M., Callender, K.A., Muglia, K. A., Garcia, J. T. & Bekhet, A. (July 2022 – June 2025). *Interdisciplinary Collaborative Training to Promote Psychological Wellness and Competency of Pre-Service Health Professionals: A Pilot Project*. Marquette University Explorer Challenge. **Funded** \$25,000.
- Ong, L.Z. (PI), & Callender, K. A. (2021). *Student Health Allies & Peer Educators Competencies and Mindfulness Training and Its Effect on Their Mental Health*. Marquette University Athletic and Human Performance Research Center (AHPRC) Pilot Award. **Funded**. \$8,000.
- Ong, L.Z. (PI) (2021). *Investigating Mental Health Care Needs of Native American College Students: Community Based Participatory Research*. Marquette University Regular Research Grant. Not Funded. \$5,000.
- Ong, L.Z. (PI). (2020). *Women Leadership in Clinical Rehab Counseling Education in the United States*. Marquette University Institution for Women's Leadership. **Funded**. \$750.
- Ong, L.Z (PI). (2020). *The Status of Faculty with Disability in Rehabilitation Counseling Education in The U. S.* Marquette University Office of Diversity and Inclusion. **Funded**. \$750.

Othman, E., Ong, L.Z (Co-PI), & Callender, K. (2020). *The Effect of Mindful Prayers on First-Generation Immigration/Refugee Muslim Women's Wellness: A Mixed Methods Research*. Marquette University Women's Leadership Interdisciplinary Summer Pilot Grant Program. **Funded**. \$3000.

Haglund, K., Bekhet, A., Clayton-Jones, D., & Ong, L.Z (Co-I) (2019). *Holistic Support for Individuals Living with a Chronic Illness: A biopsychosocial-spiritual model*. Community Engaged Research Partnership Development, Marquette University. **Funded** \$5000.

Ong, L.Z (PI), & Abromeit, J. (2018). *Arab and Muslim Mothers/Caregivers Wellness Network (AMMCWN)*. Zonta Foundation. Not Funded \$3000.

### **Pre-Marquette University**

Ong L. Z. (2015). Creative Teaching and Learning Grant. Mount Mary University. **Funded** \$500.

Ong L. Z. (2011). *Excellent in Diversity Grant*. Provost on Diversity Initiative. Marquette University. **Funded** \$800.

Ong, L. Z. (2009). *Marquette project: A holistic wrap around services to Vocational Rehabilitation consumer's job planning and employment*: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. **Funded** \$50,000.

Ong, L. Z. (2007). *Factor Effecting Job Interview Performance*. Kremen School of Education and Human Development. **Funded** for \$750.

Ong, L. Z. (2006). The Woodcock-Muñoz Foundation, educational assessment materials grants. **Funded** \$7,200.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Marquette University**

Clayton-Jones, D.L., Haglund, K., Bekhet, A., Beltran, E., Goodson, D., Nwosu, C., Akindele, L., Sikes, S., Field, J.J., Carroll, Y.M., Peacock, E., Richardson, S., Shropshire, T., Strack, R.W., Jones, D.X. & **Ong**, L. Z. (Accepted for publication July 28, 2025). A virtual photovoice project to describe adult perspectives on living with Sickle Cell Disease. *Journal of Sickle Cell Disease*.

Cook, J. M., **Ong**, L. Z., Deroche, M., Jones, Z. A., & Schneider, K. (2025). Unemployed Black/African Americans with disabilities' treatment acquisition for substance use

disorder and serious mental illness. *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*, 3(9), Open Access. <http://doi.org/10.1002/jmcd.70002>

Matthie, N., Potts, M., Haglund, K., Ontala, E., **Ong**, L.Z., Jones, W., DeVries, E., & Clayton-Jones, D. (2025). Using a community-engaged research approach to prioritize self-management needs of adults with sickle cell disease. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*.

**Ong**, L. Z., & Madiraju, P. (2025). An evaluation of a U.S college student-athletes' peer support training program: A pilot project. *Journal of Mental Health Training, Education, and Practice*, 20(3), 191-203. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JMHTEP-11-2023-0097>

**Ong**, L.Z., Chen, K. R., & Yin, Z.Z. (2024). Access to mental health care: Comparing native-born and foreign-born Asian adults in the United States [Special issue]. *Journal of Rehabilitation* 90(4), 6 – 16.

Becton, A. B., Han, E., **Ong**, L., Johnson, A., Chen, R., Rangel, G., & Lusk, S. (2024). Moving Beyond Traditional Multiculturalism: Dis/ability Awareness in Counselor Education. In D. Bates & C. Ortega (Eds.), *Innovative Approaches in Counselor Education for Students with Disabilities*. IGI Global. <https://doi.org/10.4018/979-8-3693-3342-6.ch007>

**Ong**, L.Z., Chen, K. R., Pawlowski-Farr, I.J., & Nguyen, K. M. K. (2024). Empowering academic diversity: The lived experience of faculty with disabilities in rehabilitation counseling education. *Rehabilitation Research, Policy and Education*. 1-16. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1891/RE-24-02>

**Ong**, L. Z., Callender, K. A., Wawa-Egbuche, S. A., Glawe, M. M., & Herbst, A. A. (2024). Peer support competency and mindfulness training and its effect on mental health: A pilot project. *Advances in Mental Health*, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/18387357.2024.2426672>

Glawe, M. M., **Ong**, L. Z., Callender, K. A., Wesson, B.M., & Schubert, E. (2024). Natural health community program and well-being: An uncontrolled study of women survivors of domestic violence. *Violence Against Women*. 10778012241265367. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012241265367>

Yin, Z.Z., **Ong**, L.Z., & Qiao, M. (2024). Psychological factors associated with Chinese international students' well-being in the United States: A systematic review. *Journal of International Students*, 14(4), 529-551. <https://doi.org/10.32674/jis.v14i4.6428>

- Cook, J. M., Deroche, M. D., & **Ong**, L. Z. (2024). A qualitative analysis of ableist microaggressions. *The Professional Counselor*, 14(1), 64-82. DOI: 10.15241/jmc.14.1.64
- Deroche, M. D., **Ong**, L. Z., & Cook, J. M. (2024). Ableist microaggressions, disability characteristics, and nondominant identities. *The Professional Counselor*, 13(4), 404-417. <https://doi.org/10.15241/mdd.13.4.404>
- Powell-Roach, K. L., Pace, B. S., Clayton-Jones, D. L., Lucas, J., Field, J. J., Bekhet, A., Jenkins, E., Costello, A., Totka, J., **Ong**, L. Z., Haglund, K., & Pena, S. (2024). Collaborative innovation: Tackling health inequities in sickle cell disease. *Blood*, 144(Suppl 1), 7535. <https://doi.org/10.1182/blood-2024-210939>
- Clayton-Jones, D. L., Hamilton, J., Haglund, K., **Ong**, L. Z., Kennedy, K.C., Pena, S., Stamper, L., & Jenerette, C. (2024). Sickle cell disease and adolescents' perspectives on self-care management resources. *Health Care Transitions*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.hctj.2023.100026>
- Walker-Dalhouse, D., Dalhouse, A., & **Ong**, L. A. (2023). Children's books about immigrants and refugees: Impact on reading attitudes. *International Journal of Educational Reform*. 1 - 20. <https://doi.org/10.1177/105678792312>
- Clayton-Jones, D., **Ong**, L. Z., Bekhet, A. K., Jones, W., Ontala, E., Pena, S., Griffin, K., Griffin, J., Peacock, E., & Haglund, K. (2023). Sickle cell virtual support group program for adults: An implementation evaluation. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 1–9. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01612840.2023.2227266>
- Othman, H.E., & **\*Ong**, L. Z. (2023). Muslim Americans' experience of the pandemic at the intersection of history, culture, and gender. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies*, 10(3), 35-54. <http://dx.doi.org/10.29333/ejecs/1565>
- Chen, R. K., Park, J., **Ong**, L. Z., & Oswald, G. R. (2022). Predictors of homophobia in Hispanic college students majoring in allied health disciplines. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 54 (2). <https://doi.org/10.1891/JARC-2022-0001>
- Ong**, L. Z., Chiu, C., & Mpofu, N. (2022). Promoting employees' mental health in the post-covid new normal: Using a peer support model. In I. L. Potgieter & N. Ferreira (Eds). *Managing human resources: The new normal*. (pp. 211-228). Springer. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-09803-1>
- Callender, K. A, **\*Ong**, L. Z., & Othman, E. H. (2022). Prayers and mindfulness in relation to mental health among first-generation immigrant and refugee Muslim women in the USA: An exploratory study. *Journal of Religion and Health*. 61, 3637–3654. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10943-022-01600-x>

- Othman, E. H., **Ong\***, L. Z., Omar, I. A., Bekhet, A. K., & Najeeb, J. (2022). Experiences of Muslim mothers of children with disabilities: a qualitative study. *Journal of Disability & Religion*, 26(1), 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23312521.2021.1911734>
- Clayton-Jones, D., **Ong**, L.Z., Garnier-Villarreal, M., Vick, L., Sawdy, R., George Dalmida, S., & Haglund, K. (2021). Complementary and alternative medicine mind-body approaches used among racially and ethnically diverse adolescents, *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, 61, 254-259. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pedn.2021.07.009>
- Cook, J. M., **Ong**, L. Z., & Zavgorodnya, O. (2021). A mixed methods examination of counselors' social class and socioeconomic status perceptions. *Journal of Humanistic Counseling*, 60(2), 117-136. <https://doi.org/10.1002/johc.12160>
- Ong**, L. Z., Callender, A. K., Blalock, K., & Holzbauer, J. (2021). Racial, ethnic differences in complementary and integrative health use among adults with mental illness: Results from the 2017 National Health Interview Survey. *The Australian Journal of Rehabilitation Counselling*, 27(1), 50-73. <https://www.doi.org/10.1017/jrc.2021.3>
- Clayton-Jones, D., Ontala, E., Haglund, K., Bekhet, A., Sawdy, R., **Ong**, L.Z., Jones, W., & Radford-Sartin, Y. (2020). A community based participatory research approach in prioritizing self-management needs for young adults living with sickle cell disease. *Journal of Sickle Cell Disease and Hemoglobinopathies*, 7, 102. <http://doi.org/10.14223>
- Ong**, L. Z., King, C. L., & Jackson, H. A. (2019). Counseling students' attitudes toward complementary and alternative medicine integration in counseling practice. *The Australian Journal of Rehabilitation Counselling*. 25(2), 96-109. <http://doi.org/10.1017/jrc.2019.11>

### **Pre-Marquette University**

- Yoon, E., Langrehr, K., & **Ong**, L. Z. (2011). Content analysis of acculturation research in counseling and counseling psychology: A 22-year review. *Journal of Counseling Psychologist*. 58(1), 83-96. DOI: 10.1037/a0021128.
- Ong**, L. Z., Peterson, D., Chronister, J., Chiu, C. Y., & Chan, F. (2009). Personality profiles of undergraduate and graduate students in rehabilitation. *Australian Journal of Rehabilitation Counseling*, 15(2), 92-106.
- Chen, R. K., **Ong**, L. Z., & Brodwin, M. G. (2008). Making a global impact: The United States' role in training international students as rehabilitation counselors and educators. *Rehabilitation Education*, 22, 193-202.

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