



PUBLIC SECTOR - Derri Shtasel, MD, MPH



Dr. Derri Shtasel graduated from Swarthmore College. She earned her medical degree at Temple University School of Medicine and did her psychiatry residency at the New York University Medical Center/Bellevue Hospital. She later earned her MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health.

During the early part of her career, she worked with the chronically mentally ill in Philadelphia. She led an NIMH-funded clinical research center focused on schizophrenia, where she sought to improve clinical care through linking the assets of academic medicine with the expertise of community providers. Through this kind of leverage, she developed Philadelphia’s largest program in public and community psychiatry. She also directed the psychiatry residency program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Shtasel came to Boston in 2000 where she served in leadership positions in several Harvard-affiliated hospitals, including North Shore Medical Center and Cambridge Health Alliance. She was then recruited by Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), where she now serves as the Michele and Howard J. Kessler Chair and director of the Division of Public and Community Psychiatry.

Dr. Shtasel provides direct clinical care in the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program. In addition to her clinical and administrative duties, she has created and guided innovative clinical rotations for residents in collaboration with the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program, Erich Lindemann Mental Health Center, St. Francis House, Nashua Street Jail, and Bridge over Troubled Waters. She chairs the APA’s Public and Community Psychiatry Fellowship Recruitment Committee.

She has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers and presented scholarly work in over 50 local, national, and international academic venues. She was appointed associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Shtasel has received many honors, including the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from NAMI, Distinguished Fellow of the APA, Dr. Jim O’Connell Award from the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program, MGH Dept. of Psychiatry’s Exceptional Mentorship in the Clinical Realm, and Exceptional Mentorship of Women.

The MPS is pleased to present the 2019 MPS Outstanding Psychiatrist in the Public Sector Award in recognition of her dedication to community psychiatry, which is guided by the belief that medicine is a vehicle for social justice with a particular focus on mental health and racial equality. She has a remarkable ability to create academic-community collaborations as a platform for integrated service delivery models, research, and equitable access to care for underserved populations.