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January 2004 - present

Clinical Associate Professor, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

Hired as adjunct in 2004, voted full-time May 2011. Teach in MSW and DSW programs, both on-ground and on-line. In the MSW program, I teach all of the School's policy and grant writing coursework, including generalist and department-level courses. In the DSW program I served as a capstone advisor thru Aug. 2019, and currently teach the *preparatory scholarship for capstones* course. Average student evaluation scores for my most recent three years is 4.8 on a 5 point scale. My current service includes being Lead Faculty for the generalist policy course, an active member of the School's Curriculum Council, a facilitator for several department-level committees, and am faculty advisor for the Jewish Social Work Caucus. I have also been the lead or sole presenter at 16 national social work conferences since 2014. I more fully describe my curricular work and scholarship presentations below:

Curriculum Development

Elected member of Curriculum Council 2015-2017, during which the School's MSW curriculum was revamped to include new departmental coursework, and began development of its DSW program. Re-elected to serve currently thru 2021, during which School is expanding its first semester foundation coursework into full-year generalist.

Led the workgroup that created new application-focused generalist advocacy course required in 2nd semester; approved by Curriculum Council in October 2019. Currently working on reforming the 1st semester generalist social welfare policy course.

Served on the workgroup that created the new second semester HBSE course; approved in Sept. 2019.

Co-created a new elective for the SCI department, *Running for Public Office: Social Worker as Elected Leader*; submitted for approval to Curriculum Council in October 2018.

Led the workgroup that created the then-new one semester generalist policy and advocacy course, offered on-ground starting in Fall 2015. I also converted this course into our on-line format, first offered in the VAC Summer 2016.

Re-created the curriculum for the School's Community Immersion program in 2010. Community Immersion is a mandatory week-long activity for all incoming MSW students occurring the week before regular classes begin, and includes 6 hours of classroom learning and 10 hours of in-community analysis. I was Chair of this program from 2010 through 2016 for both on-ground and on-line programs.

Scholarship

Mistrano, S. (2019, May). *Community Building within Organizations Undergoing Change and Uncertainty*. Workshop conducted at the Network for Social Work Management Annual Conference, Chicago IL

Mistrano, S. & Enrile, A. & Roberts, K. (2018, November). *Approaches to End Homelessness: Effective Collaborative Practice, In the Classroom & Community*. Symposium conducted at the CSWA Annual Program Meeting, Orlando Florida

Mistrano, S. & Roberts, K. (2018, June). *Three Successful Social Work-Led Initiative that End Homelessness and Create Housing in L.A. County*. Symposium conducted at the NASW National Conference, Washington D.C.

Mistrano, S. & Roberts, K. (2018, June). *Disruption and Innovation in L.A. County to End Homelessness*. Symposium presented at Network for Social Work Management Annual Conference, San Diego.

Mistrano, S. (2018, April). *Community Building, Policy Advocacy and Student Engagement: There is Nothing "Virtual" About It*. Paper presented at the 4th Annual Distance Education Conference, San Antonio.

Mistrano, S. (2017, June). *Morale is More than Salaries*. Paper presented at the Network for Social Work Management Annual Conference, New York City.

Mistrano, S. & Darrell, S. (2016, November). *Collaborative Leadership Creating Affordable Workforce Housing*. Symposium conducted at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta.

Mistrano, S. (2016, June). *The Community, Developers and a Large Urban School District: A New Model for Creating Affordable Housing*. Paper presented at Network for Social Work Management Annual Conference, LA.

Mistrano, S. (2016, June). *Social Work-force Housing: A Model for Collaborative Leadership*. Paper presented at the NASW National Conference, Washington D.C.

Mistrano, S. (2016, April). *On-Line but Placed-based: Student's Engaging within their Communities*. Symposium conducted at the CSWE Distance Education Conference, Indianapolis.

Mistrano, S. (2016, Feb.). *Unique Careers in Social Work*. Presented at Attend Summit, San Diego State University.

Mistrano, S., & Enrile, A. (2015, October). *Actualizing Social Work Leadership: From Class to Local, National, Global Communities*. Symposium conducted at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Denver.

Mistrano, S. (2015, June). *Reversing the Decline: Reviving a State-wide Social Service Agency*. Paper presented at the Network for Social Work Management Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Mistrano, S. (2015, April). *An on-line model for inspiring MSW students to become self-actualized policy leaders*. Paper presented at the CSWE Distance Education Conference, Indianapolis.

Mistrano, S. (2014, July). *Developing policy leadership in students' communities, on-ground and on-line*. Symposium conducted at the NASW National Conference, Washington D.C.

Mistrano, S. (2014, June). *Curriculum and Activism: Creating Local Leaders*. Paper presented at the Network for Social Work Management Annual Conference, Boston.

Los Angeles Unified School District *Los Angeles, California*
Senior Facilities Project Manager, Planning & Development Branch

January 2008 – Dec. 2010

I created and implemented the "Workforce Housing Initiative" to develop four workforce housing projects with 236 affordable apartments on LAUSD campuses targeted for lower-income District staff. These developments – Norwood Learning Village, Rio Vista Apartments, Sage Park, and Selma Community Housing – netted LAUSD \$33 million in new lease revenue. My work on this initiative included:

- leveraging LAUSD-owned land to form public-private partnerships with developers;
- creating a system to identify land and move project concepts internally thru the LAUSD bureaucracy and externally with dozens of political and community stakeholders;
- helping write RFPs, managing the procurement processes, and negotiating the development deals.

Jamboree Housing Corporation, Irvine, California
Director, Housing with Heart

June 2006 - Dec. 2007

Housing with Heart is a resident services provider for JHC-affiliated developments, then with a staff of 25 and budget of \$800,000. I was hired to improve its operations and sustainability, and did so by:

- increasing the budget 42% by raising \$500,000 in new program funds;
- creating an organization structure and professionalized staff; and
- developing specialized programs & collaborations helping families increase their employment opportunities and improve their financial management skills.

Southern Cal. Association of Non-Profit Housing, Los Angeles, Ca.
Deputy Executive Director

May 2002 - June 2006

SCANPH at the time had 500 organizational members, nine staff and an \$800,000 budget. My administrative work included overseeing staff, raising money, organizing a yearly conference, and working with the media. I also implemented and led multiple complex statewide and regional policy initiatives, including:

- reforming the then-\$100 million yearly statewide tax credit allocation process to benefit So. Cal;
- helped lead the local Prop 46 bond campaign to fund \$2 billion worth of new affordable housing; and
- chaired statewide negotiations to reform CA housing law, embodied in AB 2348.

Human Services Network of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
Founding Executive Director

October 1997 - May 2001

I created and built this non-profit to improve local and state safety net programs by organizing the social service sector of LA County. I raised \$2 million from local and national foundations, built out a staff of seven, and engaged in several successful policy-related campaigns that achieved the following results:

- increased the state-mandated time limits for families receiving TANF;
- expanded clinical services in mental health, domestic violence & drug treatment for 100,000 adults; and
- developed and secured implementation of new County case-management and child care delivery protocols.

American Civil Liberties Union of So. Cal., Los Angeles, Ca.
Legislative Director

October 1994 – Sept. 1997

I directed legislative program of then- largest ACLU affiliate in the nation. My work included rebuilding grassroots network of 14 regional offices spanning 20 Congressional districts and 45 state electoral districts; testifying at state, county and local legislatures and advocating via national media (incl. CNBC, Fox News, MSNBC, and ABC); and working in larger coalitions to reform statewide civil rights, health care & immigration policy.

ACLU National Legislative Office, Washington, D.C.
Research Associate

October 1993 - October 1994

I wrote Congressional testimony; helped develop strategy for and coordinated legislative coalitions on crime, civil rights, and religious freedom; drafted speeches and written material for publication.

Philadelphia Law Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Law Clerk

Summer 1991

Researched administrative law and City tax code issues, and drafted Formal Opinions for City Solicitor.

Dukakis for President, Boston, Massachusetts
Organizer and Surrogate Scheduler

January – November 1988

Grassroots organizer and scheduler during primaries and in general election, in MA, NH, NJ, PA, GA & OH.

Education: J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, 1993
B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 1990

Affiliations: Member, Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bar Associations
Member, National Association of Social Workers
Member, Council on Social Work Education
Member, Network of Social Work Management
Member, Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing

Publications: California Department of Transportation: Blumenfeld, J., & Mistrano, S., & Myerson, D. & Smith, M. (2007, February). *Re-Education: A Mixed-Use, Transit-Oriented, School-Centered Neighborhood Revitalization Project for the East San Fernando Valley*.

Mistrano, S. (2005, March 7). Guest Column. *League of Cities' Focus on Housing*.

Mistrano, S., & Ledesma, K. C. (2000, October 27). School blindly vetoed for welfare moms. *Los Angeles Daily News*.

Mistrano, S. (1999, July 16). Welfare Clock Will Run Out Before Job Supply Catches Up. *Los Angeles Times*.

Mistrano, S. (1998, October 5). First Things First in Welfare Program. *Los Angeles Times*.

Mistrano, S. (1997, July 13). Law would gut freedom to dissent. *Ventura County Sunday Star*.

Ripston, R., & Mistrano, S. (1996, February 16). Law to Censor the Internet Must Be Overturned in Court. *Los Angeles Daily Journal*.

Mistrano, S. (1996). The Politics, Substance, And Reality of Affirmative Action in California. *University of West Los Angeles Law Review*, 27, 311-345.

Recognition: Winner of USC's Jane Addams Award, 2016: commencement speaker at MSW graduation
Fellow, Eureka Communities
Named one of 25 most effective "young" executive directors in the nation by *Chronicle of Philanthropy* in January 1999
Named one of L.A.'s most effective economic advocates by the *L.A. Weekly* October 1998