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Education

University of Southern California

Master of Social Work, 1980

California State University, Long Beach

Bachelor of Science - Political Science

Magna cum laude, 1974

Employment

Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work University of Southern California

2016 – Present

Senior Lecturer (Full time position)

Member of the clinical faculty team tasked with teaching the following clinical and foundation courses

- Advanced clinical practice with children, and families in early and middle childhood (**SOWK 613**) – instruction in the use of MAP model elements
- Advanced clinical practice with adolescents and young adults (**SOWK 621**) – instruction in the use of MAP model elements
- Introduction to social work practice with children, adolescents, and their families (**SOWK 609**) – instruction in the use of MAP model elements

Co-Lead Faculty for the Diversity, Social Justice and Culturally Competent social work practice (SOWK 630)

- Co-facilitate the design, evaluation of the course which includes syllabus review and update, coordination of all aspects of the course instruction, which includes the development and assessment of student evaluation tools. Oversight and support of faculty teaching team.

Participant – Curriculum Council Ad Hoc SOWK 630 course redesign committee tasked with:

- Evaluation and redesign of course to ensure alignment of theoretical, pedagogical and historical frameworks, to revise objectives and competencies and integrate products/tools utilized for the course instruction.

Member of the Ad Hoc MAP implementation CYF faculty team tasked with:

- Facilitating orientation for faculty and students
- Helping design in class exercises and other teaching tools designed to facilitate the instruction/training in the use of the model via the use of MAP tools such as the process guides and practitioner guides
- Engaging in ongoing evaluation and adaptation to help ensure efficacy and alignment with key MAP elements

2016 – Present (cont'd)

Lead faculty/instructor for Human behavior in the social environment (HBSE SOWK 506)

- Tasked with leading the faculty teaching team, responsible for syllabus review and development, assignments design and development, oversight of faculty members' alignment with and achievement of course objectives.
- Guide the integration of neurobiological concepts relevant to social work practice
 - Developed evaluation tools (tests, assignments, exercises) to measure student competence

Lead faculty/instructor for the USC SOWK virtual academic ctr's SOWK 613 (Advanced clinical practice with children and families) Virtual Academic Ctr course (Summer 2019)

- Tasked with leading the summer semester faculty teaching team and ensuring alignment with and achievement of course objectives
- Ensured incorporation and integration of key theories relevant to social work practice with diverse children and families. Special attention devoted to the relational dynamics influenced by intersectionality variables.
- Incorporation of neurobiological principles relevant to attachment dynamics and challenges faced by culturally diverse families and children

Instructor – Mexico Global Immersion course (SOWK 659)

- This course, taught in collaboration with a faculty colleague, increased graduate students' understanding and skill sets in the macro, mezzo and micro systemic

SOWK practice domains in order to enhance their skills with migrant populations/communities.

- Instruction occurred via the use of in class instruction and a 10-day migration journey to Mexico and border communities, in collaboration with the course lead instructor, Prof Omar Lopez, MSW.

Instructor – Mental Health practice with children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances (SOWK 677)

- The course focuses on the assessment and treatment of children with serious emotional disturbance, the service delivery models used to address their issues, and the policies that influence service delivery
- Special attention devoted to the neurobiology of mental health disorders and its relevance to clinical practice

Participant – USC SOWK Curriculum Council (2019-2020)

- Invited by the chair of Curriculum Council to participate in the design and development of second semester Human Behavior in the Social Environment) HBSE course to ensure alignment with new MSW program course redesigns
- In collaboration with Prof Maria Aranda, PhD, developed and presented the first draft of the new second semester course, which was unanimously adopted by Curriculum Council

1999 – 2016

Clinical Associate Professor (Adjunct faculty)

- Taught a wide range of clinical practice courses in the Children Youth and Families Department which included advanced clinical practice with children and adolescents, advanced practice with families, and leadership skills for the social work profession

1986 – 2016

Field Instructor for various graduate Social Work programs in the Southern California region, such as

- USC School of Social Work (1986-2016)
- UCLA School of Social Welfare (2009 – 2016)
- California State University Long Beach & Los Angeles Social Work Departments (1997- 2015)

1994 – 2016

El Centro del Pueblo, Inc

Clinical Director – Outpatient Mental Health Program (LA County Dept of Mental Health funded program) and Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Intervention Program (CAPIT) (LA County Dept of Children & Family Services)

- Developed and administered all aspects of program activities
- Secured training for staff and trained in several evidence based clinical intervention models incorporated into the clinical service delivery elements of the outpatient mental health program, including:
 - MAP
 - TFCBT
 - Seeking Safety
- Responsible for the direct clinical supervision of a team of Masters Level staff clinicians. As such, directly oversaw and consulted with clinical staff regarding any child abuse/child endangerment issues as well as any suicidal/homicidal client crises. Ensured individual team members' adherence to clinical protocols and administrative requirements while supporting and facilitating professional development opportunities as deemed necessary and available.
- Responsible for the development and implementation of all in-house clinical training activities for both MSW interns and Masters level clinicians. Facilitated access to external training resources as required.

1994 – 1997

Pacific Clinics – Child and Adolescent Program (part time)

- Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker/ Family Preservation Program Coordinator/Field Instructor

1986 – 1994

Children's Institute, Inc (CII)

- Social Work Coordinator of infant/toddler congregate care program for infants and toddlers removed from parental custody due to allegations of abuse and neglect
 - Promoted to Assistant Director and Acting Director during tenure at CII
- Coordinated the comprehensive holistic evaluation of the children's needs in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team of developmental psychologists, medical providers, nutritionists, early childhood specialists

- Established the MSW internship program at CII and served as field instructor

Professional Academic Presentations

- **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Conference – Fall 2020 – Virtual**
 - Co presenter of interactive workshop – A Comprehensive Evidence Informed Model via a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Lens
- **International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations – June, 2019 – Patras, Greece**
 - Border crossing narratives – The Mexican/Central American migration experience
 - Co presenter of workshop that demonstrated the pedagogical academic approach to the study of migration experiences in a global context
- **Council on Work Education (CSWE) Conference – Fall 2019 – Denver, Colorado**
 - Co-presenter of interactive workshop – the Odyssey of the Mexican/Central American Migrant: A Global Immersion Program

Awards and Recognitions

June 2016	City of Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Recognition for public service to the greater Los Angeles community
November 2010	California State Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Recognition for Latino Engagement and Advocacy
May 2009	USC School of Social Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguished Service Award in Field Education
April 2009	USC School of Social Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Recognition from the Rainbow Alliance for incorporation of LGBTQ content into course curriculum
March 2003	County of Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Leadership Award – Chair of Children’s Planning Council Executive Committee
June 1994	State of California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of commendation from the State of California Department of Education for outstanding service to the bilateral exchange program between California early childhood educators and Mexico’s early childhood education programs