

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME	POSITION TITLE	INSTITUTION
Tamera Whitesides, LCSW, MSW twhites@usc.edu	Ph.D. Student	University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

EDUCATION/TRAINING

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FIELD OF STUDY</u>
University of Southern California	Ph.D.	In-Progress	Social Work
University of Southern California	M.S.W.	2005	Social Work
Brigham Young University	B.S.	2003	Psychology

Professional and Research Interests: utilization of evidenced-based practices in child welfare, attachment and treatment of developmental trauma, secondary trauma for social workers in child welfare.

Professional Experience:

08/23 – present	Research Assistant, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
02/06 – 08/23	Senior Social Worker, County of Orange Social Services Agency Children Family Services, Orange, CA
08/09 – 08/11	MSW Preceptor for California State University, Fullerton
08/04 – 06/05	Therapist, Pilgrimage Family Therapy Center, Laguna Hills, CA
05/04 – 12/04	Behavior Intervention Specialist, BEST Services for Children with Autism, Santa Ana, CA
08/03 – 08/04	Programs Specialist, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Irvine, CA
06/01 – 12/02	Psychiatric Technician, Utah State Hospital, Provo, Utah

Honors and Other Activities:

Graduated Summa Cum Laude, University of Southern California
Phi Kappa Phi Scholar, University of Southern California
Dean Scholar, University of Southern California
Merit Scholarship, University of Southern California
Psy Chi Scholar, Brigham Young University
Merit Scholarship, Brigham Young University

Academic Teaching Experience:

08/08 – 06/09 Assistant Professor, Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA

Research Experience:

2020 – Current	Research Assistant, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
2000-2002	Research Assistant, Theories of Emotion led by Matthew Spackman, Ph.D., Brigham Young University, Psychology Department
2001	Research Assistant, Recidivism Rates Among Juvenile Defenders, led by Barton Poulson, Ph.D., Brigham Young University, Psychology Department

Conference Presentation:

Whitesides, Tamera (2023). The Influence of Protective Factors on the Mental Health of Transitional Age Foster Youth. Poster presented at the International Trauma Research Foundation Conference.

Professional Memberships/Certifications:

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCS 25983) since 2009, California Board of Behavioral Sciences
National Association of Social Workers