

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Associate Teaching Professor at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work since 2013. Retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel with 21 years of military social work practice and leadership, culminating as Chief of Behavioral Health for the Air National Guard. Nearly 40 years of social services experience. Former LCSW (1998–2018) and Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work. PhD in Social Work from the University of Utah. Strengths include inclusive leadership, future orientation, and evidence-informed practice.

### **EDUCATION**

PhD, Social Work  
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT – 2005

Master of Social Work  
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT – 1992

Bachelor of Science, Social Work  
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT – 1989

### **LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Utah (1998–2018)

Board Certified Diplomate, Clinical Social Work (1999–2013)

Certified Social Worker, Utah (1992–1998)

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

*University of Southern California, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work*  
*Associate Teaching Professor | 2013–Present*

- Teach clinical practice and military social work courses via the Virtual Academic Center Master of Social Work program.
- Created standardized client scenario for virtual practicum course.
- Lead faculty for 525, 543, 544, 545, 637, 640, 641, 647, and 650.
- Courses Taught:
  - SOWK 650 – Military and Veteran Policy and Program Management
  - SOWK 647 – Advanced Practice with Complex Social Work Cases

- SOWK 641 – Clinical Practice with Service Members and Veterans
- SOWK 640 – Clinical Practice with the Military Family
- SOWK 637 – Wellness, Recovery and Integrated Care
- SOWK 611 – Leadership and Management in Social Work
- SOWK 545 – Social Work Practice with Families, Groups, and Complex Cases
- SOWK 544 – Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups
- SOWK 543 – Social Work Practice with Individuals
- SOWK 525 – Foundations in Integrative Social Work Practice II
- SOWK 523 – Foundations in Integrative Social Work Practice I

*Utah Valley University*

*Adjunct Professor / 2013*

- SW 1010: Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare

## **MILITARY & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews AFB, MD*

*Chief, Behavioral Health Branch / 2011–2013*

- Directed ANG Psychological Health Program and Suicide Prevention
- Managed policy, training, contracts, and effectiveness evaluations
- Taught over 400 leaders nationally
- Oversaw 97 behavioral health staff across ANG installations
- Co-authored ANG Suicide Prevention Program instruction

*HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX*

*Chief, Wounded Warrior Program / 2008–2011*

- Directed support for 1,200+ wounded Airmen
- Served as Air Force spokesperson for wounded warrior issues
- Built program staff from 4 to 30 members
- Created the Warrior and Family Operations Center

*HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX*

*Chief, Air Force Family Research / 2005–2008*

- Directed data and evaluation for 1,200+ family support professionals
- Created web tools saving \$1.5M in Air Force resources
- Led training and quality assurance efforts for support programs

*5th Medical Group, Minot AFB, ND*

*Mental Health Flight Commander / 2001–2002*

- Supervised three outpatient clinics: mental health, substance abuse, family advocacy
- Launched behavioral health optimization in primary care
- Responded to 9/11 attacks; earned Meritorious Service Medal

*35th Medical Group, Misawa AB, Japan*  
*Mental Health Flight Commander | 1998–2001*

- Directed outpatient mental health and prevention services
- Created first CISM team for Misawa AB
- Led 300% increase in tobacco cessation participation

*92nd Medical Group, Fairchild AFB, WA*  
*Chief, Substance Abuse Program | 1995–1998*

- Managed substance abuse treatment and prevention program
- Led team through JCAHO inspection, earned 'Outstanding' rating

*30th Medical Group, Vandenberg AFB, CA*  
*Chief, Social Work Services | 1992–1995*

- Launched first fully staffed Family Advocacy Program at Vandenberg
- Conducted therapy and taught psychoeducational classes

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Bringhurst, D. L. (2005). Predicting Psychotherapy Outcomes using Various Client and Treatment Variables. *Doctoral Dissertation*, University of Utah.

Bringhurst, D. L., Watson, C. W., Miller, S. D., & Duncan, B. L. (2006). The reliability and validity of the Outcome Rating Scale. *Journal of Brief Therapy*, 5(1), 23–29.

2011 – Air Force Wounded Warrior Program Instruction (Principle editor and contributor)

2012 – Air National Guard Psychological Health Program Standard Operating Procedure (Principal Editor and contributor)

2012 – Reserve Component Suicide Postvention Plan: A Toolkit for Commanders (ANG contributor)

2012 – Air Force Suicide Prevention Program Instruction (AFI-90-505) (ANG contributor)

Bringhurst, D. L., & Kaiser, S. (2019). Warrior care programs. In E. L. Weiss & C. A. Castro (Eds.), *American Military Life in the 21st Century (Vol 2)*. ABC-CLIO.

Bringhurst, D. L., & Kaiser, S. (2022). Clinical Practice with the Military Family and Children. In *Social Worker's Desk Reference (3rd ed.)*. Oxford University Press.

Bringhurst, D. L. & Dyson, Y. D. (2024). Council on Social Work Education Competency 6 Task Force Co-Chair for updating *Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Military Social Work*.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2001- Air Combat Command Outstanding Field Grade Social Worker of the Year Award

2008 - Certificate of Appreciation from the Chairman of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), for leadership and initiative in conducting a portion of the San Antonio Area CFC

2008 - Designated a "Hero of TRICARE" by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, for "outstanding support" in launching and managing the DoD Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Active Duty Military Personnel

2009 - Letter of Appreciation from the Director of the Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, for "collaborative partnership" and "commitment" to the Real Warriors Campaign

2010 - Certificate of Recognition from the DCS, Manpower and Personnel, for "invaluable Service" as Command Staff to US Air Force Warrior Games Team, at the inaugural DoD Warrior Games, Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO

2010 - Letter of Appreciation from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for sharing wounded warrior hiring best practices at the first National Capitol Region Wounded Warrior Hiring and Support Conference

2010 - "Coined" by Naval Sea Systems Command Commander, for serving as a panel member at National Capitol Region Wounded Warrior Hiring and Support Conference

2010 - HQ Air Force Personnel Center, Directorate of Personnel Services, Field Grade Officer of the Year

2011 - Certificate of Recognition from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, for "outstanding service" to the US Air Force Warrior Games Team, Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO

2011- Certificate of Appreciation from the Army Warrior Transition Command Commander, for "outstanding support" during the Wounded Warrior Federal Employment Conference, Ft Belvoir, VA

2011 - Letter of Appreciation from the Commander of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (AF ISR) Agency, for "tremendous contribution" to the Agency's Squadron Commanders Course

AF Outstanding Unit Award (Twice)

AF Organizational Excellence Award

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2009 - Coalition for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Stakeholders; Roundtable Panel Member

2009 - Security Forces Senior Leaders Training Conference; Subject: Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

2009 - Quality of Life Foundation (Nonprofit); panel member representing United States Air Force Wounded Warrior Program. Subject: Military Services Wounded Warrior Program Perspectives Regarding the Most Important Components of a Community Resource Coordinator Program

2009 - Uniformed Services Social Workers 24th annual conference, "When Veterans Come Home: Partnering for the Challenges of Individual, Family and Community Reintegration"; Senior Enlisted leadership session panel member; Subject: Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

2010 - National Capitol Region Wounded Warrior Hiring and Support Conference Panel member; Subject: Air Force Wounded Warrior Program Hiring Initiative Best Practice

2011 - Wounded Warrior Federal Employment Conference, presentation and panel member; Subject: *Air Force Wounded Warrior Hiring Initiative Best Practice*

## TEACHING HISTORY

2013 – Present | Assistant and Associate professor of social work teaching clinical practice courses, in particular, military social work courses (See Professional Experience section above)

2011 – 2012 | Intermediate Development Course; Subject: *ANG Psychological Health Program and Suicide Prevention*

2011 – 2012 | Commander Development Course; Subject: *ANG Psychological Health Program and Suicide Prevention*

2011 – 2012 | Chiefs' Executive Council; Subject: *ANG Psychological Health Program and Suicide Prevention*

2008 | Airman and Family Readiness Training Summit; Subject: *Air Force Family Integrated Results and Statistical Tracking Updates and Usages*

2009 | Train the Trainers for new Airman and Family Readiness Qualification Course; Subject: *Conducting Assessments/Data Collection/Family Integrated Results and Statistical Tracking*

2008 – 2011 | Personnel Squadron Commanders Course; Subject: *Air Force Wounded Warrior Program*

2006 – 2008 | Instructor to Family Support Core Compliance Experts in Transition Assistance and Employment, at the National Veteran's Training Institute; Subject: *Family Integrated Results and Statistical Tracking*

2006 – 2008 | Airmen and Family Readiness Qualification Course Curriculum at Air University; Subject: *Individual Consultations and Family Integrated Results and Statistical Tracking*

1992 – 2013 | Psychoeducation and public trainings on suicide prevention, child and spouse abuse reporting and detection, stress management, anger management, parenting skills, and well-being

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

2009 - Joint Interagency Strategic Working Group for the Transition Assistance Program, Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy; Subject: Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

2009 - Uniformed Services Social Workers 24th annual conference, theme "When Veterans Come Home: Partnering for the Challenges of Individual, Family and Community Reintegration" Subject: Poster presentation on the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

2010 - in conjunction with 14th Annual Smart Marriages Conference, Air Force Training Day for Airman and Family Readiness Center Community Readiness Consultants; Subject: In Sickness and In Health: Supporting Wounded Warriors

2010 - Recovery Care Coordinator Training; Subject: Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

2011 - Recovery Care Coordinator Training; Subject: Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

2012 - Department of Defense and Veteran's Affairs Suicide Prevention Conference; Subject: ANG Suicide Prevention Program

2012 - Hosted Wing Directors of Psychological Health Annual Training Conference; Subject: Establishing an Air National Guard Psychological Health Program (PHP)

2012 - Readiness Frontiers (Air National Guard Medical Services annual training); State Air Surgeons; Nursing Association; Commanders, Group Superintendents, and High Tech; ANG Wing Directors of Psychological Health (PHP); State/Wing Directors of Psychological Health; Multiple presentations: National Guard Behavioral Health Initiatives; Question and Answer with ANG PHP Leadership; ANG PHP; and National Guard Bureau Joint Contract

Bringhurst, D.L., DeCoster, V., Simmons, C.A. & Weiss, E.L. (2014). *Boots to books: Promoting the success of students who are veterans, (Think tank presentation)*, Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), 60th Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, Florida.

Bringhurst, D.L. (2015). *Military social work: A practical primer*. A professional education course and presentation via webinar series: National Association of Social Work (NASW).

Bringhurst, D., Zaleski, K., & Simmons, C. A., (2016). *The nonmilitary social worker's guide to treating clients with military sexual trauma*. Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Bringhurst, D., Bush, S., Cardinal, L., & Song, K. (2017, October). *Implementing veteran friendly teaching approaches in the virtual social work classroom*. Workshop presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Dallas, TX.

Bush, S., Cardinal, L. **Bringhurst, D.**, & Song, K. (2018, September). *Bridging the cultural gap between civilian social work educators and student veterans*. Workshop presented at Military Social Work Conference. Austin, TX.

Cardinal, L., **Bringhurst, D.** Bush, S. & Song, K. (2018, November). *Integrating military and civilian cultures in the MSW classroom through interprofessional approaches*. Workshop presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Orlando, FL.

## **MEDIA**

Bringhurst, D. & Bridges, M. (2018). Family matters: Strengthening relationships. *VALOR*, Issue (02/2018), pp. 30-33.

Bringhurst, D., Bringhurst, S., & Bridges, M. (2018). Family matters: Child's play. *VALOR*, Issue (05/2018), pp. 31-35.

Toone, A., Bringhurst, D., & Bridges, M. (2018). Family matters: Caring for the givers. *VALOR*, Issue (08/2018), pp. 6-9.

Bringhurst, D., Bringhurst, S., & Bridges, M. (2018). Vets helping vets: Peer-to-peer service opportunities benefit both server and those served. *VALOR*, Issue (10/2018), pp. 14-

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2005 | Dissertation – *Predicting Psychotherapy Outcomes using Various Client and Treatment Variables*

2006 | *Replication Reliability and Validity Study of the Outcome Rating Scale* (primary investigator)

2005-2008 | Service Liaison to the DoD Lifestyle Assessment Program: *Unit Level Substance Abuse Survey; 2008 DoD Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Active Duty Military Personnel*

2011 – 2013 | DoD Suicide Prevention Office, *Suicide Prevention and Resiliency Resources Inventory* (SPRRI; ANG data contributor)

2012 | *Initial Evaluation of Three National Guard Psychological Health Programs* (data contributor)

2005-2013 | *Air Force Community Assessment* (Airman & Family Readiness HQ and ANG contributor)

2013 | *Defense Center of Excellence Psychological Health Effectiveness Initiative* (pilot study); ANG component participant

2015 | *Trauma Informed Care – Lemonade for Life – Parenting Through Childhood Stress* (pilot study); Faculty advisor to MSW student Nicole Barnes as part of the Eastern Iowa Western Illinois Trauma Informed Care Consortium

## **PRIOR PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

National Association of Social Workers

Council on Social Work Education

American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work

American Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)

## **LANGUAGES**

*Cantonese Chinese*: speaking-barely conversational, reading-extremely limited (previously 700 characters), writing-none

*Mandarin Chinese*: Studied two years; speaking-extremely limited, reading-extremely limited (previously 700 characters), writing-none

*Japanese*: speaking-studied one year, reading-studied one year, and writing-studied one year; lived in Japan 1998-2001. Currently no skills.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Church ambassador. Volunteer service in Hong Kong and Macao, China (1984 – 1986). Provided services to improve well-being, taught life improvement lessons, taught English; served in positions of progressive leadership responsibility over other volunteers.
- Multiple church leadership positions, including counselor to congregation pastor, leader of men's organization (multiple times); teaching, and service activities; organizing visits and service to 100 plus families; angel tree coordinator; food drive volunteer; organized monthly visits for 132 families to check on temporal and spiritual well-being of congregation members.



- Boy Scouts of America volunteer: Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, Troop Committee Member, WEBELOS Den Leader, Charter Organization Representative.
- Participation in Polynesian clubs, dance groups, alumni associations; provided entertainment, dancing, singing and social support.
- Volleyball player; volunteer coach for girls' youth volleyball team
- Volunteer coach for youth basketball team

## **REFERENCES**

Ruth Gerritsen-McKane, PhD

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