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EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

PhD in Social Welfare Policy Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
May 2020 School of Social Welfare
Dissertation *A Quantitative Study of Caregiving for Community Dwelling Older Adults with Dementia and Frailty in New York State*

M.S. in Social Work Columbia University, New York, NY
May 1993 Concentration: Clinical Practice

B.S. in Social Work State University of New York at Albany
May 1991 Albany, NY

Research Areas

Social Policy, Aging Policy, Caregiving, Family Practice, Social Work Practice, Clinical Social Work, Mental Health, Social Work Theory, Social Work Education and Field Work

Licensure

New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker #074620
Academy of Certified Social Workers
Supervision in Field Instruction

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stony Brook University
Clinical Instructor (2016 - Present)

Social Work Practice I

Social Work Practice II

- Develop and present weekly lectures for 25-30 Masters-level students
- Identify course readings and multimedia content including documentaries and short video clips to support instruction
- Provide individualized evaluation on all assignments and classroom activities

Psychopathology and Psychopharmacology

- Reformatted course content for asynchronous online instruction
- Create weekly discussion board questions for 25-30 Masters-level students
- Create and evaluated all student assessments

Co-Instructor (1/2015-5/2015)

Advanced Social Work Macro Practice

- Instructed graduate students to advance skill-based knowledge and engagement in social work practice to foster social change
- Developed learning activities to help students understand community needs assessments
- Assisted in grading assignments and maintaining course documents

Teaching Assistant (8/2014-12/2014)

Social Work Practice II

- Assisted in the development of class learning activities
- Provided individualized feedback to students on class assignments

Touro College Graduate School of Social Work

Adjunct Lecturer (1/2017- 5/2017)

- Instructed graduate course on Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Hofstra University

Adjunct Lecturer (1/2012-5/2013)

- Instructed undergraduate course Aging and Long Term Care
- Instructed graduate courses in Gerontology: Adult Education and Public Health: Aging and Community Needs Assessments
- Developed course curriculum
- Selected course materials and textbooks, created course exams and graded exams and papers

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Stony Brook University

Field Liaison (8/2019 - Present)

- Coordinate and consult with field agencies, field instructors and 25 Masters-level students to monitor student's educational growth, foster progress and assist students in overcoming field related challenges
- Monthly contact with field instructors and students to assess progress
- Conduct annual field visits and evaluate written course assignments

Academic Advisor (8/2019 - Present)

- Provide academic support and mentoring to 30 first year Masters-level students
- Conduct individual and group advising sessions to explore specialization and career opportunities

Admissions Advisor (1/2019 Present)

- Evaluate applications for admission to the undergraduate and graduate social work program

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, August 2013-2015

Stony Brook University, School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook NY

Performed Research under Dr. Pamela Linden on the implementation of Suffolk County Felony Youth Part

Research Assistant, June 2013-2015

Stony Brook University, School of Medicine, Stony Brook NY

Performed Research under Dr. Suzanne Fields with the SUNY Network Aging Partnership investigating frailty in subjects with dementia. Promoted from a for credit practicum to a paid research assistant.

Event Coordinator, October 2016

Aging in Place in Suburbia: A Working Summit

Coordinated the planning and development of panel presentations and managed all aspects of the event

Conference Presenter, November 2015

"Meeting the Challenges of Obtaining IRB Approval for Research with Elderly Persons with Dementia", Gerontological Society of America, Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Counselors of New York

Clinical Social Worker (7/2019- Present)

- Provide in home clinical services to older adults in Nassau County
- Conduct weekly counseling sessions to address specific treatment goals as well as everyday concerns

Hatzilu Rescue Organization

Executive Director (2/2008 – 12/2013)

- Managed all aspects of the organizations daily operations
- Worked closely with the Board of Directors on the agency's budget, fundraising, outreach and public relations efforts
- Oversaw the committees responsible for food and financial distribution
- Supervised the Social Work committee including intake and assessment of new clients and ongoing monitoring and evaluating of all clients

Mid-Island Y JCC

Director of Family and Adult Services (2/2008 – 11/2012)

- Responsible for daily supervision of program staff consisting of 15 program staff within six areas including: Seniors, Alzheimer's Respite, Social Work Internship Program, Plainview-Old Bethpage Cares (NNORC), Project P.A.C.E. (NNORC) and Individual and Group Services
- Advise and assist in the development of fund-raising proposals
- Conduct mid-year and year-end evaluations of staff and student interns

Assistant Director of Adult Services (6/2007 - 2/2008)

- Oversaw facilitators and functioning of our open and closed support groups
- Supervised Social Work student interns

Program Director Plainview Old Bethpage Cares (9/2004 - 6/2007)

- Manage the daily activities of volunteers providing various services to the elderly in the community
- Network with community leaders in an effort to establish on-going relationships to expand to meet the needs of the aging population

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- National Association of Social Workers
- Gerontological Society of America
- Council on Social Work Education