

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Effective communicator, having gained experience in classroom instruction since 2009.
- Experienced in both residential and online instruction having taught in both modalities beginning in 2009 (residential) and 2013 (online).
- Accomplished field practitioner in Social work. I have been working in the field as a licensed social worker since 2006. I engaged in full time field practice until moving into higher education in April 2013.
- Experienced in medical social work as well as areas of aging, geriatrics, grief and bereavement.
- Integral part of planning and implementing the online BSW program now being offered in Indiana Wesleyan University's National and Global program.
- Experienced in both instruction and assessment of Social work curriculum and outcome measures as determined by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Social Work – Capella University, graduated 2020
- Master of Social Work – University of Michigan, graduated December, 2005
 - Dual Concentration: Interpersonal Practice and Aging
- Bachelor of Science in Social Work – Indiana Wesleyan University, graduated April 2004, *Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- McGregor Fellowship in Geriatric Social Work, University of Michigan
- Certificate in Aging, University of Michigan
- Phi Alpha Honor Society, Social Work

ACADEMIC / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ***Associate Professor of Social Work*** – Fall 2015 to present, Indiana Wesleyan University, CAS

- **Residential courses taught:**
 - *SOC 150: Principles of Sociology*
 - *SOC 150FYB: Principles of Sociology FYE*
 - *SOC 152: Social Problems*
 - *SOC 410: Sociology Seminar: Aging in America*
 - *SOC 410: Sociology Seminar: Death, Loss & Grief*
 - *SWK 555: Social Work Practice I*
 - *SWK 357: Social Work Practice III*
 - *SOC 482: Social Research*
 - *SWK 335: Social Welfare Organizations*
 - *SWK 343: Human Behavior and the Social Environment II*
 - *SWK 370: Senior Field Placement Seminar I*
 - *SWK 470: Senior Field Placement Seminar II*
 - *SKW 291: Urban Encounter for the Helping Professions*
 - *SWK 660: Social Welfare Policy / Program Development*
 - *SWK 665: Leadership, Administration & Supervision*
- **National & Global courses taught:**
 - *PSY 150: General Psychology*
 - *SWK 357: BSW Social Work Practice III*
 - *SWK 661: MSW Research Proposal I*
 - *SWK 662: MSW Research Proposal II*
 - *SWK 356: MSW Social Work Practice II*
 - *SWK 335: MSW Social Policy/Welfare Organizations*
- **Administrative Faculty** - April 2013 – Fall 2015, Indiana Wesleyan University, National & Global
 - **Field Director for Bachelor of Social Work Online**
 - **Practicum Coordinator for Bachelor of Addictions Counseling Online (BACO)**
 - **Courses taught:**
 - *BACO Practicum Field Seminar*
 - *GEN-111*
- **Adjunct Faculty** – Fall 2009 – Fall 2015, Indiana Wesleyan University, CAS
 - **Courses taught:** *Social Work Practice III*
- **Guest Lecturer** -
 - **Indiana Wesleyan University** – Guest Speaker for courses including *Death & Dying, Marriage & Family, Social Work Practice I, Social Problems.*
 - **IVY Tech** - Guest speaker for human services curriculum, speaking on *Death, Loss and Grief*

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE / CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS:

- Licensed Social Worker at the Master's Level for the State of Indiana (#33005321A)
- Certificate as a Specialist in Aging
- Chair of Indiana Wesleyan University Social Work Advisory Board since 2021 (Member since 2009)
- Active participant in the Indiana Wesleyan University Social Work Coordinating Council

- Current member of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Current member of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW)
- Faculty liaison for the Indiana Wesleyan University Chapter of the Social Work National Honor Society, Phi Alpha

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS:

- *Advanced Directives*
Marion General Hospital – Parish Nursing, Marion IN
- *Compassion Care: Supporting your Patients in the Valley of Shadows*
St Vincent Mercy Hospital – Elwood, IN
- *Boundaries in Non-Dating relationships* – panel speaker
Indiana Wesleyan University - Scripture Hall Sister to Sister series
- *Transitions* – panel speaker
Indiana Wesleyan University – Beckett Hall Breakfast Club series
- *Compassion Care: Helping the Interdisciplinary Team Support Their Patients*
NACSW 69th Annual Convention – Indianapolis, IN
- *Facilitating Resilience in Social Work: An Action Research Approach*
Dissertation – ProQuest, March, 2020
- *Companioning Through the Fog of Grief: Understanding and Supporting Individuals Through Their Grief Journey*
American Association of Service Coordinators National Conference – Indianapolis, IN

SERVICE: CAMPUS/COMMUNITY

- **Director, Bachelor of Social Work Program (CAS)** –Fall 2020 - present
- **SNHP Curriculum Committee** – IWU Marion Campus – Fall 2024 – present
- **Academic Policies Committee** – IWU Marion Campus - Spring 2017 – 2019
- **Case Review Board** – Life Calling and Integrative Learning – IWU Marion campus – 2016 – 2020
- **First Year Experience (FYE)** – Faculty participant since 2016
- **Faculty sponsor for Phi Alpha Honor Society** –IWU Marion Campus – 2018 – present
- **Poverty Simulation Task Force** – IWU Marion Campus - Interdivisional - 2020
- **Superintendent’s Advisory Board** - Oak Hill Public Schools – Spring 2021 - 2022
- **Assistant Sunday School Superintendent** – Fair Havens Christian Missionary Alliance, Kokomo, IN – 2015 – 2020
- **Children’s church leader** – Fair Havens Christian Missionary Alliance, Kokomo, IN – 2016 - 2020
- **Worship Team Member** – Fair Havens Christian Missionary Alliance, Kokomo, IN – 2006 - present
- **Sunday School Superintendent** – Fair Havens Christian Missionary Alliance, Kokomo, IN – 2024 – present