

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1987 - Ph.D. Social Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Washington
Dissertation: The Influence of Social Support on Health-promoting Behaviors during Pregnancy
- 1981 - M.S.W., School of Social Work, San Diego State University
Concentration: Gerontological Social Work
- 1979 - B.A., Sociology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

POSITIONS TO DATE

*Lecturer, Office of Field Education
School of Social Work, University of Washington
July 1, 2017 – present*

Incorporate School of Social Work mission focus on social justice in all roles and tasks, including field education policy, curriculum development, agency selection, placement design, student teaching and mentoring, and Field Instructor training, mentoring and agency advising

- Interview, assess and advise students regarding field placement
- Recruit, develop and capacity build field placements and field instructors
- Act as Liaison for field instructors, task supervisors and students
- Curriculum development and instruction of SW 524
- Serve on the Field Education Advisory Council

Co-Lead, Field Education: MSW Extended Degree Program

- Coordinate/assign EDP students to Field Faculty
- Practicum coordination and liaison in Seattle, Portland and greater Washington
- Develop MSW placements for the specialized needs of EDP students
- Develop and teach the EDP Introduction to Field Education course
- Attend all EDP student cohort meetings

Research in progress: “On Becoming a Social Worker: Exploring Professional Identity through Field Education and Practice”

Special Project: collaboration between the SSW, WSECU, Roots and New Horizons to develop and support specialized field placements focused on financial literacy development for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness

SSW Committees 2016 -present

Co-Chair SSW Art Committee – 2016 - present
MSW Admissions Committee – 2017 - present
Health and Safety Committee – beginning Fall 2018
MLK Awards and Recognition – 2018 - present
SSW Career Fair – 2018
SSW Scholarship Auction – 2017 - present

***Off-Site Field instructor
School of Social Work, University of Washington
Spring 2016 – Spring 2018***

- Provide Field Instruction/ MSW supervision for 17 students over three years through a minimum of one – two hours of weekly, in-person direct contact as well as frequent additional in-person and phone consultation
 - Mentor, advise and support task supervisors and agency personnel
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***Director of Field Education
School of Social Work, University of Washington
1995-1999***

- Support and supervision of all Field Faculty and Program Coordinator
- Provide curriculum and administrative oversight for Office of Field Education
- Complete Field Education component of self-study in preparation for re-accreditation
- Develop/implement field education policies in collaboration with SSW faculty
- Assign practicum coordination and liaison responsibilities to all field faculty
- Develop and implement curricula for student orientation and field instructor training
- Advise, monitor and consequence all concerns/challenges regarding student performance
- Update and maintain all field education manuals, policies and documents
- Recruit, develop and advise field placements
- Provide practicum coordination and agency liaison to a small group of students and agencies
- Plan events for agencies and field instructors service recognition

Field Faculty
School of Social Work, University of Washington
1991-1995

- Provide practicum coordination for MSW students
- Act as Liaison for agencies with students in placement
- Participate in sub-committees or special projects in field education
- Provide guidance and mediation in student/field instructor conflict

Course Instruction 1990-1999

Human Services Practice II
Advanced Human Services Practice
Advanced Social Work Research I
Advanced Social Work Practice II

School Committees 1990-1999

Practicum Coordinating Committee
Practicum Advisory Council
Health/Mental Health Concentration Committee
Multi-Ethnic Practice Concentration Committee
Committee on Diversity
Curriculum Committee
Committee on Academic Programs
M.S.W. Admissions Committee
M.S.W. Student Orientation Committee
Faculty Advisor – People Concerned with Jewish Issues

Lecturer
Human Services Program
Western Washington University
1990-1991

Course Instruction

Applied Research Methods

***Associate Director of Field Education
Dept. of Social Work, San Jose State University
1988-1990***

Co-Chair, Advisory Council to Field Education Committee

Co-Chair, Field Education Committee

- Assign practicum coordination and field liaison duties to field faculty
- Recruit, assess and monitor agency field placements
- Provide advising and guidance in response to student concerns
- Plan and implement appreciation/development events for agencies and field instructors
- Collaborate with classroom faculty to coordinate and integrate field and class content

Course Instruction 1986-1990

Methods of Transcultural Practice I

Research Design in Social Work

Social Welfare Institutions and Policies II

Research Supervision

Special Research Project Committee Chairperson

Faculty Field Liaison

School Committees

Curriculum Committee

Administrative Planning Committee

Research Committee

Field Education Committee

English Writing Skills Competency Committee

University Committees

Faculty Mentor Program

Committee on Improvement of Instruction

Committee on Student Outcome Assessment

School of Social Work Re-Accreditation Committees

Research Sequence

Methods Sequence

Services to Families and Children Specialization

Special Projects for the School of Social Work

Alumni Survey - B.S.W. Program

Alumni Survey - M.S.W. Program

Graduate Advisor 1989-1990

- Provide academic advisement to 225 M.S.W. students

Clinical Faculty
School of Social Work and Department of Neonatal Biology
University of Washington
1985-1986

University of Washington Pediatric Pulmonary Training Grant (November 1985 to April 1986).
- Assessment, intervention, information and referral services for patients/families in Children's Hospital Pediatric Pulmonary Clinic

Doctoral Fellow
School of Social Work and Department of Neonatal Biology
University of Washington
1983-1985

University of Washington, Pediatric Pulmonary Training Grant
- Assessment, support, psychoeducation, information and referral for women and their families receiving services in the University of Washington Medical Center High-Risk Pregnancy Clinic

Resident Director
Department of Residential Life, University of Washington
1982-1983

- Director of residence hall with 1100 students
 - Assess and implement appropriate intervention for all students in crisis
 - Instruct and supervise twenty staff re. mental illness, substance use, sexual assault, interpersonal violence, crisis intervention
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Psychiatric Social Worker
Metropolitan State Hospital – Norwalk, CA
1981- 1982

- Unit social worker serving elderly women in long-term inpatient psychiatric care

Professional Affiliations

National Association of Social Workers
Council on Social Work Education
North American Network of Field Educators and Directors
Northwest Field Consortium
International Federation of Social Workers

Honors

1983-1986 Pediatric Pulmonary Fellowship
1985, Gatzert Child Welfare Fellowship
1989, San Jose State University Department of Social Work Faculty Recognition Award

Publications

Kramer, B., Wrenn, R., (1994) "The blending of andragogical and pedagogical teaching methods in advanced social work practice courses". *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, Volume 10, (Numbers) 1 and 2.

Merdinger, J., Miller, D., Parry, J., & Miller Wrenn., R. (1991) "The elderly and the very young: A cooperative endeavor". *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, Volume 17, (Numbers 1 and 2).

Gonzales del Valle, A., Merdinger, J., Miller Wrenn,R., Miller, D. (1991)
"The field practicum and transcultural practice: An integrated model". *Journal of Multicultural Social Work*, (Volume 1, Number 3).

Merdinger, J., Miller Wrenn, R., & Parry J. (1990) "Student social workers and AIDS: A complex professional challenge". *Arete*, (Volume 15, Number 2).

Presentations

Gran-O'Donnell, S. (Presenter) (July, 2018). (representing research in progress with) Mello, S., Wrenn, R., Barton, V., Mwamba,K. *On becoming a social worker: Exploring professional identity through field education and practice*. Poster Session, International Federation of Social Workers Annual Conference.

Merdinger, J., Miller Wrenn, R., Parry, J., (March,1989). *Student social workers and AIDS: A complex professional challenge*, CSWE Annual Program Meeting.

Gonzales del Valle, A., Merdinger, J., Miller Wrenn, R., Miller, D. (March,1989). *Transcultural practice: Values, knowledge, and structure essential to field education*. CSWE Annual Program Meeting.

Merdinger, J., Miller, D., Parry, J., & Miller Wrenn, R. (September,1987). *The elderly and the very young: A cooperative endeavor*. NASW Annual Meeting of the Profession.

Miller Wrenn, R. (September 1986). *The impact of social support on health-promoting behaviors during pregnancy*. NASW Clinical Social Work Annual Conference.