

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Diplomate in Clinical Social Work**

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## I. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE:

*Board Certified in Pain Management (Fellow Status) -*

American Academy of Pain Management - February, 1992

*Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW) -*

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - 1987

*Register of Clinical Social Workers (Registration #024520) -*

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - December, 1986

*Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) (Licensure #S04367) -*

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners - May, 1985

*Independent Private Practitioner Recognition Status -*

Texas Department of Health - May, 1985

*Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW) -*

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - May, 1982

## II. EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

*Completed Intensive Training on Managing and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues in Cultural Diversity*

National Multicultural Institute, Washington, DC

June 20-24, 2002

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*Completed Comprehensive Course on Teaching Stress Management and Relaxation Skills*  
La Crosse Exercise Program, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, Wisconsin,  
November 10-14, 1985

*Masters in Social Work - Social Treatment Concentration*  
Graduate School of Social Work, University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
May, 1980

*Bachelor of Science Degree in Business*  
University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
May, 1977

**III. TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

*Clinical Professor – University of Houston – Graduate College of Social Work*  
*Fall, 2010 to present*

*Clinical Associate Professor – University of Houston – Graduate College of Social Work*  
*Fall, 2005 to Summer, 2010*

*Clinical Assistant Professor - University of Houston - Graduate School of Social Work*  
*Fall, 1997 – Summer, 2005*

*Visiting Faculty - University of Houston - Graduate School of Social Work*  
*Fall, 1993 – Summer, 1997*

During the period of Fall, 1993 through Summer, 1997 have served a year to year appointment as a full-time Visiting Instructor to the Graduate School of Social Work; in Fall, 1997 received an appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor, promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in fall, 2005, and promoted to Clinical Professor in Fall, 2010; have contributed practice experience in the ongoing teaching of such courses as Grief and Bereavement Therapy, Crisis Intervention, Social Work Practice, Social Work Practice with Families, Multicultural Practice, Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents; have developed a Distance Education Course on Grief and Bereavement which received outstanding reviews by students and community professionals; in 2009 designed three new practice elective courses – Practice Issues in Clinical Social Work, Professional Self-Care & Social Work and Trauma and Social Work Practice; in January, 2011 to present currently serving as Director/Principal Investigator on a national collaborative project with seven other graduate schools of social work with an initiative to train social work students in child trauma; have held membership on committees such as Bilingual Scholarship Committee, Merit Review, Children and Families Concentration, School Social Work Task Force, Student Affairs Committee, Dean's Search Committee, and was elected as Chair of the Admissions

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Committee in academic years 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010; have responsibilities as field liaison to several field agencies; served as faculty advisor to the Student Association in 1996-1997; currently serve as faculty advisor to the Clinical Leadership Society (student organization); also have provided direct guidance to several student independent study projects on topics such as grief, traumatic grief, suicide, and school social work; have also been recognized by graduating social work students as Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2008, and 2009; Mentor of the Year for 2007; and has been selected by graduating social work students of 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 to perform the master's hooding at graduation.

*Adjunct Faculty - University of Houston - Graduate School of Social Work  
Fall 1990 – Spring, 1993*

Served as Adjunct Faculty for several semesters at the Graduate School of Social Work; taught practice related courses such as Social Treatment I and Social Treatment IV.

*Adjunct Faculty - University of Houston Clear Lake - Counseling Education  
Spring, 1990 – Summer 1995*

Served as Adjunct Faculty for several semesters in the Counseling Education Department; developed and taught an elective course on Crisis Intervention to graduate students.

*Adjunct Faculty - University of Houston Clear Lake - Human Sciences and Humanities  
Fall, 1987 – Fall, 1991*

Served as Adjunct Faculty for several semesters in the Human Sciences and Humanities Department; developed and taught an undergraduate course on Crisis Intervention which was designed as an introductory course to a field practicum experience with the Crisis Hotline.

#### **IV. CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:**

*Clinical Social Worker/Clinical Supervisor/Consultant/Expert Witness  
Sandra A. Lopez LCSW, ACSW, Houston, Texas  
2/87 to present*

As a **Clinical Social Worker** provide psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and families within a clinical social work practice setting; primary specialization in grief therapy with children and adults, individuals and families; specific expertise in working with families having suffered sudden and unexpected losses of a traumatic nature (such as accidents, homicides, and suicides).

As a **Clinical Supervisor** have provided clinical supervision for licensing under the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners to almost 40 social workers in a variety of settings including

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Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority, Children's Protective Services, Children's Assessment Center, Kelsey Seybold Hospital, and others.

As a **Consultant**, provide professional training, program development services, and professional consultation to a wide range of settings such as educational, corporate, public, community, medical and social services; specific consultation services include program evaluation, program development and program planning; programs have included areas such as promoting healthy lifestyle or wellness (stress management, interpersonal communication, relaxation); conflict management and resolution; teambuilding, group problem solving, management team building, and strategic planning; have worked with educational systems to plan and develop appropriate programs for crisis management and crisis intervention; and to develop peer support programs for students, as well as have provided interventions to educational systems and communities in the aftermath of tragic and traumatic deaths.

As an **Expert Witness** in the field of grief and bereavement, especially traumatic grief, provide assessments/evaluations, expert review, and expert testimony. The purpose of the evaluation is to provide comprehensive assessments of reactions and experiences of grieving individuals and families in the aftermath of tragic or traumatic losses. Two other areas of expert work include providing expert testimony related to the psychosocial adjustment of patient and family to a variety of traumatic medical conditions; and in cases related to the professional standards of care within the clinical social work profession.

*Clinical Social Worker*

*St. Joseph Hospital, Social Work Department, Houston, Texas  
10/81 to 2/87*

Functioned primarily with the Cardiac Rehabilitation Inpatient and Outpatient Program; in this capacity, provided counseling and psychotherapy, relaxation skills classes, and stress management educational series to cardiac patients and their families; responsibilities also included assessment of patient's emotional state to assist in appropriate psychosocial adjustment to a variety of medical conditions. Initially worked with several medical units such as renal dialysis, pediatrics, neonatal, geriatric, medical, neurological intensive care, and surgical, to provide social work services to patients and families.

*Social Worker/Psychotherapist*

*Family Service Center, Houston, Texas  
5/80 to 10/81*

Responsible for providing individual, family, and marital and group therapy in a special project office within the Hispanic community; functioned as facilitator for adolescent groups within the school system; co-facilitated parents' education groups using STEP program (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting); presented family life education programs to community groups, and provided professional training on working with Hispanic families.

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**V. HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS:**

*Selected by Graduate Students as Faculty to Call Names of Graduates at Graduation – 2011*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May 13, 2011

*Selected as Faculty to be Commencement Speaker – 2010*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May 14, 2010

*The Community Organization and Change for Social Justice Faculty Award -2010*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May 14, 2010

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year – 2009*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May 16, 2009

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May 16, 2009

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year – 2008*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May 10, 2008

*Mentor of the Year – 2007*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May, 2007

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students - 2007*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May, 2007

*Selected and Inducted as Honorary Faculty Member of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society –*  
University of Houston – Graduate College of Social Work – April 12, 2007.

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students - 2006*  
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – May, 2006

*Honored and Recognized by the National Association of Social Workers – Texas Chapter for Outstanding Leadership within NASW and the Social Work Profession by their renaming the Annual NASW Texas Leadership Institute to the NASW Texas Sandra Lopez Leadership Institute – Award presented at the National Association of Social Workers – Texas Chapter Board of Directors Meeting – November 9, 2005.*

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students - 2005*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2005

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*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students - 2004*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2004

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 2003*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2003

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students - 2003*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2003

*Friends of Students Award for 2003*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2003

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 2002*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2002

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students - 2002*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2002

*Social Worker of the Year for 1999*  
National Association of Social Workers - Texas Chapter - November, 1999

*Nominated for the Outstanding Faculty Award for 1999*  
University of Houston Alumni Organization – July, 1999

*Social Worker of the Year for 1999*  
National Association of Social Workers - Houston Unit - March, 1999

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1999*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work - May, 1999

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1997*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work - May, 1997

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1996*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work - May, 1996

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1995*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work - May, 1995

*Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for 1991*  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Association - May, 1991

*Volunteer of the Year for 1989*

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Santa Maria Hostel

*Hispanic Social Worker of the Year for 1989*

Hispanic Social Workers of Texas

*Outstanding Young Women of America for 1987*

*Nominated as One of Houston's Women on the Move for 1986*

Sponsored by the Houston Post, Texas Executive Women & Sakowitz - October, 1986

*Selected as One of the Ten Nominees for Fiestas Patrias Hispanic Citizen of the Year for 1986*

September 16, 1986

*Recognition Award for Excellence in Humanitarian Contribution*

Social Work Program - Texas Southern University - March 28, 1985

*Recognition Award for One Thousand Hours of Service as Volunteer Telephone Counselor*

Crisis Hotline - January 30, 1982

*Listed in the 1979-1980 National Dean's List of Outstanding Students*

**VI. INVITED KEYNOTES, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS:**

*"The Supervisory Relationship" (Invited 3 Hour Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas, October 8, 2011.

*"Key Ethical Considerations in Promoting Self-Care for Healthcare Social Workers"* (Opening Keynote Address) – The Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care – Texas Chapter, Dallas, Texas, August 11, 2011.

*"Herding Cats: Leading Leaders"* (Keynote Address) – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Sandra Lopez Leadership Institute, Wyndham Garden Hotel, July 22, 2011.

*"Maximizing Opportunities for Unaccompanied Children's Services: Key to Best Practices"* (Opening Keynote Address) – Office of Refugee Resettlement National Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Houston, Texas, April 12, 2011.

*"Key Ethical Considerations in Promoting Self-Care for Healthcare Social Workers"* (Opening Keynote Address) – The Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care –

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Texas Chapter, El Paso, Texas, April 9, 2011.

*“The Challenges of Self-Care: An Ethical Dilemma” (Opening Keynote Address) – Caregiving Solutions for Vulnerable Adults in a New Decade – Older Americans Month Conference – Houston, Texas, May 28, 2010.*

*“Ethical Considerations in Professional Self-Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue & Secondary Trauma” (Invited Workshop) – NASW Lubbock Branch, Lubbock, Texas, April 16, 2010.*

*“The Many Faces of Grief: Honoring Cultural Diversity” (Opening Keynote Address) – Mourning Hope Grief Center Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 12, 2010.*

*“Key Ethical Challenges Facing Healthcare Social Workers” (Keynote Address) – Houston Area Medical Social Workers Association (HAMSWA), Texas Medical Center, Trevisio Restaurant, March 30, 2010.*

*“Celebrating the Profession of Social Work” (Keynote Address) – NASW Denton Branch Social Work Celebration, Denton, Texas, March 9, 2010.*

*“Connecting with Diversity in the Schools: Social Workers Embracing the Mosaic” (Keynote Address) – Iowa School Social Workers Association Annual Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, January 15, 2010.*

*“Ethical Considerations in Self Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue” (Invited Workshop) Iowa School Social Workers Association Annual Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, January 15, 2010.*

*“Examining the Ethics of Professional Self-Care & Social Work” (Invited Workshop)- National Association of Social Workers Houston Branch – January 7, 2010.*

*“Connecting with Diversity: Embracing the Mosaic” (Keynote Address) – National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, Marriott Denver City Center, November 15, 2009.*

*“It’s Not Bragging – Social Workers are Awesome!” (Opening Keynote Address) – National Association of Social Workers – Texas Chapter 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October 17, 2009.*

*“Social Work Supervision” (Invited Workshop) – American Association of Service Coordinators 2009 National Service Coordinator Conference, Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Chicago, Illinois, September 21, 2009.*

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*“A Forgotten People: Suicide in Older Adults” (Invited Workshop)* – American Association of Service Coordinators 2009 National Service Coordinator Conference, Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Chicago, Illinois, September 21, 2009.

*“Connecting the Dots” (Opening Address)* – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Sandra Lopez Leadership Institute, Austin, Texas, July 24, 2009.

*“Managing Stress in Disastrous Economic Times”* – 2009 National Career Development in Social Work Education Conference, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work, June 18, 2009.

*“Ethical Challenges & Tensions: Honoring Cultural Diversity in Group Practice” (Invited Workshop)* – Houston Group Psychotherapy Society 2009 Annual Institute, April 2, 2009.

*“Facing the Rigors of Professional Helping: Promoting the Practice of Professional Self-Care” (Invited Luncheon Address)* – Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority Annual Clinical Staff Conference, March 27, 2009.

*“A Forgotten People: Suicide in Older Adults” (Invited Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers National Conference: The Aging Boom: Is Your Clinical Practice Ready? Las Vegas, Nevada, March 16, 2009.

*“Key Challenges in the Aging Boom: Honoring Diversity in Older Adults” (Opening Keynote Address)* – National Association of Social Workers National Conference: The Aging Boom: Is Your Clinical Practice Ready? Las Vegas, Nevada, March 15, 2009.

*“Professional Self-Care & Social Work” (Keynote Address)* – Houston Area Medical Social Workers Association Social Work Month Celebration, March 10, 2009.

*“Connecting with Diversity in the Schools: Social Workers Embracing the Mosaic” (Opening Keynote Address)* – University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work Annual School Social Workers Conference, Austin, Texas, February 26, 2009.

*“Self-Care for the Service Provider” (Invited Opening Keynote)* – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Healthy Start Alliance Education Conference, South Padre Island, Texas, February 4, 2009.

*“The Relationship Between Ethics & Professional Self-Care” – (Invited Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Houston Branch, January 8, 2009.

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*"Ethical Considerations of Professional Self-Care"* (Invited Closing Keynote Address) – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual American Case Management Association Conference, Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas, November 19, 2008.

*"Institutional Racism & The Social Work Profession"* (Invited Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, San Luis Galveston Hotel, Galveston, Texas, November 7, 2008.

*"Compassion Fatigue"* (Invited Workshop) – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Alzheimer's Association Southeastern Virginia Chapter Education Conference, Hampton, Virginia, November 5, 2008.

*"Weaving Cultural Competency into Clinical Practice: Challenges & Conflicts (Invited Grand Rounds)"* – Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Houston, Texas, October 29, 2008.

*"Institutional Racism & The Social Work Profession"* (Invited Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers San Antonio Branch, San Antonio, Texas, September 27, 2008.

*"Institutional Racism & The Social Work Profession"* (Invited Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Sandra A. Lopez Leadership Institute, Austin, Texas, July 25, 2008.

*"Ethical Considerations in Grief Work: Understanding Compassion Fatigue & The Importance of Self-Care"* (Invited 6 hour Workshop) – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Symposium of Children's Grief Support – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Houston, Texas, June 19-21, 2008.

*"The Many Faces of Grief: Honoring Cultural Diversity"* (Invited Presentation) – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Symposium of Children's Grief Support – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Houston, June 19-21, 2008.

*"Grief and Loss in the Experience of Aging"* (Invited Presentation) – Aging Well in Our Community Without Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation, May 22, 2008.

*"Celebrating Our Profession"* (Invited Opening Keynote) - Parkland Hospital Conference, Dallas, Texas, May 21, 2008.

*"Compassion Fatigue"* (Invited Luncheon Keynote) – The Child Abuse Task Force Conference, April 3, 2008.

*"Ethical Considerations in Professional Self-Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue"* (Invited Presentation) - Texas Children's Hospital, Social Work Month, March 5, 2008.

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*"Ethical Considerations in Professional Self-Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue"- (Invited Presentation)* – Harris County Hospital District, Social Work Month, March 5, 2008.

“Compassion Fatigue & Caregivers” – *(Invited Keynote)* – 10th annual Schlichting Education Conference, February 19, 2008.

*"Maintaining Our Professional Boundaries" (Invited Workshop)* – Catholic Charities, February 20, 2008.

*"Simply the Best: Celebrating the Winner in You" (Invited Keynote)* - Memorial Hermann Hospital/TIRR Super Bowl Open House, January 30, 2008.

*"Ethical Implications for Best Practices” – (Invited Presentation)* – Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority & Houston Department of Health & Human Services Conference, George R. Brown Convention Center, January 24, 2008.

*"Key Challenges in Gerontological Social Work" (Invited Presentation)* – The Concierge, October 24, 2007.

*"Clinical Supervision” (Invited All Day Workshop)* – 2007 NASW Texas Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October, 2007.

*"Family Dynamics and the End of Life: Ethical Considerations" (Closing Plenary)* – 2007 Palliative Care Conference – Marriott Hotel, El Paso, Texas, September 29, 2007.

*"The Impact of Trauma on Social Workers: Compassion Fatigue and Secondary Traumatization” (Invited Workshop)* – 2007 NASW Texas Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October, 2007.

*"Ethical Dilemmas & Nephrology Social Work” – (Invited Luncheon Address)* - Council of Nephrology Social Work, July 24, 2007.

*"Professional Self-Care & Social Work” – (Invited Keynote)* - NASW Texas Sandra A. Lopez Leadership Institute, Austin, Texas, July 20, 2007.

*"Honoring Diversity in End of Life Care” (Invited Closing Keynote)* - A Common Thread: Weaving New Paradigms in Social Work, American Cancer Society and the Texas Partnership for End of Life Care, Austin, Texas, June 7, 2007.

*"Guiding Ethics in Clinical Practice” (Invited Workshop)* – The Children’s Assessment Center, June 5, 2007.

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*"Preventing Stress, Burnout & Compassion Fatigue through the Practice of Self-Care"*  
(Invited Presentation) – Council of Nephrology Social Work, March 27, 2007.

*"Getting to the "Heart" of Cultural Diversity"* (Keynote Presentation) – American Heart Association, Cultural Heart Initiative, Dallas, Texas, January 25, 2007.

*"Ethical Considerations in Self Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue"*  
(Invited Presentation) - Shriners Hospital for Children - University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, January 19, 2007.

*"Ethical Considerations in Self-Care"* (Invited Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers Houston Branch, January 11, 2007.

*"The Impact of Trauma on Social Workers: Working Through Compassion Fatigue and Secondary Traumatization"* (Invited Workshop) – 2006 NASW Texas Annual Conference, Arlington, Texas, October 27, 2006.

*"Clinical Supervision"* (Invited All Day Workshop) – 2006 NASW Texas Annual Conference, Arlington, Texas, October 26, 2006.

*"Understanding Stress, Burnout and Compassion Fatigue"* (Invited Workshop Presentation) – National Association of Social Workers – Kansas Chapter Annual MoKan Clinical Institute, October 13, 2006.

*"End of Life Care in the Hispanic Culture"* - (Invited Keynote) – 2006 Palliative Care Conference – Hospice El Paso, El Paso, Texas, September 16, 2006.

*"Honoring Diversity in End of Life Care"* (Invited Presentation) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference – Undaunted by Death: Social Work Practice in End of Life Care, Austin, Texas, August 31, 2006.

*"Compassion Fatigue: The Natural Consequence of Helping"* (Invited Presentation) – 2006 Annual Meeting of the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work, August 23, 2006.

*Honoring Diversity through Cultural Competence"* (Invited Keynote) – South Texas Social Work Health Care Leadership, Corpus Christi, Texas, August 18, 2006.

*"Leadership Starts Here: Discovering the Leader in You"* (Invited Keynote) – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Sandra Lopez Leadership Institute, Austin, Texas, July 28, 2006.

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*“Ethical Considerations: Understanding and Promoting Cultural Competence” (Invited Workshop)* – Girling Health Care Educational Series, July 20, 2006.

*“Understanding Compassion Fatigue” (Invited Workshop)* – University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work Continuing Education, June 9, 2006.

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Clinical Supervision” (Invited All Day Workshop)* – The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston, June 2, 2006.

*“Collaborating Through Appreciation of Diversity” (Invited Workshop)* – 2006 Conference: Growth Through Diversity, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas, May 17, 2006.

*“Appreciating Diversity and Promoting Cultural Competence” (Invited Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers – Montana Conference, Hot Springs Resort, Montana – April 8, 2006.

*“The Art, Practice, and Challenges of Clinical Supervision” (Invited Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers – Montana Conference, Hot Springs Resort, Montana – April 8, 2006.

*“Clinician Heal Thyself: Assessing and Addressing Vicarious Traumatization” (Invited All Day Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers – Montana Conference, Hot Springs Resort, Montana – April 7, 2006

*“Cultural Competence” (Invited Presentations)* – American Hospice - Series of Presentations for National Social Work Month, Houston, Texas, March 10, 15, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 2006.

*“Ethical Issues in Clinical Supervision” (Invited Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers – Galveston Branch, Galveston, Texas – March 16, 2006.

*“The Power of Social Work: Rediscovering Our Passion” (Invited Keynote)* – National Association of Social Workers – New Mexico 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 22, 2006.

*“The Impact of Trauma on Helping Professionals: Working Through Compassion Fatigue and Secondary Traumatization” (Invited Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers – New Mexico 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 22, 2006.

*“Ethical Considerations in Self Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue” – (Invited Keynote)* - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Palliative Care Symposium, Marriott Hotel, El Paso, Texas, September 10, 2005.

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- “Developing Critical Competencies for Addressing Challenges of the Future” – (Invited Keynote) - Association of Oncology Social Work 21<sup>st</sup> National Conference, Hyatt Regency, Austin, Texas, May 11, 2005.*
- “Balancing Informed Consent with Cultural Sensitivity” (Invited Keynote) – American Hospice/Voyager Hospice Care Second Annual Palliative Care Symposium, Park Plaza Hotel, Houston, Texas, November 12, 2004.*
- “Clinical Supervision” (1 ½ Day Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas, October 22-23, 2004.*
- Viva la Cultura Hispana: Celebrating our Strengths and Resiliency” (Closing Plenary) – 2004 Hispanic Family Conference, University of Houston Hilton Conference Center, September 28, 2004.*
- “Identifying the Critical Challenges in Moving Towards Cultural Competence” (General Session Keynote) – The Society for Social Work Leadership in Healthcare Texas Chapter Annual State Conference, September 20, 2004.*
- “Identifying the Critical Challenges in Moving Towards Cultural Competence” (Keynote Address) – National Association of Social Workers – Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 20, 2004.*
- “A Challenge to Social Work: An Invitation to Create Your Role in Celebrating Diversity and Healing Racism” (Invited Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers – Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 20, 2004.*
- “Balancing Informed Consent with Cultural Sensitivity” (Keynote Address) – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Palliative Care Symposium, Marriott Hotel, El Paso, Texas, March 26, 2004.*
- “Suicide Assessment and Intervention” (Presentation) – Annual State Conference Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care – Texas Chapter, The Warwick Hotel, Houston, Texas, September 23, 2003.*
- “Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop) – Texas Women’s University, Denton, Texas May 22, 2003.*
- “Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers Lubbock*

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Unit, Lubbock, Texas, May 16, 2003.

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – Memorial Hermann Social Work Department Social Work Month Celebration, March 13, 2003.

*“Cultural Diversity” (Keynote Address)* – Texas Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, February 2, 2003.

*“Appreciating and Celebrating Diversity” (Keynote Address)* – Cypress Fairbanks ISD Diversity Summit for Faculty, December 5, 2002.

*“Healing Racism: A Continuing Dialogue” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, November 9, 2002.

*“Critical Issues Impacting Social Workers in Private Practice” (Panel Presentation)* – National Association of Social Workers Texas Conference, Houston, Texas, November 8, 2002.

*“Our Continuing Dialogue of Ethics in Social Work Practice: A Closer Examination of the Five Most Critical Ethical Dilemmas” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Amarillo Unit, Amarillo, Texas, October 18, 2002.

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice and Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers El Paso Unit, El Paso, Texas, October 12, 2002.

*“Hot Ethics Topics in Social Work Practice” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Galveston Unit, October 8, 2002.

*“Ethics and Cultural Diversity” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter Leadership, Austin, Texas, July 27, 2002.

*“The Impact of Culture on Quality of Life at End of Life” (Presentation)* –Nurse Oncology Oncology Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas, June 7, 2002.

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter Annual Conference, May 17, 2002.

*“Cultural Diversity in a Changing Political Environment” (Keynote Address)* – National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter Annual Conference, May 17, 2002.

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- “Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers, Arkansas Chapter Annual Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, March 28, 2002.
- “The Importance of Life Review with the Elderly” (Presentation)* – MD Anderson Hospital Social Work Month Conference, March 22, 2002.
- “The Power of Social Work” (Luncheon Address)* – Methodist Hospital Case Management and Social Work Department, Social Work Month Luncheon, March 20, 2002.
- “A Message of Hope and Healing”* – Second Annual Bereavement Breakfast Gathering, Memorial Hermann Children’s Hospital, December 8, 2001.
- “Family Dynamics and Cultural Diversity”* – American Cancer Society, Texas Division, Inc., Hispanic/Latino Leadership Summit, San Antonio, Texas, November 12, 2001.  
*“The Fine Art of Managing Stress”* – Speaking of Women’s Health Conference, Radisson Hotel Astrodome, October 27, 2001.
- “Healing Racism in Social Work: A Continuing Dialogue” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers – Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, October 13, 2001.
- “Appreciating and Celebrating Cultural Diversity: Recognizing the Challenges and Overcoming the Obstacles” (Keynote Address)* – Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County & Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 4, 2001.
- “Grief and Loss in the Elderly” (Grand Rounds Presentation)* – Quenten Mease Hospital, Geriatric Services, Grand Rounds.
- “Compassion Fatigue: The Emotional Cost of Caregiving” (Luncheon Address) - Memorial Hermann Hospital, Staff of Social Workers, Houston, Texas, August 23, 2001.*
- “Surviving, Thriving, and Celebrating Cultural Diversity” (Keynote Address – Closing Plenary)* Case Management Society Texas Conference, Adams Mark Hotel, Houston, Texas, August 17, 2001.
- “Cultural Diversity and Ethical Issues” (Presentation)* - Council of Nephrology Social Workers, Veterans Administration Hospital, Houston, Texas, July 23, 2001.
- “Facing the Organizational Challenge: Promoting Cultural Diversity” (Plenary Keynote),* National Association of Social Workers, Annual Leadership Conference, Crystal City

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Hyatt Regency, Arlington, Virginia, July 20, 2001.

*“Social Work with Culturally Diverse Families: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – University of Mary Hardin Baylor, Social Work Program, Belton, Texas, May 5, 2001.

*“End of Life Issues” (Presentation)* – Update 2001 Professional Education Symposium, National Kidney Foundation, University of Houston Hilton, March 9, 2001.

*“The Power of Social Work in Celebrating Diversity and Creating Oneness” (Keynote Address –Closing Plenary)* National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, November 4, 2000.

*“Exploring Inevitable Challenges in the Social Work Profession: Reclaiming Our Strength and Spirit”* – University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work, Jenkins Lecture Series, October 17, 2000.

*“Youth Violence and Loss of Innocence” (Featured Speaker)* – Barry University Graduate School of Social Work Annual Conference, Miami, Florida, October 13, 2000.

*“Social Work and Ethical Issues” (Workshop)*- Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority Multicultural Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, October 11, 2000.

*“Grief and Loss in the Health Care Environment” (Luncheon Address)* - Texas Institute of Research and Rehabilitation (TIRR) Health Care Luncheon, Marriott Hotel, September 20, 2000.

*“Responding to Adolescent Suicide” (Workshop)* – Regional Adolescent Health Conference, Dallas, Texas, May 12, 2000.

*“Diversity in the Workplace: Cultural Aspects of Dealing with Grief” (Workshop)* – Employee Assistance Roundtable Spring Meeting, Jekyll Island, Georgia, April 18, 2000.

*“Ethical Issues and Cultural Diversity” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Ethics Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 24, 2000.

*“Taking the Fear out of End of Life Issues” (Panel Presentation)* - University of Houston Central Campus, Blaffer Gallery, November 10, 1999.

*“Developing a Framework for Culturally Competent Practice” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Houston, Texas November 6, 1999.

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- “Responding to Grief in the Schools”* - Conference on Grief, University of Houston Central Campus, UH Hilton, April 14, 1999.
- “Exploring the Impact of Culture on Service Delivery” (Keynote Address)* - M.D. Anderson Hospital, March 5, 1999.
- “Youth Suicide Prevention” (Presentation)* - Harris County Department of Education Annual Student at Risk Conference, UH Hilton Hotel, September 21, 1998.
- “An Invitation to Check Your Ethics” (Workshop)* - Regional Network for Children Conference, Omni Hotel, Austin, Texas, March 31, 1998.
- “Ethical Issues in End of Life Decision Making” (Presentation)* - St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Social Work In-Service for Social Work Month, March 26, 1998.
- “Celebrating 100 Years of Social Work” (Presentation)* - Hermann Hospital, Social Work In-Service for Social Work Month, March 23, 1998.
- “Living and Working with Diverse Populations” (Keynote Presentation)* -1998 Region VI Hemophilia Conference, Barton Creek Conference Center, Austin, Texas, March 16, 1998.
- “Ethical Issues in Supervision” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers - Texas Chapter, Hilton Hotel, Austin, Texas, March 13, 1998.
- “Viva La Conexion de Familia y Escuela” (Keynote Presentation - Spanish)* - Galena Park Independent School District, First Annual Families Conference, Galena Park, Texas, January 29, 1998.
- “Ayudar A Su Hijo a Tener Exito en la Escuela” (Workshop)* - Galena Park Independent School District, First Annual Families Conference, Galena Park, Texas, January 29, 1998.
- “Helping your Child Be Successful in School” (Workshop)* - Galena Park Independent School District, First Annual Families Conference, Galena Park, Texas, January 29, 1998.
- “Responding to Youth Suicide: Suicide Prevention in the Schools” (Workshop)* - Corpus Christi Independent School District, Corpus Christi, Texas, September 26, 1997.
- “Grief and Loss Issues for the Injured Worker” (Presentation)* - Texas Association for Rehabilitation Professionals Conference, Clear Lake, Texas, August 15, 1997.
- “Perspectives into the Hispanic Culture” (Presentation)* - Texas Children’s Hospital - Social

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Service Department Conference on Perspectives on Multi-Cultural Issues, Houston, Texas, April 25, 1997.

*“Exploring the Impact of Culture on the Grieving Process” (Lecture)* - Southwest Texas State University, School of Health Professions Distinguished Lecture Series, San Marcos, Texas, April 21, 1997.

*“Social Work Supervision” (Panel Presentation)* - Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority and Harris County Psychiatric Center Conference on Social Work Ethics in a Changing World, Houston, Texas, March 21, 1997.

*“Practical Interventions with Grieving Children” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter Conference, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Houston, Texas, November 8, 1996.

*“Grief and Bereavement Issues” (Seminar)* - Baylor College of Medicine and University of Texas Center on Aging Conference, Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Houston, Texas, September 26, 1996.

*“Developing A Culturally Sensitive Approach” (Workshop)* - Horizon Youth Center Regional Conference, Holiday Inn, South Padre Island, Texas, August 19, 1996.

*“Crisis Intervention with Hispanic Families” (Keynote Address)* - Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority Hispanic Conference, Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Houston, Texas, August 9, 1996.

*“Suicide Assessment and Intervention” (Workshop)* - 39th Annual Institute on Alcohol and Drug Studies, Sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, July 16, 1996.

*“Multicultural Perspective on Intergenerational Social Work” (Workgroup Session)* - Futures Conference, Sponsored by the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work and National Association of Social Workers (Houston Unit), Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas, May 9 and 10, 1996.

*“CARES Project” (Panel Presentation)* - Co-Presented at the National Association of Social Workers National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1995.

*“An Overview of Suicide” (Workshop)* - Co-Presented at the National Association of Social Workers National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1995.

*“Suicide Assessment and Intervention” (Workshop)* - 38th Annual Institute of Alcohol and Drug

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Studies, Sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, July 18, 1995.

*“Crisis Intervention with Children” (Keynote Address)* - Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority Social Work Conference, Jewish Community Service Center, March, 1995.

*“Crisis Intervention” (Keynote Address)* - Southeastern Dialysis Transplantation Association Conference, Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, August 12, 1994.

*“Counseling Survivors of Suicide: Understanding The Pain” (Workshop)* - 37th Annual Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies, Sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, July 12, 1994.

*“Interpersonal Conflict Resolution Within The Context of the Hispanic Culture” (Workshop)* - 37th Annual Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies, Sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, July 12, 1994.

*“The Individual in the Context of Ethnicity and Culture: Opportunity for Enrichment of Psychotherapy” (Grand Rounds Presentation)* - The Eleventh Annual Ruth Hutton Fred Lecture, Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, May 11, 1994.

*“Balancing Work and Home: Putting First Things First” (Workshop)* - St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Spring, 1994, Management Forum/Management Conference, May 3, 1994.

*“Appreciating Cultural Diversity: Developing A Culturally Sensitive Practice” (Presentation)* - 25th Annual Institute of the Houston Group Psychotherapy Society, Embassy Suites, Houston, Texas, April 14, 1994.

*“Understanding Grief and Loss” (Keynote Address)* - Conference on Loss Happens Everyday How Can You Help? Sponsored by Community Action Coalition, Fort Bend County Mental Health Association, November 8, 1993.

*“The Effect of Suicide on Families” (Workshop)* - American Association of Suicidology Survivors of Suicide Conference on Healing After Suicide, Dallas, Texas, November 6, 1993.

*“The Effect of Suicide on Families” (Keynote Address)* - American Association of Suicidology Survivors of Suicide Conference - Healing After Suicide, Dallas, Texas, November 5, 1993.

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*"The Successful Private Practice of Clinical Social Work in the Era of Managed Care"* (Workshop) - Co-Presented at the National Association of Social Workers National Annual Conference, Orange County Convention/Civic Center, November 3, 1993.

*"Suicide Recognition and Risk Assessment"* (Workshop) - Conference on School Crime in the 90's, Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University and Education Service Center, Region VI, Huntsville, Texas, October 21, 1993.

*"Suicide Intervention"* (Workshop) - Conference on School Crime in the 90's, Sponsored by the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University in cooperation with the Education Service Center, Region VI, Huntsville, Texas, October 21, 1993.

*"Suicide"* (Workshop) - Eighth Annual Governor's Training Conference on Crime Victim Assistance, Omni Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas, September 17, 1993.

*"Working with the Grief of Suicide Survivors"* (Workshop) - The Grief Center of Texas Conference - From Ending to Beginning: The Power of Grief, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Houston, Texas, March 27, 1993.

*"Grief After Suicide"* (Workshop) - The Grief Center of Texas Conference on From Ending to Beginning: The Power of Grief, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Houston, Texas, March 26, 1993.

*"Crisis Intervention with Dialysis and Transplant Patients"* (Keynote Address) - The National Kidney Foundation of Southeast Texas Fifth Annual Symposium, Astrodome Marriott, Houston, Texas, March 19, 1993.

*Commencement Address* - Our Lady of the Lake University, December, 1992 University Graduation, San Antonio, Texas, December 19, 1992.

*"Responding to Youth Suicide"* (Keynote Address) - Earthman Forum - When Students Mourn, Sponsored by the Houston Graduate School of Theology, The Institute of Religion and Earthman Funeral Directors, October 24, 1992.

*"Ethics for the 90's"* (Presentation) - National Association of Social Workers State Conference, Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 23, 1992.

*"Legal Regulation of Social Work in Texas"* (Panel Presentation) - National Association of Social Workers State Conference, Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 22, 1992.

*"Managing Stress in a Stressful World"* (Workshop) - Eighth Annual Partners in Prevention Conference, George R. Brown Convention Center, October 13, 1992.

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*“Suicide: Assessment, Intervention, and Postvention” (Workshop)* - White Sands Missile Range, United States Federal Government, White Sands, New Mexico, September 29, 1992.

*“Developing A Community Response to the Tragedy of Suicide” (Workshop)* - Sponsored by Greenbrier Hospital, Covington Holiday Inn, Covington, Louisiana, September 4, 1992.

*“Treatment of Adolescent Issues: Self-Destructive Behavior” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers National Conference - World Assembly 1992, Washington, DC, July 19, 1992.

*“Basic Practice Management and Administrative Issues” (Workshop)* - Successful Private Practice of Clinical Social Work, National Association of Social Workers National Conference - World Assembly 1992, Washington, DC, July 18, 1992.

*“Understanding the Pain of Survivors of Suicide” (Keynote Address)* - Conference on Healing After Suicide, Sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, May 8, 1992.

*“Healing Within The Family” (Workshop)* - Conference on Healing After Suicide, Sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, May 8, 1992.

*“Youth Suicide” (Presentation)* - IntraCare Hospital, Conference on Kids Who Kill Themselves, Houston, Texas, April 30, 1992.

*“Dealing with Potential Violence in Hospitals, In-Patient, and Clinic Settings” (Workshop)* - Sponsored by the Interagency, Information and Referral System, April 10, 1992.

*“Possible Solutions to Difficult Situations” (Panel Presentation)* - Sponsored by the Interagency, Information, and Referral System, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, April 10, 1992.

*“Hispanic Youth Suicide: Prevention, Assessment and Intervention” (Workshop)* - Association of Mexican American Social Workers (AMAS) Second Annual Conference, Wyndham Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, March 20, 1992.

*“Don’t Let Your Teen Self-Destruct” (Community Presentation)* - Sponsored by Parkview Hospital, Salina, Kansas, January 14 and 15, 1992.

*Commencement Address* - University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work, May 1992 Social Work Graduating Class, May 18, 1992.

*“Stress Management for the Health Care Professional” (Keynote Address)* - The National Kidney Foundation of Southeast Texas Third Annual Symposium, Marriott Hotel,

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Houston, Texas, March 1, 1991.

*"Treatment of Adolescent Issues: Exploring the Range of Self-Destructive Behavior Among Adolescents"* (Master Class) - National Association of Social Workers 1990 Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 15, 1990.

*"Suicide is Never Final - The Survivors Experience"* - Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc., Annual Conference -- Visions of the Future, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, September 27, 1990.

*"Adolescent Suicide"* (Master Class) - National Association of Social Workers 1989 Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, October 12, 1989.

*"Suicide Prevention"* (Keynote Address) - San Jacinto Girl Scouts, Inc., Annual Conference, Girl Scouts Tune in to the Future, Houston, Texas, February 21, 1989.

*"Managing Stress in a Stressful Environment"* (Presentation) - National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, Dallas, Texas, November 14, 1988.

*"Families in Transition from the Black and Hispanic Perspective"* (Presentation) - Twelfth Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, November 5, 1988.

*"Understanding the Pain of Survivors of Suicide"* (Seminar) - Seminar Series on Bereavement and Healing sponsored by Earthman Funeral Directors and Lee College, Baytown, Texas, March 1, 1988.

*"Survivors of Suicide"* (Panel Presentation) - Conference sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Marriott Hotel, Houston, Texas, February 26, 1988.

*"Intervention Strategies with the Suicidal Adolescent"* (Presentation) - Conference sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Marriott Hotel, Houston, Texas, February 25 and 26, 1988.

*"Response to Adolescent Suicide"* (Workshop) - Sponsored by the Mental Health Association of El Paso, Westin Hotel, El Paso, Texas, July 10, 1987.

*"Professional Practice - Social Work Perspective"* (Panel Presentation) - Multiple Perspectives Professional Counselor Foundation, Continuing Education Center, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, December 5, 1986; and North Harris County College, South Campus,

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Houston Texas, December 6, 1986.

*“Understanding the Pain of Survivors of Suicide” (Seminar)* - Practical Seminar Series on Bereavement and Healing sponsored by Earthman Funeral Directors, Houston, Texas, November 25, 1986.

*“Adolescent Depression and Suicide” (Workshop)* - The 13th Annual Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies: Substance Abuse and Related Issues, Sponsored by the West Texas Council on Governments, El Paso, Texas, November 3, 1986.

*“Stress Management for the Helping Professional” (Workshop)* - Texas Rehabilitation Association 1986 Annual Conference on High Touch/High Tech: A Balance, Holiday Inn Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi, Texas, July 14, 1986.

*“Health Care Practices and Hispanics” (Workshop)* - University of Texas Medical Branch, Continuing Education Program, Galveston, Texas, May 16, 1986.

*“Stress Management: The Fine Art of Balancing Your Life” (Workshop)* - Tenth Annual Fall Conference of Houston Professional Administrators, Flagship Hotel, Galveston, Texas, November 16, 1985.

*“Survivors of Suicide” (Panel Presentation)* - Harris County Hospital District and Jefferson Davis Hospital, November 8, 1985.

*“Teenage Suicide Among Hispanic Youth” (Panel Presentation)* - LULAC 56th Annual State Convention, Shamrock Hilton, Houston, Texas, May 25, 1985.

*“After Suicide: Organizing and Maintaining a Survivors Group” (Presentation)* - Conference sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas, February 7, 1985.

*“Hispanics and Suicide” (Panel Presentation)* - Conference Sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas, March 2, 1984.

*“A Social Work Model for Serving the Mexican American Community” (Paper Presentation)* - University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work Conference on Social Work in a Multi-Ethnic Society: A Minority Perspective, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, December 2, 1983.

*“Grief Counseling - Support Groups” (Panel Presentation)* - Perspectives in Perinatal Care for the 80's Conference, St. Joseph Hospital, November 11, 1983.

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*"Discharge Planning in Perinatal Care"* (Panel Presentation) - Perspectives in Perinatal Care for the 80's Conference, St. Joseph Hospital, November 10, 1983.

*"Dynamics of the Suicidal Crisis"* (Presentation) - National Association of Social Workers, Houston Unit Meeting, Autry House, April 28, 1983.

*"Family Dynamics"* (Presentation) - Coping and Parent Education Workshop sponsored by the Houston Chapter of Spina Bifida Association, St. Joseph Hospital, October 16, 1982.

**VIII. SUBMITTED & ACCEPTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

*"The Critical Challenge in Social Work Education: Integrating Self-Care Content in the Curriculum"* (Accepted Curriculum Workshop)- Council on Social Work Education National Conference, Portland, Oregon, October 15, 2010.

*"Culturally Competent Practice with Hispanics: Challenges and Opportunities"* - Co-presented with David Flores and Luis Torres - (Accepted as Faculty Development Institute) – Council on Social Work Education National Conference, Portland, Oregon, October 14, 2010.

*"Professional Self-Care & Social Work: The Role of Social Work Educators"* (Accepted as Faculty Development Institute) – Council on Social Work Education National Conference, San Antonio, Texas, November 6, 2009.

*"Examining the Ethics of Professional Self-Care & Social Work"* (Presentation) – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October 16, 2009.

*"The Impact of Trauma on Social Workers: Working Through Compassion Fatigue and Secondary Traumatization"* (Workshop Presentation) – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas, October 22, 2004.

*"A Model for Promoting Self-Care Through a Support Group Experience with Social Work Graduate Students"* (Presentation co-presented with five social work Graduate students)) –National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas, October 21, 2004.

*"Identifying Challenges in the Resolution of Complicated Grief"* (Paper Presentation) – The London Ontario International Biannual Grief and Bereavement Conference – Creating Meaning in the Face of Death – London, Ontario, Canada, May 18, 2004.

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*“Developing A Framework for Culturally Competent Practice” (Workshop Presentation) - National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Adams Mark Hotel, Houston, Texas, November 6, 1999.*

*“Creating A Climate of Partnership Between Social Work and Education Interns” (Paper Presentation) - Co-Presented at the National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, November 7, 1995.*

*“Crisis Management Within the Schools” (Paper Presentation) - American Association of Suicidology 21st Annual Conference on Suicide Prevention, Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC, April 15, 1988.*

*“Intervention Strategies with the Suicidal Adolescent” (Paper Presentation) - Eleventh Annual National Association of Social Workers - Texas State Convention, Amarillo Sheraton Hotel and Amarillo Convention Center, Amarillo, Texas, October 16, 1987.*

*“Experiences with Two Models of Survivor Groups” (Paper Presentation) - American Association of Suicidology 19th Annual Conference on Suicide: Innovations in Programs and Research, Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, April 4, 1986.*

*“Understanding Survivors: Working with the Families of Suicide Victims” (Paper Presentation) - Ninth Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, Westin-Galleria Hotel, Dallas, Texas, October 20, 1985.*

*“The Role of the Social Worker in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program” (Paper Presentation) – Ninth Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, Westin-Galleria Hotel, Dallas, Texas, October 19, 1985.*

*“Adolescent Suicide: Basic Training in Suicide Prevention with Adolescents” (Workshop) - Eighth Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, St. Anthony Intercontinental Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, November 8, 1984.*

*“Integrating Sociocultural Factors in the Counseling of Hispanic Clients” (Paper Presentation) Seventh Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, Shamrock Hilton, Houston, Texas, October 13, 1983.*

*“Being Responsive to the Chicano Community: The Development and Implementation of Unique Programmatic Approaches” (Paper Presentation) - National Association of Social Workers Minority Issues Conference, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 12, 1982.*

*“Establishing a Special Office to Service the Mexican American Community” (Paper*

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*Presentation*) - Family Service Association of America Biennial Conference, Marriott Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, September 10, 1981.

*“Attitudes Toward Suicide Among Mexican Americans in Houston” (Paper Presentation)* - American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, April 18, 1980.

**IX. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/CONSULTATION:**

Since 1980 to the present, have provided consultation, specialized training and presentations on a variety of topics including compassion fatigue, the practice of self-care, assessment and intervention of traumatic grief, ethics, cultural sensitivity and diversity, multicultural issues, adolescent suicide, suicide risk assessment and intervention, Hispanic culture, and clinical supervision. Also, have provided consulting services such as program evaluation, team building, conflict resolution, and diversity training. Programs requesting services include--

American Heart Association  
American Hospice  
Arrow Project (foster parents/staff)  
Baylor College of Medicine – Adolescent and Sports Medicine Sections  
Baylor College of Medicine – Department of Psychiatry  
Baylor Teen Health Clinic  
Ben Taub General Hospital Social Service Department  
Bering Omega  
Bo’s Place  
Casey Foundation  
Catholic Charities  
Catholic Diocesan School Office  
Child Advocates, Inc.  
Children’s Assessment Center  
Children’s Protective Services  
City Public Health Department  
Clear Creek Independent School District  
Communities in Schools of Houston  
Council of Agencies Serving Youth (CASY)  
Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston  
Crisis Intervention of Houston  
Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District  
DePelchin Children’s Center  
Duchesne Academy  
El Centro de Corazon  
Family Service Center

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Fort Bend Independent School District  
Galena Park Independent School District  
Girling Home Health Care  
Haliburton Employee Assistance Program  
Harris County Psychiatric Center – Social Work Department  
Harris County Department of Education  
Harris County TRIAD Program  
Harris County Social Services  
Healthy Start Alliance  
Hospice Care Team  
Houston Area Community Services (HACS)  
Houston Independent School District  
Humble Independent School District  
IntraCare Hospital  
Jewish Family Service Center  
Jewish Women’s International Prejudice Awareness Summit  
Juvenile Justice Department  
Katy Independent School District  
Klein Independent School District  
Krause Center  
LBJ Hospital Social Work Department  
Lamar Consolidated Independent School District  
MD Anderson Hospital Social Work Department  
MD Anderson Hospital Volunteer Services  
Memorial Hermann Hospital Social Work Department  
Mental Health Association  
Methodist Hospital Social Work Department  
Montrose Counseling Center  
Non-Profit Counseling  
North Harris Montgomery Community College District  
North Harris County College  
Northeast Hospice Services  
Ryan White Council  
San Jacinto College Counseling Department  
San Jacinto Girl Scouts  
St. Agnes Catholic High School  
St. Luke’s Hospital Social Work Department  
St. Pius High School  
Spring Branch Independent School District – Student Assistance Program  
Spring Creek Counseling Association  
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services  
Texas Probation Association  
University of Texas Medical Branch – Department of Family Medicine

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Veterans Affairs Medical Center Social Work Department  
VITAS  
West Oaks Hospital

**X. PUBLICATIONS:**

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Lopez, Sandra A. (2011). "A Group Practice Exercise with Social Work Students to Introduce, Promote, & Support the Practice of Professional Self-Care in Social Work" in Erich, S. A. & Kanenberg, H. Skills for Group Practice: Responding to Diversity, Allyn & Bacon Publishing.

Schiller, Kay G. & Lopez, Sandra A. (2011) "A Group Practice Exercise Demonstrating the Use of Group Supervision" in Erich, S. A. & Kanenberg, H. Skills for Group Practice: Responding to diversity, Allyn & Bacon Publishing.

Lopez, Sandra A. (2008) "Adolescent Suicide: Exploring Family and School Community Grief". Social Work Today, (**website exclusive**).

Lopez, Sandra A. "Private/Independent Practice" (Invited Article) in Mizrahi, Terry and Davis, Larry (Eds) (2008). Encyclopedia of Social Work. Washington, DC: NASW Press and Oxford University Press.

Lopez, Sandra A. "Honoring Cultural Diversity at End of Life". Social Work Today, November/December, 2007.

Lopez, Sandra A. "The Influence of Culture and Ethnicity on End of Life Care" in Katz, Renee and Johnson, Therese (2006) When Professionals Weep: Emotional and Countertransference Responses in End of Life Care. New York: Brunner-Routledge.

Lopez, Sandra A. "The Memory Chain" (features a therapeutic intervention for children grieving the loss of a loved one) in Cheung, M. (2006). Therapeutic games and guided imagery exercises. Chicago: Lyceum Books.

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Co-Author on several NASW National Publications--

*"Guidelines for Clinical Social Work Supervision"* (1994). Washington, DC: NASW Press.

*"Social Work Perspective on Managed Care"* (1993). Washington, DC: NASW Press.

*"Guidelines for Private Practice"* (1992). Washington, DC: NASW Press.

*"Case Management Standards for Social Work Practice"* (1992). Washington, DC: NASW Press.

Contributing Author on articles—

*"What You Really Need To Know About Adolescent Suicide"* – Texas Department of Human Services Newsletter, (2003).

Author on NASW policy statements—

*"Professional Impairment"* (2009) in Social Work Speaks. Washington, DC: NASW Press.

*"Professional Self-Care & Social Work"* (2009) in Social Work Speaks. Washington, DC: NASW Press.

**XI. PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:**

*American Association of Suicidology*

- . Member - Board of Directors, 1980 - 1982; 1982 - 1984; 1984 - 1986;
- . Chair - Suicide and Minorities Committee, 1980 - 1982; 1985 - 1986;
- . Member - By-Laws Committee, 1981 - 1982;
- . Secretary - Board of Directors, 1982 - 1984

*Hispanic Social Workers of Texas (formerly Trabajadores Sociales de Aztlan)*

- . President - 1980 - 1981;

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- . Chair - Fundraising Committee, 1980 - 1981;
- . Member - Program Committee, 1984 - 1985;
- . Member - Nominations Committee, 1987 - 1988;
- . Chair - Nominations Committee, 1990 - 1991

*National Association of Social Workers (National)*

- . Elected Chair - National Nominations & Leadership Committee, July, 2008-June, 2009
- . Authored two Policy Statements - Professional Self-Care and Professional Impairment for review by NASW Delegate Assembly in August, 2008, published in 2009
- . NASW Foundation Consuelo W. Gosnell Scholarship Committee, Appointed by National President, April, 2007 – June, 2009
- . Member – National Nominations & Leadership Committee, July, 2006 – June, 2009

- . Selected as one of 400 top leaders in the social work profession to attend NASW Social Work Congress 2005 in Washington, DC, March 17-18, 2005 & April 21-23, 2009
- . Elected Delegate for Texas Chapter – Delegate Assembly, August, 2005
- . Member - Committee on Clinical Social Work, January 31, 1990 - June 30, 1994;
- . Chair - National Council on the Practice of Clinical Social Work, July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1994;
- . Member - Workgroup to Review Clinton’s Proposed Health Care Reform, October, 1993;
- . NASW Representative to the Coalition on Family Diagnosis for DSM IV, 1990-1994;
- . Member - National Council on the Practice of Clinical Social Work July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1992;
- . Member - Case Management Standards Committee, 1991 - 1992;
- . Member - Affirmative Action Task Force, 1991-1992;
- . Member - Political Institute Advisory Committee, October, 1991

*National Association of Social Workers (Texas State Chapter)*

- . Invited to be part of the Advancing the Profession of Social Work Group, July, 2011
- . Appointed – Reorganization Task Force – January, 2007 – June, 2009
- . Chair - Cultural Diversity Committee - July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2001; July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2003
- . Past-President - July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994;
- . President - July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1993;
- . Chair - Legal Regulation Work Group - October, 1991 - June 30, 1993;
- . President-Elect - July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991;
- . Delegate - Delegate Assembly, 1990;

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- . Vice-President - July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990;
- . Board of Directors - July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1987, July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1989;
- . Chair - Membership and Organization Committee, July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1988;
- . Member - Membership and Organization Committee, July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986;
- . Member - State NASW Executive Committee,  
July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1988; July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1994;
- . Member - Texas Political Action Committee , July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

*National Association of Social Workers (Houston Branch)*

- . Chair - Membership and Organization Committee, 1986 - 1987; 1987 - 1988;
- . Member – Women’s Issues Committee, 1984 - 1985

*University of Houston - Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Association*

- . Past President - September, 1990 - August, 1991;
- . President - October, 1988 - September, 1989; September, 1989 - August, 1990;
- . Member - Board of Directors, October, 1988 - September, 1991

**XII. COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

*Asian American Family Counseling Center*

- . Board Member, May, 2001 – September, 2003

*City of Houston - Houston Police Department*

- . Bilingual Pay Selection Criteria Committee, June, 1988 – 1989

*Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc.*

- . Member - Board of Directors, 1980 - 1982; 1982 - 1984;
- . Secretary - Board of Directors, 1982 - 1983; 1983 - 1984;
- . Chair - Program Development Committee, 1982 - 1983; 1983 - 1984;
- . Chair - Agency Relations Committee, 1981 - 1982;
- . Member - Agency Relations Committee, 1980 - 1981;
- . Chair - Volunteer Services Committee, 1980 - 1981;
- . Volunteer Telephone Counselor, November, 1975 - April, 1982

*Houston Area Women’s Center*

- . Member - Board of Directors, 1984 - February, 1986

*Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority*

- . Member - Hispanic Disabilities Task Force, 1995 to 2003
- . Provide Clinical Supervision for Licensing for selected Social Workers in MR Division

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*Region IV Education Service Center*

- . Participant in Project “Interact” to produce five part series on suicide for school districts (Aired January 21, 1986 on the Interact Instructional Television Network), 1984 - 1986

*Santa Maria Hostel*

- . Advisory Board Member, July, 1985 - June, 1988;
- . Board of Directors, July, 1988 - June, 1991

*State of Texas Task Force on Youth Suicide*

Appointed by Governor Ann Richards to work on Task Force from 1990 to 1992 to develop policies and procedures on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, to be implemented by school districts in the State of Texas.

*Survivors of Suicide (SOS) - Program Component of Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc.*

Co-founder of this self-help support group program established in January, 1983 for family members and friends whose loved ones had completed suicide. Served as one of the key facilitators for the group for several years; currently serve as advisor to the program; also provide periodic articles in the SOS newsletter.

*Texas Department of Family Protective Services (TDFPS)*

Through the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work Child Welfare Education Project (CWEP) provide Clinical Supervision for Licensure to selected Social Workers in DFPS (CPS) - July 2001 to 2006

*Texas Task Force on Suicide Prevention*

Serving as member on the Houston and Texas state task forces to explore strategies for promoting suicide prevention strategies throughout the state of Texas

*University of Houston at Clear Lake Bachelor of Social Work Program*

- . Member, Advisory Board, April 2003 to present

*University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Galveston*

- . Special member of the Graduate Faculty with responsibility for serving on the supervisory committee for a graduate student thesis - 1985 - 1986.

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