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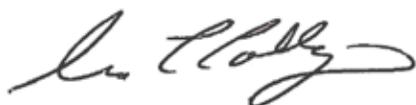
On the Occasion of Our 20th Anniversary We Celebrate You!

It gives us great pleasure to present the Ph.D. Program's first electronic directory in commemoration of our 20th Anniversary. During this year-long celebration, we've had the privilege of engaging and reconnecting with many of our 71 graduates. This directory showcases the many achievements of our alumni who are upholding and advancing the legacy of our profession.

The process of producing this directory has generated a sense of pride and enthusiasm for the program. Therefore, it will be a fluid and growing document that will be updated annually. We see it as an opportunity to document the rich history of our program, to demonstrate the impact of our alumni in their respective communities, and to promote the connectedness of our alumni and the GCSW.

In closing, we wish to express our gratitude to our alumni for making our first 20 years a great success, and we look forward with great anticipation to seeing the many good works of our Ph.D. alumni over the next 20 years!

Sincerely,



Ira C. Colby
Dean



Sheara Williams Jennings
Director, Ph.D. Program

PH.D. PROGRAM TIMELINE

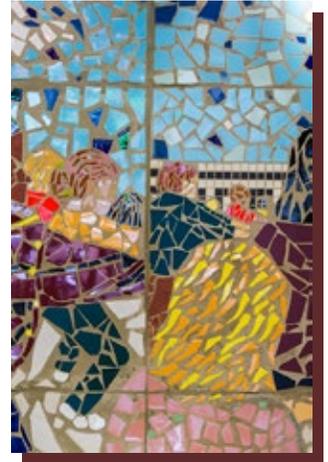




Gwendolyn “Wendy” Adam

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Expertise

Leadership, interdisciplinary training, mindfulness-based pedagogy, maternal and child health, adolescents, public health

Education

Ph.D., 2001, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.S.W., 1996, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
B.A. (Sociology), 1991, Baylor University

Biography

Gwendolyn “Wendy” Adam, PhD, LICSW is an Associate Professor at Central Connecticut State University. Dr. Adam’s career involves clinical practice, teaching, program development, research and administration in social work and public health.

Dr. Adam has held a variety of leadership roles in federal government, academia and practice. She recently served as the federal Training Branch Chief of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, overseeing the national portfolio of leadership training programs in maternal and child health. She also developed and initiated a constituent-driven National Strategic Plan for MCH Training.

Prior to her federal service, Dr. Adam was the Director of the School of Social Work and Associate Professor at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She led the School through re-accreditation and developed a comprehensive competency-assessment model in response to new CSWE standards. She also served as co-director of a federally-funded public health social work training program.

For twelve years prior, Dr. Adam served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. As Social Work Faculty for the federally-funded, interdisciplinary Leadership Education in Adolescent Health Training Program, Dr. Adam developed social work, experiential leadership, and public health training curricula, as well as a multi-site community-based youth and family leadership program.

She’s obtained numerous federal, state and local grants, serving as Principal Investigator and Director for 21 separate competitive grants for training programs and community-based initiatives. Dr. Adam has routinely been a national HRSA reviewer and MCHB technical advisor / trainer since 1999, specializing in Title V community activities, needs assessment and interdisciplinary training. Her current research focuses on mindful leadership and she is co-authoring a text on holistic engagement in professional training and practice.

Residing in Lenox, MA, with her partner and son, Dr. Adam is committed to living and being fully and imperfectly, and to promoting compassionate presence.

Favorite Quote

“Moments matter.”



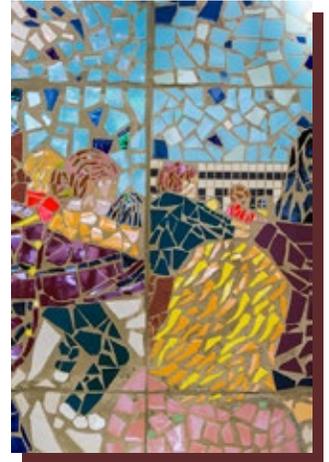
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Expertise

Clinical Social Work, Research

Education

Ph.D., 1996, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work (1st GCSW PhD Cohort),

M.S.W., 1982, University of Houston

B.A., 1977, University of Houston

Biography

Professor Emerita – Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Clinical Professor – Smith College for Social Work

Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry – New York University Medical School and Institute for Social and Psychiatric Initiatives (2009 – 2012)

Favorite Quote

“...while we live, while we are among human beings, let us cultivate our humanity.” -Seneca, On Anger



Jo Daugherty Bailey

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Expertise

Comparative analysis, systems of stratification

Education

P.h.D. and M.S.W., 2000, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.A., 1992, Sociology University of Houston-Clear Lake

B.S., 1990, Sociology University of Houston-Clear Lake Suma Cum Laude

A.A., 1989, Sociology San Jacinto College

Biography

I began my academic career in Sociology at the University of Houston-Downtown. Then, with an amazing team (Dawn McCarty and Heather Honoré Goltz, both alum of UH-GCSW), I helped to establish the BSW Program there. Once we achieved accreditation of the program, the mountains called my name.

After much deliberation (leaving my wonderful colleagues at UHD and my friends and family in Texas was a terribly difficult decision), I moved to Colorado to take a position in the Department of Social Work at Metropolitan State University of Denver. I am now Associate Professor and Interim BSW Program Director (and MSW Program Director-elect) in a developing and growing department, which is both exciting and fulfilling.

I have taught across the curriculum in both sociology and social work in family, gender, social policy, urban issues and theory. My practice experience is in adoption, clinical research, program research, and grants management.

I have published articles in policy and practice in the areas of divorce, adoption, supervision, and institutional care of children and have edited a book, *Orphan Care: A Comparative View*, which explores policies and services for children without parental care in low- and middle-income nations. My current research projects include analyses of policies and services for children without parental care in Eastern Europe, models of social work supervision (with Kristin Cotter Mena, UH-GCSW alum), and undocumented migrants' experiences (with Dawn McCarty, UH-GCSW alum).

Personal

I love the outdoor and “earthy” life in Colorado and spend as much free time as possible exploring and enjoying the natural beauty of the area with my extraordinary daughter, Ella, my lovely niece, Joanne, and my best friend and sister, Kathy.

Favorite Quote

“The power to question is the basis of all human progress.”-Indira Gandhi



Kathleen Belanger

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Expertise

Child welfare, racial disproportionality, rural issues, faith and spirituality, program evaluation

Education

Ph.D., 2004, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.S.W., 1975, University of Texas at Austin

B.A. (Psychology), 1971, Catholic University

Biography

Dr. Belanger has taught social work courses across the curriculum, but most enjoy community practice, child welfare, rural practice, and faith and spirituality in the helping professions, along with research. She founded the Child Welfare Professional Development Project, the rural Title IV-E collaborative effort with the East Texas Foster Parent Association and the Department of Family and Protective Services, and has worked locally and nationally to address rural issues through community development. She assisted in designing, implementing, and securing funding for the MSW program at Stephen F. Austin State University. Her research and publications include two books, 4 special issues of journals (racial disproportionality in child welfare, two special issues on rural child welfare, and one on Catholic Social Teachings), numerous articles and presentations, and a quarterly column in the Rural Monitor. She serves as a consultant to the National Resource Center for Diligent Recruitment, and has been a consultant on rural issues to the Child Welfare Information Gateway. She is a member of the Human Services Panel for the Rural Policy Research Institute. Her awards include the Distinguished Professor Award from Stephen F. Austin State University (2011), Social Worker of the Year from the Catholic Social Worker National Association (2012), Champion for Children Award from the Child Welfare League of America for her work with and advocacy for rural children (2006), and Social Worker of the Year (East Texas, 2001).

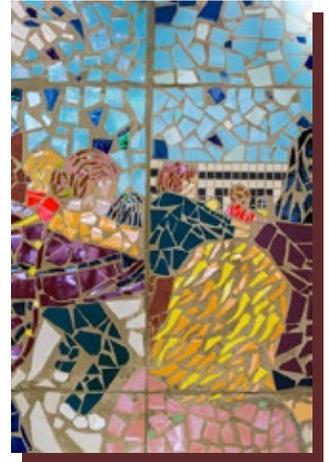
Favorite Quote

G. K. Chesterson, when asked "What is wrong with the world" replied: "I am."

Needha Bouttè-Queen

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Expertise

Research Methods, Aging, Accreditation, Assessment

Education

Ph.D., 2003, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.A., 1995, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration
B.S.W., 1993, Texas Southern University

Biography

Dr. Needha Bouttè-Queen currently serves as Chair of the Social Work Department and as Interim Assistant Dean for Student Enhancement & Learning in the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences at Texas Southern University, one of her alma maters. After receiving her BSW degree from Texas Southern, she earned her Master's degree at the University of Chicago - School of Social Service Administration, and her Ph.D. from the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work. In addition to her formal education, Needha has attended many trainings/seminars on topics related to issues such as motivational speaking, budget preparation, board relations, foster care and adoption, effective speaking and communication, and recognizing and working with difficult people.

Not really sure of her calling for a period of time, she worked in a variety of settings including banking, foster care, adoption, and higher education over the last 25+ years. In the course of this journey, she has served as a case manager, supervisor, trainer, faculty member, foster parent, adoptive parent, and Department head. As a trainer, educator, and consultant, she has presented on numerous topics including identifying and maintaining healthy relationships, relieving stress through self-care, aging across the lifespan, assessment, and communicating effectively.

Throughout the course of her academic and professional careers, Needha has served in leadership positions across a variety of educational, agency and organizational settings. Included among the groups that benefited from her leadership and analytical approach to affecting change are the Adult Protective Service Region VI Board, the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, the Council on Social Work Education Commission on Accreditation, the NASW Delegate Assembly, NASW-Texas, and the Texas Association of Social Work Deans and Directors.

The only daughter of Dr. Alvin J. and Mrs. Ella Edith McNeil, Needha is happily married to James "Jim" Queen, III and has two beautiful children (Nichole and David), a wonderful son-in-law (Roger) and two fantastic and equally adorable grandchildren (Joseph James and Noella Crystell).

Favorite Quote

"A river cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence." -James N. Watkins



Brené Brown

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Expertise

Vulnerability, courage, worthiness and shame

Education

Ph.D., 2002, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W., 1997, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

B.S.W., University of Texas at Austin

Biography

Brené Brown is a research professor at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work. She has spent the past twelve years studying vulnerability, courage, worthiness, and shame.

Brené is the author of two #1 New York Times Bestsellers; *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the way we Live, Love, Parent, and Lead* (Gotham, 2012) and *The Gifts of Imperfection* (Hazelden, 2010).

Brené is the CEO and Chief Learning Officer for The Daring Way™, a training and certification program for helping professionals who want to facilitate her work on vulnerability and courage with individuals, groups, and organizations.

Brené's 2010 TEDx Houston talk, *The Power of Vulnerability*, is one of the top five most viewed TED talks in the world, with over 14 million viewers. Additionally, Brené gave the closing talk at the 2012 TED conference where she talked about shame, courage, and innovation.

Brené lives in Houston with her husband, Steve, and their two children, Ellen and Charlie.

Favorite Quote

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." -Dr. Howard Thurman



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Expertise

Aging

Education

Ph.D., 2006, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W., 2000, University of Houston

B.A. (Sociology), 1998, Georgia State University

Biography

Dr. Casado is an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work. She received her MSW and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work.

Dr. Casado's research interests are centered around three main themes: (1) psychosocial well-being of older adults and their caregivers, (2) service needs in older adults and their caregivers in the community, especially in the area of dementia care, and (3) methods for research with cultural/language minorities. The research projects she has worked on include: examination of migratory grief experience and depression among older Chinese Americans; analysis of National Long-Term Care Survey study; evaluation of a community-based depression intervention for older adults; evaluation of a community-based project for older home owners in Baltimore; and community-based survey and focus groups studies examining the needs of home and community based long-term care and caregiving experiences among Korean Americans.

Dr. Casado has received several competitive awards for her research, including Hartford Faculty Scholars in Geriatric Social Work, Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers, Hartford Doctoral Fellowship in Geriatric Social Work, Council of Social Education Minority Research Fellowship, and AARP Andrus Foundation Scholarship. Most recently, Dr. Casado has received a federal funding (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, R03) to investigate barriers and facilitators to dementia care help-seeking among Korean Americans.

She has published the findings of her studies in several peer-reviewed journals, such as *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*, *The Gerontologist*, *Journal of Aging and Health*, *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, *Clinical Gerontologists*, *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, *Home Health Care Services Quarterly*, *Journal of Women and Aging*, *Social Work*, *Research on Social Work Practice*, and *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.



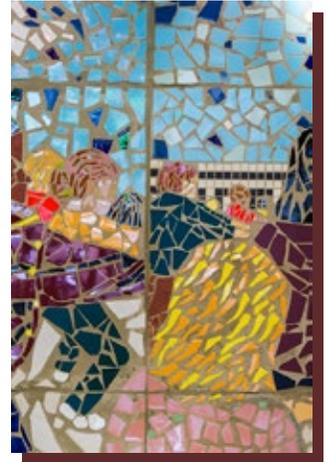
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Expertise

Organizational Change, Implementation, Innovation, Management, Child Welfare Workforce

Education

Ph.D., 1999, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W, 1982, University of Southern California

B.S. (Psychology), 1976, Portland State University

Grants

Currently am the lead for the Organizational Intervention: National Child Welfare Workforce Institute. (Principal Investigators: Mary McCarthy, PhD and Katherine Briar-Lawson, PhD). Awarded September 2013 by U.S. Children's Bureau. A 5-Year, \$18 million grant awarded to increase child welfare practice effectiveness through diverse partnerships that focus on workforce systems development, organizational interventions, and change leadership, using data-driven capacity building, education, and professional development.

Just completing, as Principal Investigator, New York State Child Welfare Workforce Initiative (CWWI) awarded October 2008 by the U.S. Children's Bureau. A 5-year, \$2.5 million grant to create sustainable system changes that strengthen and support the not-for-profit professional child welfare workforce.

As the Director of Evaluation and Research for the Social Work Education Consortium of NYS, I have been the Principal Investigator for a number of program evaluations for the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. All work on grants include mentoring Research Assistants to design research, collect and analyze data, and write reports and articles. All students are supported to use data to write independent articles for publication.

Articles

Articles published focus on interventions to improve the child welfare workforce, including interventions for organizational change, innovation and implementation.

Teaching

Social Work Macro Practice, specifically Organizational Change, Management

Practice Expertise

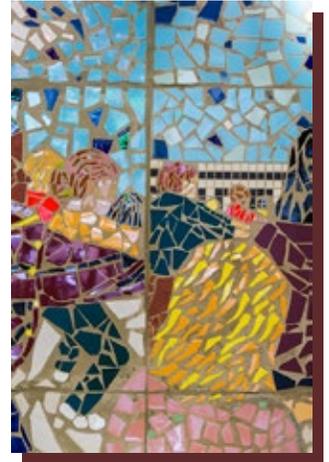
Team-focused, solution-focused organizational innovation and implementation; Agency Strategic Planning; Management Consultation



Elda L. Coco

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Expertise

Program Evaluation, Risk Management

Education

Ph.D., 1998, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W., 1977, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

B.A. (Sociology), University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Biography

Lane Coco was born and raised in Louisiana and attended the University of Louisiana-Lafayette earning a degree in Sociology. She went to work in East Texas as a child welfare worker for a time until she and her husband moved to Galveston. She became a medical social worker at the University of Texas Medical Branch in the Division of Plastic Surgery where she was assigned to the adult burn unit. She later became involved working with children with head and neck congenital defects and was the social worker on the newly formed cleft palate team. While working there she started her MSW studies at the University of Houston's School of Social Work and was one of the first students admitted to the new part-time study program.

After graduation she became the first professional Director of the Department of Social Services at Shrine Burns Institute in Galveston where she worked for three years. After relocating to Houston with her family, she became the Director of Emergency and Foster Care Services at DePelchin Children's Center where she worked in increasingly responsible administrative roles for 28 years. She completed her PhD requirements at the University of Houston in Social Work in 1998. The last ten years of her work there was as the Vice President of Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement. Her responsibilities included maintaining the organization's accreditation, overseeing the management of large service and demonstration grants and managing the organization's program evaluation initiative. In 2007 she was selected as a Fulbright Fellow for a lectureship at the National University of Ireland-Maynooth in the Department of Applied Social Studies having developed a course in applied ethics for students in the Bachelor and Master' programs. Lane has two children and two grandchildren.

She continues her work in organization accreditation consultation and auditing and does international adoption work in the Houston area. She continues to lecture periodically at the National University of Ireland and enjoys international travel having recently been to France.



Tawana Cummings

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Expertise

Stress management, coping and adjustment to illness, health disparities, infertility issues

Education

Ph.D., 2012, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W., 2007, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.A. (Interdisciplinary Studies), 2002, University of Texas at Dallas

B.S. (Health), 2000, University of Houston

Biography

I am currently working as a clinical social worker at a rehabilitation facility. I am looking to transition into doing more research. My areas of interest are health disparities, stress management, coping and adjustment issues to illnesses, and infertility issues. When I am not working, all of my time is spent with my precious baby boy.



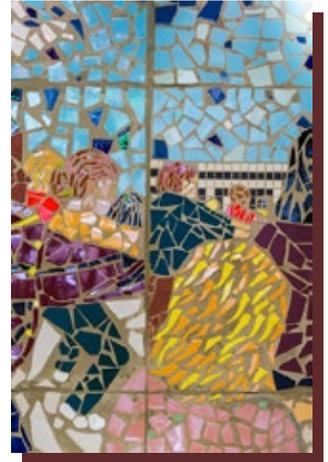
Elena Delavega

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Expertise

Poverty, economic development, evaluation

Education

Ph.D., 2010, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W. (Gerontology), 2008, University of Houston

B.S. (Sociology), 2006, University of Houston-Downtown

Biography

Elena Delavega, PhD, MSW is Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Memphis, where she teaches Social Welfare Policy, Evaluative Research, and Poverty. Her research interests are poverty and sustainable economic development, and include the ways to alleviate poverty, wages, the relationship between education and capital, and capital transformations. During her first two years at the University of Memphis she has launched two major research initiatives, among others: The STEM Pink Palace Project (grant funded) and the Earned Income Tax Credit Project. Both initiatives are directly related to her research agenda, Structural Interventions to Address Poverty. The STEM project aims to increase motivation and skills in science education among low income children to increase the incidence of STEM careers in our population, and the Earned Income Tax Credit project aims to investigate claim rates among the poorest citizens of Memphis and to promote the utilization of this important credit that both promotes work and reduces poverty. Other projects include the Ruby Payne Project (grant funded) designed to understand the mindset of people under poverty, and collaborative research that focuses on the effects of housing on extremely poor women infected with HIV. One of her favorite projects, however, is the Memphis Poverty Fact Sheet, updated every year, which has been cited extensively in local and national media. Additionally, because teaching and integrating research and teaching are fundamental elements of her professional and scholarly practice, she has conducted research on teaching effectiveness and involved her students in all aspects of her research. Her students have presented at CSWE APM and other conferences. She serves as Faculty Senator at the University of Memphis and as NASW Delegate Assembly Representative for Tennessee, position 2. For fun, she travels and volunteers at the Pink Palace Science Museum in Memphis.

Favorite Quote

"If your idea of success is directing a disproportionate amount of the world's resources and product of labor for your exclusive benefit, then yeah, I want to punish that." -Elena Delavega

"While poverty persists, there is no true freedom." -Nelson Mandela
"You do not take a person who, for years, has been hobbled by chains and liberate him, bring him up to the starting line of a race and then say, 'You are free to compete with all the others,' and still justly believe that you have been completely fair." -President L. B. Johnson

"Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings."
Nelson Mandela



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Education

Ph.D. (Social Work), 2007, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.S.W., 1986, University of Texas - Arlington

B.S.W., 1982, University of Texas - Austin

Recognition

Named Founding Dean of the Honors College at Texas A&M University Kingsville (TAMUK) in 2010. Previously served as TAMUK Director for the BSW Program (2002-2010) and Assistant Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences (2009-2010).

2011: Outstanding Community Leader LULAC Council #1; 2012: Governor's Executive Leadership Development Program (Texas); 2013: Charter Class for Transformational Leadership Program between LBJ School of Public Policy and University of Adelaide Australia.

Community: YWCA-Corpus Christi, Board of Directors Executive Committee, Chair-Women's Advocacy Committee; Women's Shelter of South Texas, Chair -Board of Directors; Behavioral Center of Nueces County-Board of Trustees; State Rep Todd Hunter-South Texas Education/Workforce Task Force.

Personal

Proud mom of one daughter, Katie 25, who lives in Austin.



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Expertise

Child welfare, Methodology, Statistics

Education

Ph.D., 2013, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
Master of Social Welfare, 2009, Chung-Ang University (S. Korea)
B.P.A., 2001, Sejong University (S. Korea)

Biography

My research interests are various child welfare topics, especially children and employees of out-of-home service for children. I have expertise in methodology and advanced statistics.

For the 2013 Fall semester, I taught 5 courses. Two courses are statistics (basic and advanced), two are 'Child and Society', and the other is 'Academic Writing'.

I am unfortunately still single, but my family had a new nephew last July. He is a really cute kid!

Favorite Quote

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." (Proverbs 16:9)

Peter Kindle

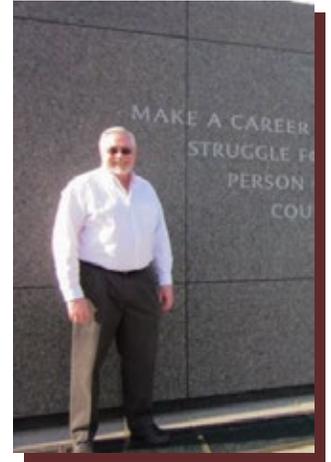
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Expertise

Financial literacy, financial stress/strain, assessment of student learning, systematic policy analysis, and student publications.

Education

Ph.D., 2009 University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W., 2007, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.A. (Psychology), 2002, University of Houston - Clear Lake

M.Div., 1986, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

B.B.A., 1977, University of Texas - Austin

Biography

I teach primarily in our BSSW program with responsibility for the research/stats sequence, policy, and our non-therapeutic mental health elective. When I teach on the MSW level, it is in policy or advocacy. I focus on creating opportunities for my students to do research and pursue publication and professional presentations with modest success. In the last two years my students have presented posters at five conferences in four states almost 30 times with 28 being accepted for publication. My Google Site provides more details about my ongoing research, publications, and students at <https://sites.google.com/a/usd.edu/peter-a-kindle-p/>.

Favorite Quote

"Is that your goat?" (my father)



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Expertise

Abstract Writing Mentoring; Art and Breast Cancer; Coping with Gynecologic and Breast Cancers

Education

Ph.D., 2003, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W. (Social Treatment), 1984, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

B.A. (Psychology), 1980, University of Houston

Biography

I have been employed at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for 22 years. My areas of practice are in patient care with inpatient Breast and Gynecology patients where I provide expressive supportive counseling, discharge planning and family counseling.

In the Department of Social Work, I am the coordinator for the abstract-writing program. The goal of this program is to assist other social workers in writing abstracts to submit to conferences. I developed this program in 1996 and it has grown steadily through the years. My role encompasses providing abstract-writing informational sessions, writing and editing support for staff submitting abstracts and poster and presentation development with the Medical Graphics and Scientific Publications Departments. I keep a statistical database on the conferences and abstracts. I have given 21 presentations at conferences, either posters or podium presentations.

I have two sons, both married, one of whom is a doctor and the other working in the computer industry. My main hobby is photography and making jewelry.

Favorite Quote

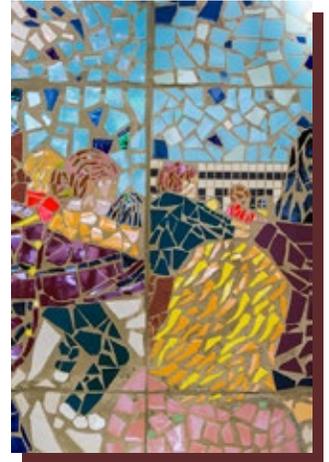
"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much."--Oscar Wilde



Grace Loudd

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Expertise

Social Work: Women's Health and Sexuality

Education

Ph.D., 2012, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.P.H., 2006, Lamar University
B.S., 2004, Corporate Communication Lamar University

Biography

Dr. Grace Loudd is a proud University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work graduate. Shortly after graduation, Dr. Loudd obtained a visiting faculty position in Texas Southern University's social work department. There, she is refining the social work skills she learned in graduate school while contributing to the overall mission of working with and empowering diverse groups.

In addition, she is a burgeoning researcher with research interests focused on better understanding the dynamics of women's sexuality, condom use practices, well-being and mental health.

Dr. Loudd currently lives in Houston, Texas with her partner of 16 years and their beloved dog, Emerald.

Favorite Quote

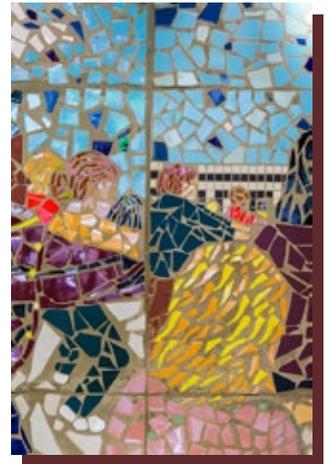
"Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans." -Allen Saunders



Susan Mapp

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Expertise

Human trafficking, human rights, violations of children's rights, international social work, program evaluation

Education

Ph.D., 2004, University of Houston
M.S.S.W., 1996, University of Texas - Austin
B.A., 1992, Trinity University

Biography

Susan Mapp is the Program Director and Chair of the Social Work Department at Elizabethtown College. She has written two books in the area of human rights: *Human Rights and Social Justice in a Global Perspective: An Introduction to International Social Work* (currently in revision for a second edition) and *Global Child Welfare and Well-Being*. She is currently co-writing a book on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. She is the author of numerous book chapters and peer-reviewed articles on a variety of topics, including the impact of war on children, violations of women's human rights, law enforcement awareness of human trafficking, as well as issues relating to the child welfare system.

She has presented her work at national and international conferences and is a member of the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Global Social Work education and its Committee on Human Rights. She also serves as the Vice-President for Planning and Organizational Research for the International Consortium on Social Development and the Treasurer for The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors.

Favorite Quote

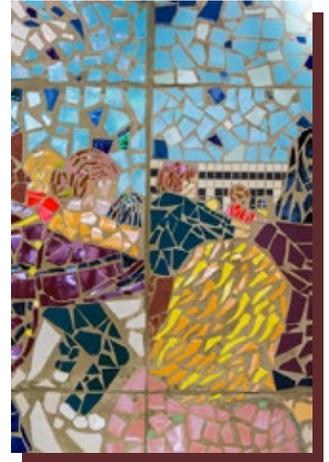
"When I dare to be powerful to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." -Audre Lorde



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Expertise

Practice

Education

Ph.D., 2006, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.S.W., 1994, Washington University in St Louis

Biography

Dr. May is an Assistant Professor teaching graduate practice classes and now Director of the BSW Program. Research interests include social skills of social work students related to stress and technology in social service agencies.

Favorite Quote

"Those who think they know do not know and those who know they do not know, know." --Joseph Campbell

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Expertise

Immigration

Education

Ph.D., 2002, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W. (Political Social Work), 1995, University of Houston

B.S. (Sociology), 1991, Lamar University

Biography

Since 2006, I have lived and conducted research on both sides of the US-Mexico border, studying the contributing factors and the consequences of undocumented immigration to the United States. Currently, my work is focused on the conditions and experiences of undocumented immigrants now living in Houston. In addition to my work as an Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Houston Downtown, I am fortunate to live part time in community as a Catholic Worker at Casa Juan Diego, where I write as a special series writer for the Houston Catholic Worker Newspaper, and work directly with Houston's undocumented community.

Favorite Quote

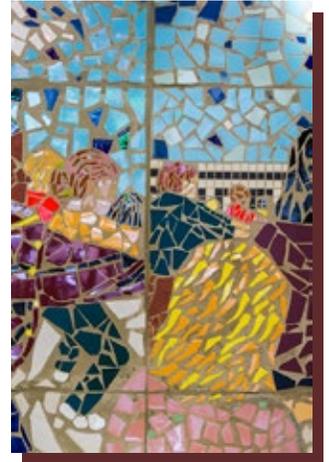
"Everyone responds to kindness." -Richard Gere



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Expertise

Program Evaluation, Home Visiting, Parenting/Infant Mental Health

Education

Ph.D., 2000, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.A. (Developmental Psychology), 1992, University of Houston

B.A. (Special Education/Elementary Education), 1988, Arizona State University

Biography

I am still running the tech/data company I founded in 1996. With the passage of AHCA, the home visiting field for newborns and their families has experienced great growth. It is a very exciting time to be in this field, and we have become very busy helping new states demonstrate their hard work and wonderful outcomes with families. My work life is busy and somewhat frantic at times, and I LOVE IT!

Personal

I am married to a very creative man who has added tattoos to his repertoire of art. My girls are now 11 and 9 and the joy of my life! We are busy with soccer and Girls Scouts many weekends. We enjoy taking long car vacations in the summer, so watch for us!

Favorite Quote

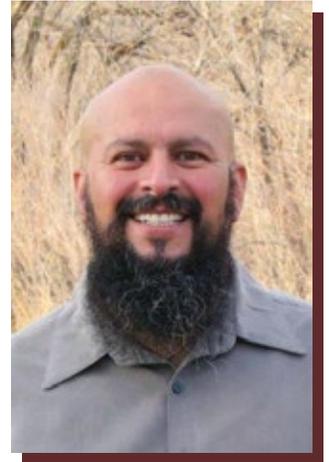
"We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." -Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Expertise

Criminal and Juvenile justice

Education

Ph. D., 2006, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
B.S. (Psychology), 1994, University of Texas - El Paso

Biography

Moisés Próspero, Ph.D., is an international consultant specializing in criminal, juvenile, and social justice. Dr. Próspero is the founder of the Institute for Innovative Justice, a research consulting firm that assists local agencies develop, implement, & evaluate comprehensive, collaborative programs that address community issues through community organizing, building data collection protocols, and training on best practices. Originally from El Paso, Texas, Dr. Próspero received a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Houston and now resides in Salt Lake City, Utah. He believes that by bridging research, evaluation, and service delivery, we can collectively change outcomes for communities.

Favorite Quote

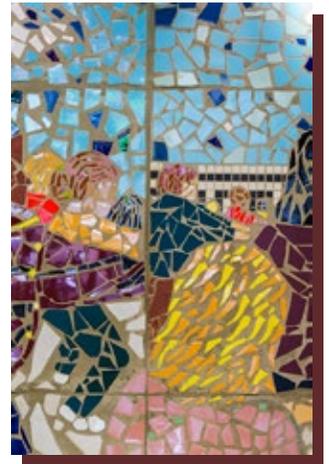
"If you are going to hoot with the owls at night, be ready to soar with the eagles in the morning!"



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Expertise

Sepsis, Research and Healthcare

Education

Ph.D., 2012, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.S.W., 2008, Indiana University
B.A., 2006, Hanover College

Biography

I currently live in Houston, TX, with my trusty cat Scooter and work at Houston Methodist Hospital on a team that seeks to halt the progression of sepsis. When I'm not working, I enjoy running, movies, camping, traveling, FOOD, and being social with my friends.

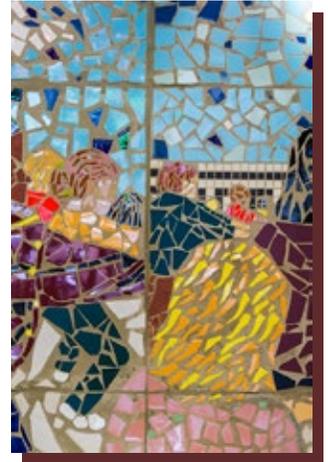
Favorite Quote

"If you don't have time to do the job right the first time, you have time to do it again" -my father, Vincent Rose

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Education

Ph. D., 2006, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

Biography

Dr. Mahasin Saleh is social work faculty in the Division of Social Work at University of Bradford in England (which is in one of the most diverse areas outside of London). She earned promotion and tenure as an Associate Professor at University of Nevada, Reno in 2012.

In 2013, Mahasin was a Fulbright Scholar at Bethlehem University in the occupied Palestinian territory where she taught and worked on establishing their MSW program. During her Fulbright she also served on an informal joint appointment at Birzeit University's Institute for Community and Public Health. From 2009 to 2013, she served as the lead social work curriculum developer and trainer for the Frontier Regional FASD Training Center (funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). As part of her duties, she and her team developed two 'teaching ready' hour long FASD Curriculum Infusion Packages which are free and available to faculty at: <http://www.rfasd.org/cips.html>.

Dr. Saleh also served as the Principal Investigator for the Nevada Training Partnership for Child Welfare at UNR and as a national evaluation team member for the Fathers and Families Coalition of America. Dr. Saleh's research interests include the intersections of fatherhood, child welfare and diversity with an emphasis on international social work. She has enjoyed teaching everything she has taught, including research, practice, field, electives, etc. She especially enjoyed teaching communication skills with hired actors as clients and using UNR Medical School's simulation labs.

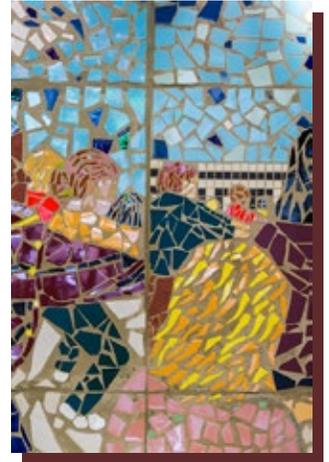
Some of Mahasin's recent publications includes Child welfare professionals' experiences in engaging fathers in services (*Journal of Child and Adolescent Social Work*), Parents' discipline of their children: Results from a national family health survey from the occupied Palestinian territory (*Lancet: Global Health Series*) and Effectiveness of diversity infusion modules on students' attitudes, behavior and knowledge (*Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*).



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Expertise

HIV, Substance abuse, refugee populations, mental health and risk behaviors

Education

Ph.D., 2009, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

Biography

Dr. Small's research focuses on reducing incidents of sexually transmitted infections among vulnerable populations of youth with a particular emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa (Global Health). The objective is to understand the underlying mechanisms (e.g. high risk sexual behaviors, drug use) and the contextual factors (e.g. culture, social norms, neighborhoods, community, government policy, etc.) that influence disease incidence. A secondary objective is involving students in research and study abroad where they interact and share ideas with local communities to address global social challenges of HIV/AIDS and poverty.

Dr. Small is the advisor of Students of International Social Work (SISW).

Favorite Quote

"Service to others is the rent you pay for the space you occupy here on earth." -Muhammad Ali



Dana Smith

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Education

Ph.D., 2008, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.S.W., 2000, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.P.A., 1992, Texas Southern University
B.A. (Psychology), 1989, Spelman College

Biography

Dana Smith serves as Director of Field Education and Instructor at the University of Houston Downtown. She enjoys teaching policy, ethics, field seminar, and community practice courses. Her dissertation was entitled Globalization and Social Work: Influencing practice through education and awareness and she co-authored (with Dr. Monit Cheung) Globalization and social work: Influencing practice through continuing education which will appear in a future volume of the Journal of Social Work Education.

Dana is the former Executive Director of Texas AHEC East – Greater Houston Region, a nonprofit agency focused on health care workforce development and health literacy activities. Under her eight year leadership, the organization's grant funding tripled and the staff grew from 5 to 17 employees. She is also a graduate of the University of California Los Angeles /Johnson and Johnson Health Care Executive Program and a leader in the community, serving on several community boards.

Dana enjoys reading, international travel, and the honor of being the mother of one son, Alex, who is currently a finance major at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Favorite Quote

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Expertise

Nonprofit Management and Youth Development

Education

Leadership Institute for Nonprofit Executives (LINE) Program, 2012, Rice University

Ph.D., 2004, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W., 1979, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

B.S.W., 1972, Texas Women's University

Biography

Beverly A. Spears retired from Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) in 2010. During her 31 year career with PVAMU-CEP, she served as a 4-H Specialist, State 4-H Program Leader and as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Human Sciences where she taught graduate level family life courses. During Dr. Spears' career she was successful in garnering over \$2 million in extramural funding from federal agencies, foundations and programs to include the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and Kauffmann Foundation. Additionally, she was the recipient of many highly coveted national, state and local awards for exceptional commitment to the USDA programs and service to the state of Texas. A number of young professionals attribute their advancement in careers to her mentoring and coaching.

Presently, Beverly is the Co-founder/CEO of Spearhead Associates, Inc. , a recognized 501(c)3 that specializes in helping nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and educational institutions embark on comprehensive change management and programs to improve performance through strengthening their management capability and development of strategic plans to convert their potential energy to productive kinetic action. Her studies in organizational behavior, administration and planning, coupled with her practical approach allow her to synthesize challenging situations with remarkable adeptness, unlock potential and advance the mission of her clientele.

Beverly works with boards and top teams on issues of governance, alignment, and performance transformation; advises senior executives on issues of leadership development, strategy, recruitment, and talent management; and coaches and advises CEOs on transformation. She leads Spearhead's knowledge initiative on nonprofits and educational agencies for developing team effectiveness.

Favorite Quote

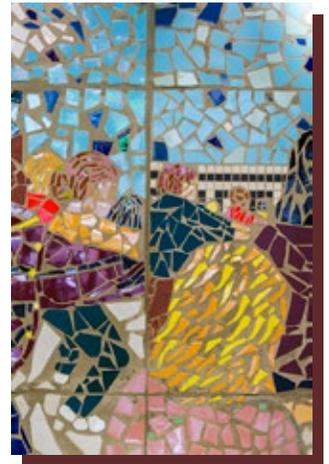
"Nothing is impossible; the word itself says 'I'm possible!'" -Audrey Hepburn



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Expertise

Clinical Practice; Child Welfare; Trauma

Education

Ph.D., 2004, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W., 1986, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

B.A. (Home Economics Education), 1975, Glassboro State College

Biography

Although technically retired from the University of Houston, I have resumed a part time role in the Child Welfare Education Project at the GCSW as adjunct professor and contributor to the Project. As a clinician I have an active clinical practice and supervise several LMSW's in their pathway to an LCSW. I enjoy giving workshops on several different subjects including the DSM-5. I also give the LMSW licensing review course to graduating students and to community members and am proud of the pass rate for my students.

My Ph.D. has opened up doors to a very exciting and creative career in academia and broadened my clinical perspective. I have been married for 47 years and am mother to two grown children and grandmother to 4 active little ones.

Favorite Quote

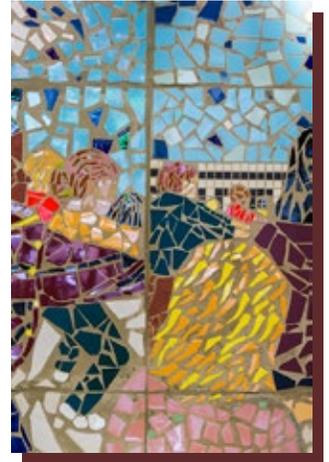
"One person can make a difference."



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Expertise

Strategic and operational planning, nonprofit management

Education

Ph.D. , 2011, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.S.W., 2008, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
M.B.A., 1979, Harvard Business School-Harvard University
M.S. (Accounting), 1976, New York University-Stern School of Business Administration
A.B. (Economics), 1975, Radcliffe College-Harvard University *Magna Cum Laude*

Biography

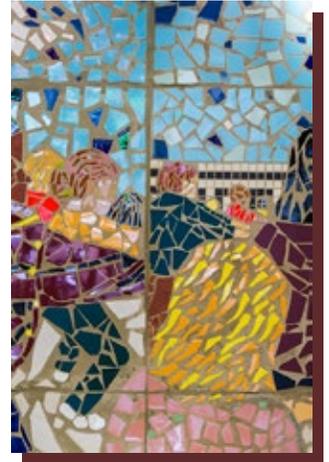
My first career was in the corporate world. My second career involved raising children and volunteering for multiple organizations and causes. After receiving my social work degrees, I feel fortunate to have found interesting work at a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children in Texas.



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Education

Ph.D., 2005, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

M.S.W., 1996, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

B.A. (Sociology), 1981 University of Tulsa

Biography

Peter Wuenschel is Executive Director of Communities In Schools (CIS) - Bay Area, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 agency that provides dropout prevention services in Clear Creek and Dickinson Independent School Districts. Wuenschel has been with CIS Bay Area since 1995. Peter and his wife Debbie moved to the Houston area with their four children (Diedra, Jeremiah, Matthew, and Erica) in 1991.

Wuenschel has a PhD and a Master of Social Work from the University of Houston – Graduate School of Social Work. His dissertation focused on management in social service agencies.

Wuenschel was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is one of six children. He is also a fraternal twin. While growing up Wuenschel and his family were known as the “Singing Wuenschels” and performed at numerous youth conferences throughout the United States and Canada.

In addition to running the CIS program, Wuenschel serves as the Chair of the Education Division of the Clear lake Area Chamber of Commerce, is Past President of the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families and sits on the Advisory Council to the University of Houston – Clear Lake Bachelor of Social Work program.

I have enjoyed working in the field of Education and Social Service because members of this community truly believe that the Community must have a strong education system that meets the needs of all students. The Clear Creek and Dickinson Independent School Districts have been active in supporting better funding of public education, recognizing the dedication of public school teachers and advocating for all levels of education in order to enhance the relationship between the business community and the education system.

It is truly a blessing to be a part of this community. I have been blessed with a wonderful job that allows me to engage the community in helping kids stay in school so they can have a better life. Every day I am surrounded by people who share a common vision of an educated workforce who are willing to give back to their community.



Congratulations to all 71 Graduates

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Judith Baer	Heather Kanenberg	Noe Ramirez
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Kathleen Belanger	Gayle Klaybor	Alexis L. Rose
Needha Bouttè-Queen	Irene Korcz	Amy Russell
Pamela Boveland	Janie LaQue	Mahasin F. Saleh
Barbara Brandes	Melanie W. Lawson	William Schmidt
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