



Curriculum Vita

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| EDUCATION |
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Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
University of Texas at Arlington, 2015

Master of Science in Social Work
University of Texas at Arlington, 2010

Bachelor of Science in Management & Administration
Louisiana State University-Shreveport, 2007

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| TEACHING EXPERIENCE |
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Fall 2022- Present, Associate Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce School of Social Work

Fall 2016-Summer 2022, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce School of Social Work

Fall 2015- Spring 2016, Ad Interim Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University

Commerce School of Social Work

Summer 2016 Adjunct Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce School of Social Work

Spring 2012- Fall 2015, Adjunct Professor, University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work

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| COURSES TAUGHT |
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Undergraduate Courses

SWK 331 Social Work Practice with Macro Systems

SWK 361 Issues in Family Treatment

SWK 370 Writing and Technology Skills

SWK 2389 Academic Cooperative

Graduate Courses

SWK 507 Organizations, Communities, & Social Policy

SWK 513 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II

SWK 531 Research for Practice

SWK 541 Social Justice Oppressed Populations

SWK 553 Field Foundations Practicum

SWK 554 Advanced Generalist Practice Field Practicum SWK 590 Research Methods in
Advanced Social Work Practice SWK 595 Research Literature & Techniques

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Print

Lee, T., Smith, D.J., Hendricks, L., Miller, J., Mohdzain, Z., Knox, A., & **Smith, M.** (2024). African American College Students' Sexual Attitudes, Behaviors, and Beliefs. *ISRG, Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences* 2(1), 65-71.

Smith, M. (2023). Eating Disorders Among African Americans. In L. Hendricks & D. Smith (Eds), *Changing the Stigma of Mental Health Among African Americans: Moving from Denial to Acceptance* (64-90). IGI Global.

Smith, M., & Brownell, G. (2022). College Students Attitudes about SCD carrier screening. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 32(2), 201-213. DOI:10.1080/10911359.2021.1879703.

Smith, M. (2021). College Students' Attitudes toward People with Sickle Cell Disorders. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 32(6), 1-8. DOI: 10.1080/10911359.2021.1973935

Smith, M., & Brownell, G. (2021). College Students Attitudes about SCD carrier screening. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 32(2), 1-13. DOI: 10.1080/10911359.2021.1879703.

Smith, M., & Mercado-Sierra, M. (2021). Health Beliefs as a Predictor of Screening Behaviors among College Students. *Social Work in Public Health*, 36(4), 460-473. DOI: 10.1080/19371918.2021.1905130

Brownell, G.E., Mercado-Sierra, M.A. & **Smith, M.** (2020) Reintegration as a social development strategy for Liberia's ex-child soldiers: Addressing Structural Barriers. *Social Development Issues*, 42(3). DOI: 10.3998/sdi.17872073.0042.304

Smith, M., & Praetorius, R.T. (2019). College students' knowledge about Sickle Cell Disease. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 29(3), 308-320, DOI:10.1080/10911359.2018.1528918.

Smith, M., & Brownell, G. (2018). Knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors regarding Sickle Cell Disease: Implications for prevention. *Social Work in Public Health*, 33(5), 299-316.

Scannapieco, M., **Smith, M.**, & Strong-Blakeney, A. (2016). Transition from foster care to Independent Living: Ecological predictors associated with outcomes. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal* 33(4), 293-302.

Smith, M., & Praetorius, R.T. (2015). The Challenges and Opportunities Associated with Sickle Cell Disease Prevention, Education, and Management. *Social Work in Public Health*, 30(7), 592-612.

Smith, M., & Aguirre, R.T. (2012). Reproductive Attitudes and Behaviors in People with Sickle Cell Disease or Sickle Cell Trait: A Qualitative Meta-Synthesis. *Social Work in Health Care*, 51(9), 757-779.

Research Grants & Awards

Henry Ross Award for Student Development (2022)

Collegiate Learning & Student Succeeding (CLASS) Award (2020)

Pride Grant \$1000 (2019)

PRESENTATIONS

International

Smith, M. (2013, June). *Challenges To Informed Reproductive Choices Among Sickle Cell Carriers*. Pathways 2013 7th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Los Angeles, CA.

National

Openshaw, L., Mercado-Sierra, Brownell, G., M., **Smith, M.**, & Nelson, D. (2020, November). *Conscience Clauses and Resolving Conflict: Unique Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work*. Council for Social Work Education 66th Annual Program Meeting. Virtual

Meeting

- Smith, M.**, Brownell, G., & Hernandez, A. (2019, October). *Public Perceptions of Immigration: Implications for Social Work Education, Policy, and Research*. Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver CO.
- Smith, M.**, & Brownell, G. (2017, October). *College Students Knowledge about Sickle Cell Disease: Implications for Prevention*. Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Ruiz, E., Aguirre, R.T.P., & **Smith, M.** (2015, January). *Latino Suicide: Identifying and Comparing Risk Factors Among Adolescent Males and Females*. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Ruiz, E., Aguirre, R.T.P. & **Smith, M.** (2014, October). *Latino suicide: Identifying risk factors among young males*. Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) 60th Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- Smith, M.** & Ruiz, E. (2014, May). *Knowledge and Awareness about Sickle Cell Disease: A Review of the Literature to Inform Prevention Development and Implementation*. Society for Prevention Research 22nd Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Ruiz, E., Aguirre, R.T.P., & **Smith, M.** (2014, January). *Latina suicide: Understanding why?* Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Smith, M.** (2013, May). *Reproductive Attitudes and Behaviors in People with Sickle Cell Disorders: A Qualitative Meta-Synthesis*. Society for Prevention Research, 21st Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA.
- Smith, M.**, & Black, B. (2011, October). *Dating characteristics: Influences on middle schoolers' dating violence victimization*. Council of Social Work Education, 55th Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

State & Local

- Brownell, G. **Smith, M.**, & Hernandez, A. (2019, October). *Public Perceptions of Immigration in the U.S.: Implications for Social Work Practice*. National Association for Social Workers Annual Conference, Galveston TX.

Brownell, G., **Smith, M.**, & Moore, B. (2018, October) *Immigration Myths, Facts, & Fantasies: Social Work Advocacy in the Trump Age*. National Association for Social Workers Annual Conference, Arlington TX

Brownell, G., **Smith, M.**, & Moore, B. (2017, October). *Myths, Facts, & Fantasies: Immigration in the U.S.* National Association for Social Workers Annual Conference, Galveston TX

Smith, M., & Black, B. (2011, March). *Dating Characteristics Influencing Dating Violence Victimization among Middle School Students*. Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES). Arlington, TX.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2013-2014 Graduate Research Assistant (Dr. Maria Scannapieco, University of Texas at Arlington, faculty supervisor)

- Conducted literature reviews and manuscript preparation for projects related to: • Trauma Informed Practice and Effectiveness of Native American/American Indian child welfare social services
- Youth in foster care transition to independent living program
- Co-authored publication

2012-2015 Bilingual Educator/Trainer (The Women's Center of Tarrant County Fort Worth, TX)

- Administered data collection (pretesting) of elementary, middle school, and high school students prior to presenting child abuse curriculum.

2011-2012 Research Coordinator (Dr. Regina Aguirre, University of Texas at Arlington, faculty supervisor)

- Participated in the development and implementation of a research project related to informed reproductive health research at the School of Social Work • Provided coordination of activities related to academic publications and presentations
- First author on publication

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| SERVICE |
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University, College, & Department

Department of Counseling, Search Committee Member (2023)

Office of Alumni Engagement, Search Committee Member (2023)

Faculty Judge (2021-2024) Annual Research Symposium

Faculty Judge (2018, 2019) Annual Research Symposium

Literature Reviews in Education and Human Services Journal editorial Board Member
(2021-Current)

School of Social Work, Academic & Professional Issues Committee Chair (Summer 2021-
Current)

Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional Health (HOME), Board Member
(2020-2021)

Dissertation Proposal Defense (Spring 2021) Graduate Council Representative Dissertation

Proposal Defense (Fall 2020) Graduate Council Representative Dissertation Proposal Defense

(Spring 2020) Graduate Council Representative School of Social Work

(2020-2021) Curriculum Committee Member

Department of Nursing (2019) Search Committee Member

Faculty Senate (2019-2021) Faculty Senate Awards Committee Member

MSW Program Director (2019-2021)

Department of Nursing (2018-2021) Poverty Simulation Committee Member

School of Social Work (2018-2021) Admissions Committee Member

School of Social Work (2018-2019) Faculty Sponsor Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honor Society

School of Social Work () Search Committee

Aspire Project (2017-2018) providing oversight for SW interns in the Commerce ISD

School of Social Work (2017-2021) Field Interviews

School of Social Work (2017-2021) Scholarship Committee Chair

School of Social Work (2016-2022) Diversity Committee Member

School of Social Work (2016-2017) Curriculum Committee Member

Professional Service

Manuscript Reviewer (2022) for Journal of Social Work in Public Health

Editorial Board Member (2021-Present) Literature Reviews in Education and Human Services

Manuscript Reviewer for (2021) western Journal of Nursing Research

Manuscript Reviewer (2020) for Ethnicity & Health Journal

Manuscript Reviewer (2020) for Journal of Human Behavior in the Social

Environment Abstract Reviewer (2018-2019) Social Work Distance Education

Conference Cultural Humility vs. Cultural Competence: Social Work Field Instructors Workshop (2018)

Abstract Reviewer (2017) the 63rd Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting

Field Supervisor (2016-2017) for field students requiring MSW supervision

Community Service

Aspire Project (2017-2018) providing oversight for SW interns in the Commerce ISD Cultural

Humility Training (2017) Buckner Foster Care & Adoption Agency

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| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE |
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September 2022-Present Department Head School of Social Work *Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX*

May 2021-August 2022 Interim Department Head School of Social Work Texas
A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX

January 2021-May 2021 Assistant Department Head School of Social Work Texas
A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX

- Support Department Head

August 2019-August 2021 MSW Program Director School of Social Work Texas A&M
University-Commerce, Commerce, TX

- Provide advising for all MSW students
- Conduct new student orientations

August 2016 – August 2022 Assistant Professor School of Social
Work Texas A & M University- Commerce, Commerce Texas

- Teach graduate and undergraduate courses
- Provide supervision to students in field practicum

August 2015- May 2016- Ad- Interim Assistant Professor School of Social Work,
Texas A & M University- Commerce, Commerce Texas

- Taught graduate and undergraduate courses
- Provided field supervision to field students

January 2012-December 2015 Adjunct Instructor/Field Liaison School of Social
Work, The University of Texas at Arlington • Taught undergraduate and graduate
courses

- Ensured that field students enjoyed quality placements in agencies and performed their assigned tasks satisfactorily.
- Made joint contact (phone or Skype) with student and field instructor by mid semester. Assessed and monitored the quality of supervision provided to the student.
- Available to the field instructor and the student to help resolve issues that may occur during the course of the placement.
- Reviewed and signed the learning contract, midterm and final performance evaluations, and assigned course grade
- Developed corrective action plan for students having issues.

08/2012-08/2015 PRN Educator/Trainer The Women's Center of Tarrant County •

Facilitated the Play It Safe! TM child abuse prevention program to elementary, middle and high school students in English or Spanish that teaches children how to recognize, respond to, and report abuse.

- Worked autonomously connecting with children of all ages

- Communicated with counselors, principals and other school personnel about abuse disclosures or other concerns regarding the children.
- Reported outcries of abuse to CPS and/or police.
- Administer data collection (pretesting) of elementary, middle school, and high school students prior to presenting child abuse curriculum.
- Provided professional advice and training to new educators/trainers concerning the child abuse prevention program

Summer 2011 MSW Admissions Counselor School of Social Work, the University of Texas at Arlington

- Recruitment of graduate students, including activities that generated prospects, applicants and enrollees. Managed students from prospect to applicant to enrollee.
- Organized and conducted information sessions/graduate forums for prospective students at the Fort Worth Center. Replied to phone calls, correspondence, and email from prospective students. Managed application process from receipt of application through evaluation and decision.
- Composed correspondence to initiate admissions inquiries. Maintained and entered admission information into database, kept records and produced reports as needed. Generated letters of admission and/or rejection to students.
- Provided educational advising to admitted and current students. Served as a liaison to various departments and supported relations between the UT Arlington School of Social Work and the UT Arlington Fort Worth Center.

January 2009-August 2009 Social Work Intern Advocacy Department, Children's Medical Center, Dallas, TX

- Planned and organized Coalition meetings.
- Researched, wrote and gathered data from local agencies for local publication. • Planned and organized legislative visits. Conducted research for community project regarding medical services available within specified zip codes. • Facilitated a presentation of community project findings to Hospital Committee

May 2008-August 2008 Social Work Intern Collin County Children's Advocacy Center, Plano, TX

- Conducted needs assessment, case management, and documentation • Worked directly with clients
- Assisted families in applying for public benefits and referrals to community

resources

- Conducted home visits working with CPS
- Reviewed forensic interviews of children and observed civil and criminal trials •
- Watched suspect interrogations and provided translations for interrogations •
- Supervised court-ordered parent/child visits
- Worked in a multi-disciplinary environment
- Facilitated event planning, back to school fair, and collecting donations,