

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION:

1992 New York University, New York, New York
Ph.D. in Social Work

1978 New York University, New York, New York
Masters Degree in Social Work (MSW)

1977 New York University, New York, New York
BSW –Social Work, Honors Scholar

CURRENT POSITION:

2000-Present **Associate Professor**, School of Social Work
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:

1990-Present Licensed Clinical Social Worker
State of Florida, License # SW2378

Florida Qualified Supervisor for LCSWs & LMHCs

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

2009-2010 College of Health & Public Affairs Research Fellowship

2007-2008 Completed 10 month Infant Mental Health Level 3 Training, FSU Harris Center for
Infant Mental Health Training, Harris Center for Prevention & Early Intervention Policy.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

2007-2009 **Vice Chair**, Institutional Review Board
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

2000-2008 **Project Director**, University of Central Florida -NCF Clinical Social Work Unit
(Training Unit)

2005-Present **Qualified Supervisor** for Florida LCSW & LMHC interns

2003-Present **Clinician**, Private Practice-Clinical and Consulting Practice.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND-Cont'd:

- 6/00-12/00 **Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies,**
College of Health & Public Affairs
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida
- 1994 - 2000 **Assistant Professor,** School of Social Work,
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida
- 1999 –2000 **Therapist** (Part-Time Child & Family Therapist)
Allen Group Employee Assistance Program
Longwood, Florida
- 1992 – 1996 **Child Therapist, Clinical Supervisor**
& Program Consultant, Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program.
Arnold Palmer Hospital, Orlando, Florida
- 1992-1994 **Executive Director,** Psychiatric Care Services (Adults),
Winter Park Memorial Hospital, Winter Park, Florida
- 1992 - 1994 **Clinician/Consultant,** Mental Health Private Practice & Consulting
Infants, Children & Families, Orlando, Florida
- 1992-1994 **Adjunct Faculty Member/Field Instructor,** University of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida
- 1991 - 1992 **Director of Program Services,** Winter Park Memorial Hospital
Psychiatric Care Services (Adults), Winter Park, Florida
- 1990-1991 **Director** of Psychiatric Outpatient Services (Children)
Laurel Oaks Children's Psychiatric Hospital, Orlando, Florida
- 1988-1990 **Director** of Conduct Disorder Unit (Children),
Laurel Oaks Children's Psychiatric Hospital, Orlando, Florida
- 1988-1990 **Director** of Social Work (Children),
Laurel Oaks Children's Psychiatric Hospital, Orlando, Florida
- 1988(May) -
1988 (Sept.) **Senior Child Mental Health Clinician,** HCA Westlake Hospital (Children's
Psychiatric Unit), Longwood, Florida
- 1986-1988 **Adjunct Faculty Member/Field Instructor**
New York University School Work, New York, New York
- 1984 - 4/88 **Director,** Pre-School Therapeutic Nursery (Infant Mental Health Services)
Clinical Supervisor for medical students & psychiatric fellows,
Soundview Throggs Neck Community Mental Health Center
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND-Cont'd:

- 1982 - 1984 **Child Therapist**
Clinical Supervisor for medical students & psychiatric fellows
Soundview Throggs Neck Community Mental Health Center
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York.
- 1981- 1982 **Social Worker Supervisor, Child Sexual Abuse Unit**
Columbia Presbyterian Hospital
New York, New York
- 1980-1982 **Adjunct Faculty, Social Work Program**
College of New Rochelle
New York, New York
- 1978 - 1981 **Child Therapist, Therapeutic Nursery**
Clinical Supervisor for medical students & psychiatric fellows
Bronx Lebanon Hospital
Crotona Park Community Mental Health Center
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Bronx, New York

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Social Work Practice with Children from Birth to Age Five and their Families (Master's Level)
- Documentation in Social Work Practice (Bachelor's Level)
- Social Work Research (Master's Level-Foundation and Clinical Year)
- Children's Services (Bachelors Web Based Course)
- Child Abuse & Neglect: Treatment & Prevention (Master's Level)
- Medications and Social Work Practice (Master's Level)
- Clinical Practice with Individuals (Master's Level)
- Clinical Practice with Families (Master's Level)
- Clinical Practice with Children & Adolescents (Master's Level)
- Advanced Interviewing and Documentation in Clinical Social Work Practice (Master's Level)
- Clinical Practice with Groups (Master's Level)
- Psychosocial Pathology (Master's Level)
- Assessing Human Development I (Bachelor's Level)
- Generalist Practice I (Bachelor's Level)
- Social Work with Minorities (Bachelor's Level)
- Micro-level Roles and Interventions (Bachelor's Level)
- Social Work Research (Bachelor's Level)
- Black and Hispanic Lifestyles. (Master's Level)
- Group Counseling (Bachelor's Level)
- Introduction to Social Work (Bachelor's Level)
- Dynamics of Family Relationships (Bachelor's Level)
- The Psychology of Adolescence (Bachelor's Level)
- Children's Services (Bachelor's Level)
- Juvenile Offenders: An Integrative Perspective (Bachelor's Level Honors Course)

RESEARCH GRANTS/STIPENDS:

- 2009-2010 Competitive grant award from The Learning Institute for Elders at the University of Central Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 for “The Impact of Child Congenital Heart Disease on Parents of Children under the Age of Five” research study.
- 2009-2010 Research Fellow, College of Health & Public Affairs, \$2,500
- 2007-2008 **Principal Investigator:** Neighborhood Center for Families (NCF) Clinical Social Work Training & Service Unit. Funded for \$70,000 by Citizens’ Commission for Children, Orange County
- 2007 Faculty Development Summer Conference, International Track, \$1,000-Worked on the UCF Hispanic Research Center Planning Team.
- 2006-2007 **Principal Investigator:** Neighborhood Center for Families (NCF) Clinical Social Work Training & Service Unit. Funded for \$143,939 by Citizens’ Commission for Children, Orange County
- 2005-2006 **Principal Investigator:** Experiences of Hispanic/Latino Parents in Accessing Health & Mental Health Services for their Children Study. Funded for \$26,558.70 by Citizens’ Commission for Children, Orange County.
- 2005-2006 **Principal Investigator:** Neighborhood Center for Families (NCF) Clinical Social Work Training & Service Unit. Funded for \$129,773 by Citizens’ Commission for Children, Orange County
- 2005 Faculty Development Summer Conference-Diversity Track-\$1,000 stipend
- 2004-2005 **Principal Investigator:** Neighborhood Center for Families (NCF) Clinical Social Work Training & Service Unit Funded for \$115,995.00 by Citizens’ Commission for Children, Orange County
- 2004 **Co-Principal Investigator:** North Area Child Welfare Pre-Service Certification Training Program, Instructional Systems Design, and Training Delivery System Development. Awarded \$2,243,866
- 2004 **Principal Investigator:** A Program Evaluation of the Coordinated Youth Initiative Programs -Year 2. Funded for \$125,000 by the Winter Park Health Foundation, Winter Park, Florida
- 2003-2004 **Principal Investigator:** Neighborhood Center for Families (NCF) Clinical Social Work Training & Service Unit Funded for \$82,166 by Citizens’ Commission for Children, Orange County.
- 2003 **Principal Investigator:** Staff Perceptions on the Use of the Family Development Matrix: The Neighborhood Centers for Families Experience Study. Funded for \$6,128 by the Citizen's Commission for Children, Orlando, Florida.

RESEARCH GRANTS/STIPENDS-CONT'D:

- 2003 **Principal Investigator:** Winter Park Health Foundation/UCF Partnership: A Program Evaluation of the Coordinated Youth Initiative Programs-Year 1. Funded for \$132,071 by the Winter Park Health Foundation, Winter Park, Florida
- 2001-2003 **Principal Investigator:** Neighborhood Center for Families (NCF) Clinical Social Work Training & Service Unit, Funded for \$114,946 by the Citizen's Commission for Children Orange County, Florida-Funded Annually.
- 1997-1998 Selected as one of seventeen national faculty in the NIMH-CSWE, NADD, & IASWR Summer Intensive MSW Faculty Development Program on Mental Health Research and Social Work Practice. July 13-17, 1998. Received \$800 stipend.
- 1997-1998 **Principal Investigator:** UCF-Juvenile Assessment Center Training & Service Unit \$80,000 grant from the Department of Juvenile Justice
- 1996-1997 **Principal Investigator:** UCF-Juvenile Assessment Center Training & Service Unit Funded by the State Department of Juvenile Justice-District 7 for \$78,052
- 1996-1997 **Principal Investigator:** UCF-Juvenile Assessment Center Training & Service Unit Funded by the Provost Strategic Initiative Awards for \$31,325
- 1996-1997 **Principal Investigator:** UCF-Juvenile Assessment Center Training & Service Unit Funded by the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services for \$50,000
- 1995-1996 **Principal Investigator:** UCF-Juvenile Assessment Center Training & Service Unit Funded by the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services for \$40,000
- 1995-1996 **Principal Investigator:** UCF-Juvenile Assessment Center Training & Service Unit Funded by the Provost Strategic Initiative Awards for \$36,000
- 1995-1996 **Principal Investigator:** Program Evaluation of the Grove's Juvenile Halfway House Program. Funded by the Grove Counseling Center for \$10,714
- 1987-1988 **Principal Investigator:** Mental Health Services for Homeless Preschoolers and Their Families Training & Service Unit. Funded by New York State Department of Social Services for \$54,000

RECENT PROPOSALS WRITTEN & SUBMITTED:

The Children's Health Advocacy & Transition Team (C.H.A.T.T.)
 Proposal Submitted to the Nemours Organization & the UCF College
 of Health & Public Affairs. Submitted May 2010.

Florida Department of Children and Families, Request for Information Proposal
 Child Welfare Pre-Service, In-Service and Re-Certification Training Programs
 Advertisement Number: CPI-2010-MH-200
 School of Social Work, Submitted to Florida DCF January 2010
 School of Social Work received award (Fall 2010) for 1.4 million dollars

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

2004-Developed the Collaborative Assessment of Life Functioning (CALF) assessment tool for assessing the needs of various client systems. Tool currently used in 13 NCF sites in Orange County, Florida.

PUBLICATIONS: (PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES)

Wallenberg, J., Anspach, A. & **Leon, A.M.** (In review). Student degree program, ethnicity and attitudes toward gays and lesbians in the military: Is there a connection? *The Journal of Homosexuality*.

Leon, A.M. & Pepe, J. (2010). Utilizing a Required Documentation Course to Improve the Recording Skills of Undergraduate Social Work Students. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 36(4), 362-376.

Leon, A.M. (2010). Latino Cultural Values in the United States: Understanding their Impact on Toddler Social and Emotional Development. *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, 4(12), 13-26.

Leon, A. M., Lawrence, S., Molina, O. & Toole, E. (2008). When children weep: Integrating ecological thinking in child welfare. *Illinois Child Welfare*, 4 (1), 144-165.

Leon, A.M. & Knapp, S. (2008). Involving Family Systems in Critical Care Nursing: Challenges and Opportunities, *Dimensions in Critical Care Nursing*, 27(6), 255-262.

Leon, A.M. & Armantrout, E.M. (2007). Assessing families and other client systems in community-based programmes: Development of the CALF. *Child & Family Social Work*, 12, 123-132.

Dziegielewska, S.F. & **Leon, A.M.** (2001). Time-Limited Case Recording: Effective Documentation in a Changing Environment. *Journal of Brief Therapy*, 1(1), 51-66.

Leon, A.M., Kazmerski, K.J., & Dziegielewska, S.F. (2001). Student Field Units: A Rehabilitative Educational Response in the Juvenile Justice System. *Social Work Education*, 20(2), 233-246.

Leon, A.M., & Dziegielewska, S.F. (2000). Engaging Hispanic Immigrant Mothers: Revisiting the Psycho-educational Group Model. *Crisis Intervention and Time-Limited Treatment*, 6(1), 13-27.

Leon, A.M. (1999). Family Support Model: Integrating Service Delivery in the 21st Century. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services*, 80 (1), 14-24.

Leon, A.M., & Dziegielewska, S.F. (1999). The Psychological Impact of Migration: Practice Considerations in Working with Hispanic Women. *Journal of Social Work Practice*, 13(1), 69-82.

Leon, A.M., Dziegielewska, S.F. & Tubiak, C., (1999) A Program Evaluation of a Juvenile Halfway House: Considerations for Strengthening Program Components. *Program Planning & Evaluation: An International Journal*, 22(2), 141-153.

Colby, I. & **Leon, A. M.** (1999). Orienting Students to Social Work Education: A First Look. *Journal of Applied Social Sciences*, 23(2), 3-12.

PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES)-CONT'D:

Leon, A.M., Altholz, J.A.S., & Dziegielewski, S. F. (1999). Compassion Fatigue: Considerations for Working with the Elderly. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 32(1), 43-62.

Dziegielewski, S.F., **Leon, A.M.** & Green, C.E. (1998). African American Children: A Culturally Sensitive Model for Group Practice. *Early Child Development and Care*, 147, 83-97.

Dziegielewski, S.F. & **Leon, A.M.** (1998). Psychopharmacological Treatment of Major Depression. *Research on Social Work Practice* 8(4), 475-490.

Dziegielewski, S.F. & **Leon, A.M.** (1998). Psychopharmacology Knowledge and Use with Social Work Professionals: A Continuing Education Evaluation. *Professional Development: International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 1(3), 31-40.

Lamb, L., Dziegielewski, S.F., & **Leon, A.M.** (1998). Pet-Human Bonding: Results of a Survey on Health and Well-being. *The Social Work Student*, 1, February 1998, at <http://www.uclan.ac.uk/facs/health/socwork/swonweb/journal/issue1/pethum.htm>].

Leon, A.M. (1997). A University-Community Collaborative Project: Mental Health Services for Juvenile Offenders. *Metropolitan Universities: An International Forum*, 8(3), 55-70.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Leon, A.M. & Eastwood, A. (In press). Remembering Homelessness among Children and Families. *NASW, Child Welfare Section Connection*.

Leon, A.M. (2008). Child mental health services: Integrating cultural considerations when engaging Hispanic parents. *NASW Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults*, 2(1), 3-5.

BOOK REVIEWS PUBLISHED:

Frameworks for Cultural and Racial Diversity, by D.C. Herberg, 1993. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press. Found in *Social Work*, 1995. Vol. 40, N0.6

Cross-Cultural Training Programs, by D.E. York. 1994. Ct: Bergin & Garvey. Found in *Social Work*, 1995. Vol. 40, N0.6

SOCIAL WORK TEXT BOOKS:

Dziegielewski, S.F., **Leon, A.M.** (2001). *Social Work Practice and Psychopharmacology*. New York: Springer Publishing.

RESEARCH REPORTS:

Byers, J.F., **Leon, A.** (2004). Winter Park Health Foundation CHILL Program Evaluation 2003-2004. Report submitted to the Winter Park Health Foundation.

Byers, J.F., **Leon, A.** (2003). Winter Park Health Foundation CHILL Program Evaluation 2002-2003. Report submitted to the Winter Park Health Foundation.

AWARDS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- Invited as member of the UCF Millionaires Club to the UCF Research Recognition Event August 20, 2010.
- Award, Women Making History: The Faculty Women Prominence Project, University of Central Florida, March 2010.
- Teaching Incentive Award, (2005-2006) \$5,000--College of Health & Public Affairs, University of Central Florida
- Inducted into University of Central Florida Millionaires Club for \$1,243,056.00 in external awards in 2005.
- Nominated (by Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children) for the National Association of Counties Organization for the development of the Collaborative Assessment of Life Functioning(CALF) tool, 2005
- Teaching Incentive Award, \$5,000, 2001-College of Health & Public Affairs, University of Central Florida
- Received recognition and service award from the Citizen's Commission for Children, March, 1999
- School of Social Work Nominee, Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award, College of Health and Public Affairs, 1998-99
- Received faculty award from the University of Central Florida Hispanic American Student Association, September 1998
- School of Social Work Nominee, Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award, College of Health & Public Affairs, 1997-98.
- Finalist, Orange County Children Must Count Awards, Juvenile Assessment Center Intern Unit, Partnership Project Category-1997.

PROFESSIONAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2010 Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists, Orlando, Florida, (with Drs. Rivers, Tucker and Ms. Tracy Jones), May 28, 2010. Managing Children with Sickle Cell Disease: An Interdisciplinary, Collaborative Model. **Peer Reviewed.**

2009 Fourth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Athens, Greece, July 8-11, 2009 on " Latino Cultural Values in the United States and their Impact on the Separation-Individuation Process in Latino Toddlers". **Peer Reviewed.**

2009 National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference 2009—Reflective Supervision in Infant Mental Health, June 4-6, 2009, Orlando, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

2009 Third Annual School of Social work Continuing Education/Alumni Conference at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, March 6, 2009. Latinos in the New America: Responding to the Needs of a Diverse Population—Infant Mental Health. **Invited.**

2009 The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual 2009 Conference in Arizona in March 2009 on "21st Century Documentation: The New Challenge for Undergraduate Social Work Education". **Peer Reviewed**

PROFESSIONAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS-CONT'D:

2008 12th Annual Early Childhood Council Conference in Tampa on November 13, 2008 on "Understanding the Influence of Hispanic/Latino Culture on Developing Autonomy in Children Ages 0-5" **Peer Reviewed**

2008 Central Florida Infant Mental Health Task Force, Reflective Supervision in Infant Mental Health, June 2008, Orlando, Florida. **Invited.**

2008 Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Conference, 21st Century Documentation: The New Challenge for Undergraduate Social Work Students" March 2008. **Peer Reviewed.**

2007 UCF Graduate Research Forum: April 3, 2007. Co-author on poster session with nursing doctoral student: Sandra Knapp: Literature Review: Developing Interventions to Assist Critical Care Nurses in Involving Families with Family Theory as the Foundation. **Peer Reviewed.**

2007 Angels Trace, Inc.: Domestic Violence and Women, Orlando, Florida. **Invited.**

2007 NASW, Florida Chapter Social Work Month: You do what for a living: reaffirming what we do. Orlando, Florida, March 1, 2007. **Invited.**

2006 World Association for Infant Mental Health Congress, July 2006: Utilizing a Graduate Social Work Field Education Unit to Provide Infant Mental Health Services: A Community Based Collaboration, Paris, France. **Peer Review.**

2006 UCF School of Social Work & NASW Florida Chapter, African – American and Latino Youth: Challenges and Resources, April 5, 2006. Presented on Latino Youth in Central Florida: Opportunities and Challenges. Orlando, Florida. **Invited.**

2005 National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference 2005--Social Work Documentation for the 21st Century, June 9, 2005, Orlando, Florida. **Invited.**

2004 National Coalition for Family Relations 66th Annual Conference Utilizing Social Work Students to Empower Families: A Community Based Collaboration, November 2004, Orlando, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

2004 The 132nd Annual Meeting of American Public Health Association, Poster Session- Community Help & Intervention in Life's Lessons (CHILL): Program Evaluation and next steps, November 6-10, 2004, Washington, DC. (With Dr. Byers, Ms. Mazany, Ms. Ellis and Dr. Wang). **Peer Reviewed**

2004 National Assembly on School Based Health Care: Presentation - Evaluating and enhancing school based programs: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, June 18, 2004, New Orleans, LA. (With Dr. Byers). **Peer Reviewed.**

2003 National Association of Rural Mental Health Annual Conference Training Social Workers in Rural Mental Health, July 2003, Orlando, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

PROFESSIONAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS-CONT'D:

2003 National Association of Social Workers, Annual Conference,

Documentation for the 21st Century. June 2003, Orlando, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

2003 National Association of Social Workers, Annual Conference,

When Florida's Children Weep: A Social Work Perspective on the Child Protection System. June 2003, Orlando, Florida, **Peer Reviewed.**

2003 Council on Social Work Education APM Conference

The Neighborhood Center for Families Internship Model, March 2003, Atlanta, Georgia. **Peer Reviewed**

2001 Barry University School of Law-Dependency Court Practice: Tips for the Practitioner

Understanding Psycho-Social Assessments, Psychological Evaluations, Psychiatric Evaluations and Other Useful Information. June 23, 2001, Orlando, Florida. **Invited.**

1999 National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter, 1999 Silver Anniversary Conference

Psychotherapy on the Super Information Highway? Co-presenter: George Jacinto, M.Ed., LCSW. June 10-12, 1999, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

1999 Fourth Annual Children's Services Regional Training Conference-One Village, One Child: A Circle of Care

Documentation in the 21st Century: The ABC's of Recording in Human Services. March 2-3, 1999, Pensacola, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

1998 20th Annual Symposium of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups: Strengthening Resiliency through Group Work.

Juvenile Justice Groups: The Need to Increase the Coping Skills of Juvenile Offenders and Their Parents. October 15-18, 1998, Miami Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

1998 Beyond the Classroom: A Model for Diversity Training in a Community Based Juvenile Justice Practicum Unit.

Co-presenters: Cheryl Green & George Jacinto

11th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education. May 30, 1998, Denver Colorado. **Peer Reviewed.**

1997 Juvenile Halfway Houses: The Need to Integrate Clinical Services (National Conference)

NASW Meeting of the Profession. October 4-7, 1997 in Baltimore, Maryland. **Peer Reviewed.**

1997 University-Community Collaboration

Co-presenter: Ken Kazmerski

National Conference on Child Welfare. September 26-29, 1997 in Memphis, Tennessee. **Peer Reviewed.**

1997 The Rehabilitative Challenge in Juvenile Justice: A Joint University-Community Effort to Meet the Needs of Juvenile Offenders (International Conference)

Co-presenter: Ken Kazmerski

The Third Bi-Annual Conference for Caribbean and International Social Work Educators. July 6-10, 1997 in Trinidad. **Peer Reviewed.**

PROFESSIONAL PAPER PRESENTATIONS-CONT'D:

1997 Bridging the Gap between Classroom and Field: Integrating Cultural Diversity Content in the Practicum. (National Conference)

Co-presenter: Cheryl Green. 10th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE) May 29-June 2, 1997 in Orlando, Florida. **Peer Reviewed**

1997 The Incidence of Intergenerational Substance Abuse among a Sample of Juvenile Offenders

Co-presenter: Ken Kazmerski

National Young Adult Institute's 4th Annual Conference on Social Work and Disabilities: The Challenge of Change. March 17-19, 1997 in New York City. **Peer Reviewed.**

1997 A Program Evaluation of a Juvenile Halfway House: Considerations for Strengthening Program Components--Second Annual Children's Services Regional Training Conference. February 20-21, 1997 in Pensacola, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

1997 A University-Community Collaborative Effort to Meet the Needs of Juvenile Offenders

Second Annual Children's Services Regional Training Conference. February 20-21, 1997 in Pensacola, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

1996 Juveniles in the judicial process: a Comparative Study of Judicial Dispositions and the Question of Minority Overrepresentation.

Regional Conference of the Multi-Agency Network for Severely. Emotionally Disturbed Children, February 22-23, 1996 in Pensacola, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

1996 Female Juvenile Offenders: Integrating Gender and Culture

Regional Conference of the Multi-Agency Network for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children February 22-23, 1996 in Pensacola, Florida. **Peer Reviewed.**

1996 Female Juvenile Offenders: The Need for Integrative Services

National Association for Women in Psychology. March 13-17, 1996 in Portland, Oregon. **Peer Reviewed**

1996 The Development and Implementation of a Short Term Psycho-Educational Group: Considerations for Engaging Hispanic Mothers.

National Association for Women in Psychology. March 13-17, 1996 in Portland, Oregon. **Peer Reviewed**

1995 Female Juvenile Offenders: The Hidden Cost of our Neglect

Regional Women, Mental Health & Substance Abuse: Shaping an Agenda for Florida. October 17, 1995 in Clearwater, Florida. **Peer Reviewed**

1995 Female Juvenile Offenders: The Hidden Costs of our Neglect

Florida State Association of School of Social Workers. November 1-3, 1995 in Orlando, Florida. **Peer Reviewed**

1996 Effects of Short-Term Psychosocial-Educational Groups on Drug Using Adolescents

Co-Presenters: Ken Kazmerski & Laurel Wise. Social Work '96, NASW's Meeting of the Profession. November 13-16, 1996, Cleveland, Ohio. **Peer Reviewed**

2003-PRESENT MEDIA PRESENTATIONS: University specialist to newspaper media on issues related to children and families (2003-present)

- Interviewed on **Public Affairs Today**, on The importance of understanding the Latino cultures in social work service delivery (2009)
- Interviewed for local TV show: **For Your Health**, on Latina Women, May 27, 2007
- Interviewed on TV show, **UCF in Print**, on the impact of migration on Latina women, 2007
- Interviewed by **El Nuevo Dia** on child abuse case—Caylee Anthony, 2008.
- Interviewed by **El Nuevo Dia** on the impact of hurricanes on children and families, 2006, 2007 & 2008.
- Interviewed by **El Nuevo Dia** on the impact of video games on children, 2008
- Interviewed by **WMFE** (Radio) 90.7, National Public Broadcasting, on **School Violence**, aired on Early Edition radio show (twice) and All Things Considered radio show on March 16, 2001.
- Interviewed by the Orlando Sentinel on **Increase in Child Abuse in Orange County, Florida**, May 13, 1999.
- Interviewed by the Ocala Star Banner, on **Sexual Abuse Incident in Daycare**, June 1998
- Interviewed by Channel 13 News on **Adolescents Who Murder**. Aired May 21, 1998.
- Panelist on Channel 24 (WMFE-TV) on FAMILY WORKS program: Presented **Concept of Family Neighborhood Support Model**, aired February 8, 1998.
- **CHILDREN MUST COUNT AWARDS**, sponsored by the Orange County Citizen's Commission for Children, February 19, 1998, aired on Orange Television.
- Channel 24 (WMFE-TV) COMMUNITY ALERT program: **Drugs: Socially Acceptable?** 2/25/98

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/TRAINING:

- Developed and implemented the UCF School of Social Work *First Annual Infant Mental Health Summer Institute*, May 13-14, 2009.
- Arnold Palmer Medical Center, Oct/Nov. 2007, Documentation Training for the Healthcare Professional, Orlando, Florida
- Overview on Infant Mental Health, Children Home Society, South Daytona Beach, May 2005.
- Documentation Training II: Writing Progress/Case Notes, Orange County Programs, February 25, 2005
- Documentation Training I: The Treatment/Case Plan, Orange County Programs, February 18, 2005
- Documentation for Helping Professionals, Part III, Children's Home Society, December 4, 2002.
- Documentation Training, Presented to UCF MSW social work students, November 22, 2002.
- Documentation for Helping Professionals, Part II, Children's Home Society, November 13, 2002.
- Documentation for Helping Professionals, Part I, Children's Home Society, November 6, 2002.
- Documentation for Helping Professionals-Part II, Children's Home Society, November 15, 2001.
- Writing the Treatment Plan, Presented to UCF social work students, November 13, 2001.
- Documentation for Helping Professionals-Part I, Children's Home Society, October 25, 2001.
- Understanding Psychological Trauma in Children, Barry University Law Clinic, October 11, 2001
- Understanding Family Systems when Working with Children, Adolescents & Young Adults. Training for Law Enforcement-Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), sponsored by Lakeside Alternatives, July 10, 2001.
- Psychotropic Medications for Children, Adolescents & Young Adults. Training for Law Enforcement-Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), sponsored by Lakeside Alternatives, July 9, 2001.
- Definitions of Mental Illness-Signs & Symptoms in Children, Adolescents & Young Adults. Training for Law Enforcement-Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), sponsored by Lakeside Alternatives, September 20, 2001 & July 9, 2001.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/TRAINING-CONT'D:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Issues, Training for Law Enforcement-Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), sponsored by Lakeside Alternatives, May 22, 2001.
- Assessing Children and Families: Children's Home Society-Success by Six Collaborative Project-May, 16, 2001
- Employment Seekers seminars (The Successful Social Work Resume & Strategies for the Social Work Job) for Social Work students, February 27 & March 6, 2001, University of Central Florida
- Basic Documentation: Children's Home Society-Success by Six Collaborative Project-November 2000.
- Mistress of Ceremony for the Hispanic Coalition for Educational Excellence Induction Ceremony, September 24, 2000, Orlando, Florida.
- Moderator for "Women in the Work World: Facing the Challenges of the 21st Century", A Conference for the Millennium-Sponsored by The Hispanic-American Professional & Businesswomen's Association, University of Central Florida Downtown and the University of Central Florida Women's Studies Program, March 10, 2000.
- Basic Documentation: Children's Home Society-Success by Six Collaborative Project-12/99
- Advanced Documentation: Children's Home Society-Success by Six Collaborative Project- &/27/99 & 12/99
- Basic Documentation: Children's Home Society-Success by Six Collaborative Project-7/20/99
- Interviewing Skills: Children's Home Society-Success by Six Collaborative Project-7/13/99
- Panelist on the University of Central Florida College of Health and Public Affairs Applied Research Workshop, April 20, 1999.
- Advanced Documentation: Children's Home Society-Success by Six Collaborative Project-3/16/99
- Basic Documentation: Children's Home Society-Success by Six Collaborative Project-2/16/99

EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS/SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

- Appointed as Chair of the NASW (national) Child Welfare Specialty Practice Section Committee, 2010-2011.
- External Reviewer for Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service-Fall, 2009.
- Invited reviewer for *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, Fall 2009
- Appointed to the national NASW Child Welfare Specialty Practice Section Committee, 2008-2010
- Invited Reviewer, *Infant Mental Health Journal*, 2008
- Invited Reviewer, *Research on Aging*
- Tenure and Promotion External Reviewer for Hunter College, School of Social Work –Fall 2007
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Social Service Research*, 2007-2010
- Tenure and Promotion External Reviewer for Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service-Spring, 2005
- Consulting Editor, for *Families in Society: A Journal of Contemporary Human Services*
- Previous Book Reviewer for the Columbia University Press-reviewed book edited by Dr. Nancy Boyd-Webb
- Invited Reviewer for *Research on Social Work Practice*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Member, Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors
- Member, World Association for Infant Mental Health
- Member, Florida Association for Infant Mental Health
- Member, NASW
- Member, Academy of Certified Social Workers

AFFILIATIONS:

- Member, Research Committee, United Way of Florida, 2000-2001
- Founding Member, Hispanic Coalition for Educational Excellence, Orlando, Florida, 9/00-2003.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Grove Counseling Center, Inc.-1998-2000
- School of Social Work Nominee, Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award, College of Health and Public Affairs, 1998-99
- Hosted the First Osceola County Hispanic Recognition Awards ceremony, October 1998
- Received faculty award from the University of Central Florida Hispanic American Student Association, September 1998
- Selected for the NIMH-CSWE, NADD, & IASWR Summer Intensive MSW Faculty Development Program on Mental Health Research and Social Work Practice. July 13-17, 1998.
- Member of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work Groups-1998-99.
- Member, Orange Halfway House Community Board, funded by Department of Juvenile Justice-1998-99.
- School of Social Work Nominee, Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award, College of Health and Public Affairs, 1997-98.
- Finalist in the Orange County Children Must Count Awards, Juvenile Assessment Center Intern Unit, Partnership Project Category-1997.
- Board Chair, Orange County, FL, Citizen's Commission for Children, 1997-1998.
- Board Member, Orange County, FL, Citizen's Commission for Children, 1996-1999.
- Member at Large of the State NASW Board of Directors, 1994-1996
- Member of the Central Florida Mental Health Association Board of Directors, 1994-1996.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND OFFICES: University of Central Florida (1994-Present)

- Member, Honors in the Major Committee Thesis Committee, Christi Merritt, Nursing Interventions for Improving Paternal-Infant Attachment, College of Nursing, 2009-2010
- Independent study with College of Nursing doctoral student-Patty Geddie, Summer 2009.
- Dissertation Committee member, College of Nursing doctoral student-Sandra Knapp-2007-2009.
- Member, Honors in the Major Thesis Committee, Cynthia Dey, Promoting Maternal-Fetal Attachment, College of Nursing, 2008-2009.
- Vice Chair, UCF Institutional Review Board-appointed January 2007
- Committee Member, Honors in the Major thesis, Lindzee Bailey (Psychology)- The Effect of Choice on Performance of Vigilance Tasks, 2007-08
- Member, COHPA Dean Search Committee, 2006-2008
- Alternate Member, UCF Institutional Review Board (IRB), Fall 2007
- Mentor for SMART research student, Lindzee Bailey, Summer & Fall 2007
- Member, planning committee for the development of the Hispanic Research Center through the Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies Program-CAH
- Mentor for SMART research student, Stephanie Jean (Psychology), 2006-2007
- Member, Undergraduate Summer Research Academy Planning Committee (2005-2006)
- Member, Undergraduate Research Council (2003-present)
- Mentor for University of Central Florida National Merit Scholar (Terri Hufschmid) (2004-2005)
- Committee Member for Honors Thesis, Psychology Department (Katrina Raia), 2001-2002
- Mentor for UCF LEAD Scholar student (Nicole Solis), Spring 2001
- Member, University General Education Program Committee, 2000-2001
- Chair, University Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee-1999-2000

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND OFFICES-CONT'D:

- Developed & co-taught “Juvenile Offenders: An Integrative Perspective” for Honors College Spring 2000 & Fall 2001.
- Member, University of Central Florida, Advisory Committee on Hispanic Student Affairs, 1996-present
- University of Central Florida Faculty Senator, 1996-2000
- Member of the University of Central Florida Women’s Studies Mentoring Committee-1998-99.
- Member, University of Central Florida Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 1996-2000

COLLEGE LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS & COMMITTEES:

- Member, COHPA Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award committee, 2010-2011
- Team Leader, Nemours-UCF CHATT Program, 2009-2010
- Member, College Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2009-2010.
- Member, COHPA Teaching Incentive Committee, Spring 2009
- Member, COHPA Strategic Planning Work Group, Spring 2009
- Member, Faculty Sabbatical Review committee, 2008-2009
- Member, COHPA Strategic Planning Committee, Fall 2008
- Member, College of Health and Public Affairs, Director of Social Work Search Committee, 2005-2006
- Member, College of Health and Public Affairs, Research Incentive Award Committee, Spring 2005
- Member, College of Health and Public Affairs, Honors in the Major Committee 2004-2005; 2000-2001
- Chair, College of Health and Public Affairs, Teaching Incentive Criteria Committee, 2002
- Member, College of Health and Public Affairs, Tenure & Promotion Committee, 2002-2003
- Member, College of Health and Public Affairs, Teaching Incentive Selection Committee, 2001-2002, 2006-2007.
- Member, College of Health and Public Affairs, Academic Affairs Committee, 2000-2001
- Member of the College of Health and Public Affairs, Diversity Committee, 2000-2001
- Member of the College of Health and Public Affairs Research Committee, 1998-2000.
- Member of the College of Health and Public Affairs Student Affairs committee, 1998-99
- Member of the College of Health & Public Affairs Faculty Council, 1995-1996

DEPARTMENT LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS & COMMITTEES:

- Mentoring junior faculty (Shawn Lawrence), 2010-present
- Member, School of Social Work Honors in the Major Committee, 2010-present
- Member, School of Social Work Curriculum Committee, 2009-present
- Member, School of Social Work Annual Alumni Conference Planning Committee, 2008-2009
- Member School of Social Work Resource Management Committee, 2008-2009
- Member, School of Social Work Research Sequence Committee, 2008-2009
- Chair, School of Social Work Faculty Searches Committee, 2007-2008
- Coordinator, Part Time Faculty Support Program, 2006-2009
- Chair, School of Social Work, Practice Sequence Committee-2006-present
- Chair, RTP Committee, 2007-2008
- Chair, MSW Coordinator & Continuing Education Search Committee, 2007-2008
- Member, School of Social Work, Reaffirmation Steering Committee, 2006-2009
- Mentored 4 MSW (2nd year) students on Integrative Research Project, (Christy Chaffin, Kristina Fleming, Elizabeth Kuepper & Jessica Kalata), 2006-2007.
- Mentoring 2 junior faculty (Shawn Lawrence & Olga Molina), 2006-2010
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2006-2007

DEPARTMENT LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS & COMMITTEES-CONT'D:

- Member, Social Work RTP Committee, 2001-present
- Chair, School of Social Work, Practice Sequence Committee-2006-2007
- Member, School of Social Work, Research Sequence Committee, 2005-present; 1999-2000
- Chair, School of Social Work, Annual Review Committee, 2002-present
- Member, Social Work Search Committee (Instructor Line), Summer 2005
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Spring 2005
- Honors Thesis Committee member, (Mary Mann-Social Work Student)- Experiences of Violence in the Lives of the Female Participants in an Abuse Prevention Program-May 2004
- Mentored four MSW (2nd year) students on research studies for their Integrative Research Seminar course, Fall & Spring 2004-2005
- Mentored MSW (2nd year) student on research study for Integrative Research Project, Viviana Figueroa, Use of the Family Development Matrix by the Neighborhood Center for Families Staff
- Chair, Honors in the Major Thesis (Jessica Kabat), "The Relationship Between Youth Perceptions, Family Functioning, and Substance Abuse Among Adolescents Who Resided in a Youth Shelter"- Spring 2004
- Chair, School of Social Work Faculty Search Committee, 2004-2005; 2001-2003
- 1997-98 & 1998-99;
- Member, School of Social Work, MSW Committee, 1998-2003
- Member, Practice Sequence, 1998-2002
- Chair, Search Committee(Field Coordinator), 1999-2000
- Chair, Practice Sequence for BSW & MSW programs, 1998-2000
- Developed MSW elective course: Advanced Interviewing and Documentation in Clinical Social Work-1998-99