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EDUCATION HUNTER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE
Doctor of Social Welfare (D.S.W.) 1992, Chair of Doctoral
Committee: Dr. Michael Smith.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) 1983

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
B.A. Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, 1981

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:

2001-Present Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Florida,
License # SW6457

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Social Worker in New York State (1983-2001).
Academy of Certified Social Workers (A.C.S.W.) 1985-Present.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

2006-Present UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL
WORK
Assistant Professor teaching social work practice courses in the BSW
and MSW programs. Academic and field liaison of BSW and MSW
students. Member of Social Work, College of Health and Public
Affairs, and University wide committees.
Graduate Courses taught:
SOW 5305 - Social Work Practice I: Generalist
Practice,
SOW 5306 - Social Work Practice II: Interventions,
SOW 6612 - Clinical Practice with Families.
Undergraduate Courses taught:
SOW 3620 - Social Work with Diverse Populations.

2001-2006 BARRY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Assistant Professor teaching required social work practice courses
in the BSW and MSW programs. Academic and field advisor of

BSW and MSW students. Member of several Social Work and University wide committees. Courses taught in the MSW program:
 Social Work Practice I
 Social Work Practice II
 Advanced Practice with Groups III
 Advanced Practice with Families
 Courses taught in the BSW program:
 Social Work Practice I
 Social Work Practice II

- 1991 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
 Faculty advisor for first year M.S.W. students.
- 1988 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Human Behavior. Taught a required course on ethno-cultural issues in human behavior and social work practice.

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Review (Peer Reviewed Journals)

- Swart, E. & **Molina, O.** (2008, in review). Voices from Kibera: Journals by young women in a global slum. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*.
- Swart, E. & **Molina, O.** (2008, in review). Perceptions and experiences of street youth participating in environmental clean-up projects (Kibera, Kenya). *International Social Work*.
- Leon, A.M., Lawrence, S. **Molina, O.** & Toole, E. (2008, in review). When children weep: Integrating Ecological Thinking in Child Welfare. *Illinois Child Welfare Journal*.
- Molina, O.**, Lawrence, S.A., Azhar-Miller, A., & Rivera, M. (2008, in review). Divorcing abused Latina immigrant women's experiences with domestic violence support groups. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*.

Peer Reviewed Journals

- Peleg-Oren, N., Aran, O., Even-Zahav, R., **Molina, O.** & Stanger, V. (in press). Supplementary Educational Model (SEM) in Social Work Education for Health Care Settings. *The Journal of Health Care Social Work*.
- Molina, O.** (2006). Divorce and Domestic Violence Among Undocumented Latina Immigrants. *Family Violence & Sexual Assault Bulletin, Vol.22 (3/4), 13-21*.
- Molina, O.** (2005). Occupational Functioning of Divorced African American Working

Women. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 42 (3/4), 61-73.

Molina, O. (2004). Members' Satisfaction with Union-based Divorce Support Groups *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 42 (1/2), 145-157.

Molina, O. (2004). A Qualitative Study of African American Divorced Women's Parenting Experiences. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 41 (1/2), 39-45.

Molina, O. (2001). A Joint Legal/Social Work Services Program Helps Working Women Through the Divorce Process. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 35 (3/4), 169-177.

Molina, O. (2000). Divorce and Domestic Violence Among African American Women *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 34 (1/2), 131-141.

Molina, O. (2000). Stresses and Strengths of Working Women in a Divorce Support Group. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 33 (3/4), 145-158.

Molina, O. (2000). African American Women's Unique Divorce Experiences. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 32 (3/4), 93-99.

Molina, O. (1999). The Effect of Divorce on African American Working Women *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 32 (1/2), 1-15.

Journal Abstracts

Molina, O. Divorce experiences of African American working women: Their use of social work services in a union setting (Oct 1992) *Dissertation Abstracts International*, Vol 53(4-A), pp. 1275.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2008-2009 Post-Separation Experiences of Abused Latina Immigrants At Safety Net Program affiliated with Palm Beach County's State Attorney's Office.

2005- 2007 Abused Latina Women's Experiences with Domestic Violence Groups conducted at Safety Net Program affiliated with Palm Beach County's State Attorney's Office.

2004-2005 Divorce and Domestic Violence Among Undocumented Latina Immigrants conducted at Safety Net Program affiliated with Palm Beach County's State Attorney's Office.

- 1999-2000 Members' Satisfaction with Union-based Divorce Groups conducted at District Council 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services Plan (DC 37 MELS), New York City.
- 1998-1999 Stresses and Strengths of Working Women in a Divorce Support Group conducted at District Council 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services Plan (MELS), New York City.
- 1991-1992 Divorce experiences of African American working women: Their use of social work services in a union setting. Conducted in New York City. Doctoral Dissertation

RESEARCH GRANTS/Stipends

- 2007-2008 Applied for a \$20,000.00 Silberman Fund Faculty Grant Program. Notification of awards will be made on April 2008.
- 2007-2008 Post-Separation Experiences of Abused Latina Immigrants Grant from the Shifting Foundation for \$5,327.00
- 2007-2008 Post-Separation Experiences of Abused Latina Immigrants Grant Proposal for \$5,000.00 by the College of Health & Public Affairs (Approved but no funds available).
- Fall 2007 Applied for \$3,000.00 in house grant to the College of Health & Public Affairs for Post-Separation Experiences of Abused Latina Immigrants Proposal but it was denied.
- Summer 2007 Faculty Development Summer Conference-Diversity Track- \$1,000 Stipend

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 1984 – 2000 **DC 37 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LEGAL SERVICES**
Social worker in a joint legal/social service program of a large labor union in New York City. Senior member of an interdisciplinary team of lawyers, paralegals and social workers specializing in divorce cases. Direct practice with a diverse multi-cultural membership in need of crisis-intervention, individual, group and family services. Supervisor of graduate social work students.
- 1992 – 2000 Part-time Private Practice in N.Y.C. serving individuals, couples, and families with diverse presenting problems and diagnoses.
- 6/83-12/83 **THE DOOR – A CENTER OF ALTERNATIVES**
Social worker on a comprehensive center servicing inner city

adolescents in New York City. Worked with an interdisciplinary team of professionals to develop and implement a program for pregnant teenagers and young mothers. Provided direct social services to runaway and homeless youth. Coordinated and supervised all social service staff outreach and direct work within the Perinatal Program. Supervised child care workers.

- Summer 1982 **PUERTO RICAN FAMILY INSTITUTE
BRONX MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC**
Through a grant offered by Citibank, I was hired as Coordinator of the Recreational Program for the children and adolescents attending the agency. Activities included trips, cultural events and the initiation of a permanent play room. Provided individual and couple counseling to adults, play therapy and facilitated a parenting group for women.
- 1982-1983 **NEW YORK STATE PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE**
Social Work intern on the Acute Day Hospital. Member of an interdisciplinary team offering psychiatric and social work services to an adult population suffering from acute and chronic psychiatric disorders. Duties included intake, diagnostic evaluation using the DSM III, crisis intervention and long-term treatment with individuals, families and groups.
- 1981-1982 **METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC**
Social Work intern in the adult outpatient unit which serves the predominantly Hispanic population of East Harlem. Provided clinical social services, community outreach and advocacy to clients with a wide range of psychiatric diagnoses. Offered individual, couple, group and family counseling to clients.

**VOLUNTEER
EXPERIENCE**

- FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
- 1979-1981 Individual counseling and tutoring for college students with school related difficulties.
- 1978-1979 **PASSAIC COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC**
Worked with children in New Jersey Public Schools who had emotional/behavioral problems affecting their school performance. Offered individual short-term therapy following a Cognitive Behavioral Model for a research project of early detection and prevention of school adjustment problems.

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS
(Refereed)**

“Dealing with diversity in divorce groups” presented at the 30th Annual AASWG International Symposium, Cologne, Germany, June 2008.

“Diversity within the domestic violence community: Implications for practice with Latina women and women of color” presented at the 8th International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations in Montreal, Canada, June 2008.

“Divorce and domestic violence among Latina immigrants” presented at the 12th International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, San Diego, California, September, 2007.

“Abused Latina immigrant women’s experiences with domestic violence support groups” presented at the 29th Annual AASWG International Symposium in Jersey City, N.J. on June, 2007.

“Empowering abused Latina immigrants through Domestic Violence Groups” presented at the 28th Annual AASWG International Symposium in San Diego, California on October, 2006.

“Divorce and Domestic Violence Among Undocumented Latina Women” presented at the Annual Florida NASW Conference, Dania Beach, Florida, June 2006.

“Diversity and Group Work Practice” presented at the 27th Annual AASWG International Symposium in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September, 2005.

“Diversity and Group Work Practice” presented at the NASW-Florida Conference, Boca Raton, May, 2005.

“How to run a short-term divorce support group” presented at the 26th Annual AASWG International Symposium in Detroit, Michigan on October, 2004.

“African American Divorced Women’s Parenting Experiences and Occupational Functioning,” NASW Annual Florida Conference, Deerfield Beach, June, 2004.

“How to run a short-term divorce support group” presented at AASWG Beulah Rothman Center for Group work Studies 20th Annual Conference at Barry University on March, 2004.

“Culturally sensitive practice with Latina battered women” presented at NASW Conference in Deerfield Beach on December, 2003.

“Members satisfaction with mutual aid divorce groups” presented at the 25th Annual AASWG International Symposium in Boston, Massachusetts on October, 2003.

“Stresses and strengths of working women in a divorce support group” presented at the 24th Annual AASWG International Symposium in Brooklyn, New York on October, 2002.

“Causes and consequences of divorce on African American working women” presented at NASW Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, 1998.

“Practice with African American Battered Women” Union and Employee Assistance Committee Annual Domestic Violence Conference, NYC, 1992.

“Treating Family Violence: Cultural Implications for Practice with Latinas,” Union and Employee Assistance Committee Annual Domestic Violence Conference, NYC, 1991.

“Domestic Violence: Issues for Working Women,” Human Resources Administration Annual Domestic Violence Conference, Columbia University, 1990.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

“Using Process Recordings as a Tool for Supervision” presented at Barry University School of Social Work, Field Educators Training, WPB, September, 2005.

“Social Work Practice with Older Persons” presented at the Miami Area Geriatric Education Center’s Intensive Geriatric Training, Palm Beach, July, 2005.

“The Impact of Diversity on the Resiliency of the Group” presented at Barry University School of Social Work’s Annual Alumni Conference, April, 2005.

“How to write a process recording” presented at Barry University School of Social Work, New Student Orientation, Miami Shores, September, 2004.

“How to write a process recording” presented at Barry University School of Social Work, New Student Orientation, West Palm Beach, September, 2004.

“Treating domestic violence: Cultural implications for working with Latinas” presented at Victim Services Agency, New York, New York on May, 2000.

“Practice principles for working with Latinos” presented at Columbia University School of Social Work, November, 1999.

“Santeria and Espiritismo Practice and Its Relevance to the Treatment of Latino Clients,” The Institute for the Study of Culture and Ethnicity, NYC, 1996.

“African American Women’s Divorce Experiences: Implications for Treatment,” The Fifth Avenue Center for Counseling and Psychotherapy, NYC, 1995.

“The Latino Community and Cultural Diversity in N.Y.C.,” Victim Services Agency, 1994.

“Issues Related to Countertransference for Latino Clinicians,” Mediplex Conference, Mt. Vernon, NY, 1993.

“Focus on Divorce: Emotional Consequences for Divorcing Men and Women,” District Council 37 Annual Family Conference, 1989.

“Living through the Divorce Process,” District Council 37 Annual Family Conference, 1987.

“Living Together and Coming Apart: Coping with Divorce,” District Council 37, 1986.

“Comparison of Role of Espiritista and Role of Therapist in Community Mental Health,” Metropolitan Hospital, 1983.

“Mental Health Practitioners and Spiritualists: They are Finally Communicating But Is It In a Way That Is Helpful to the Client?” James Weldon Johnson Family Services, East Harlem, 1982.

MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

“Postpartum Depression with Psychotic Features” Interview taped for the *Local News* program of Univision (Spanish speaking T.V. channel) on January 17, 2007.

“Latino Mental Health” Interview taped at *For Your Health* program WBCC on October 27, 2006.

SERVICE

International

Member of the Association for the Advancement of Group Work, Inc., (AASWG) an International Professional Organization, from 2001 to the present.

National

Consulting Editor, for *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services* (April, 2007 to the present).

Member of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) from September, 2003 to the present.

Member of the Latino Social Work Educators Association (February, 2005 to the present).

Member of the National Association of Social Workers from 1983 to the present.

State

Member of the Hispanic/Latin Caucus of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence from January, 2004 to the present.

Local

Collaborator on the “Listening Project” with the Community Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. (2007-2008).

University of Central Florida media specialist to newspaper and television media on issues of divorce, domestic violence, and Latino mental health (2006-present).

Conducted focus groups in Spanish for The Children’s Case Management Organization in Palm Beach County to explore client satisfaction with service delivery (Fall 2004).

Judge for National Volunteer Week, Miami, Florida, 2002-2003.

Technical Assistant, Academy for Better Communities, Barry University School of Social Work, East Little Havana Neighborhood Coalition, September 2001 to September 2002. Worked with social service agencies and neighborhood residents for the development of a Neighborhood Resource Center.

Member of the Union and Employee Assistance Domestic Violence Committee in NYC from 1990 to 2000.

University Service

University of Central Florida

Member of the Senate Committee, University of Central Florida, 2007-2008.

Member of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, University of Central Florida, 2007-2008.

Judge in the Social Sciences category for Undergraduate Research Showcase, University of Central Florida, 2007.

University of Central Florida, College of Health & Public Affairs

Member of the Diversity Committee, University of Central Florida, College of Health and Public Affairs from 2006 to present.

Member of the Honors in the Major Committee, University of Central Florida, College of Health and Public Affairs from 2007 to present.

Mentored and served on thesis committee for Candace Stuart, Honors in the Major Legal Studies undergraduate student from 2007-2008. Thesis title: The effect of domestic violence in custody proceedings, and recommendations for Florida law.

University of Central Florida, School of Social Work

Member of the Practice Sequence Committee, University of Central Florida School of Social Work from 2006 to the present.

Member of the Search Committee, University of Central Florida School of Social Work from 2007 to the present.

Barry University

Member of the Methods Committee, Barry University School of Social Work, from 2001 to 2006.

Chair of the Diversity Committee, Barry University School of Social Work, from 2003 to 2005, and Co-Chair from 2002 to 2003.

Member of the BSW Committee, Barry University School of Social Work, from 2002 to 2006.

Member of the Curriculum Committee, Barry University School of Social Work, from 2003 to 2005.

Member of the Deans Advisory/Search Committee, Barry University School of Social Work, from 2004 to 2006.

Member of the Senate Welfare Committee, Barry University, from 2003 to 2005.

Member of the Grade Appeals Committee, Barry University, from 2004 to 2005.

AWARDS and CERTIFICATES

2005-2006 Certificates of Professional Development in recognition of outstanding
2004-2005 scholarship and service at Barry University.
2003-2004

