

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Educational Background

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI May 2002

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Bachelor of Arts in Spanish

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX August 2003

Master of Social Work (MSW)

## Licensure

Licensed Clinical Social Worker LCSW License #38837, State of Texas

## Professional Employment History

**Graduate Advisor of Record, Senior Lecturer**, University of Texas at San Antonio  
September 2017—Present

San Antonio, TX

**Graduate Advisor of Record, Lecturer III**, University of Texas at San Antonio  
February 2015—August 2017

San Antonio, TX

Provide oversight for student services component of UTSA social work program, including serving as the primary advisor for all students in the program, managing degree plans, mentoring students, dealing with student discipline and supporting faculty with student issues in the classroom; facilitate recruitment and admissions of new students; coordinate graduation certification, special events and scholarships; assist with program evaluation and teach two classes per semester as non-tenure track faculty.

**Director of Field Education**, University of Texas at San Antonio  
October 2011—January 2015

San Antonio, TX

Provided oversight for social work field practicum component of UTSA social work program, including recruitment, approval and monitoring of agencies and field instructors; assignment of MSW students to sites; teaching field courses as needed, assignment of faculty liaisons to monitor practicum experiences; training of students and field instructors, and assessment of program to ensure that Counsel on Social Work Education, UTSA and Department standards and policies are met for all levels of social work field education experience with administration, faculty, staff, students, field instructors, field liaisons and the community.

**National Communications Specialist**, Food for the Hungry, Bolivia

May 2011—October 2011

Collaborated with U.S. and Bolivian partners to identify potential funding sources and grants, establish relationships with potential church partners, create/update strategies and policies for FHB and translate official reports to donors and others. FH is an international relief and development organization dedicated to transformational community development focused on children.

**Regional Head of Research, Development and Innovation**, Food for the Hungry, Bolivia

Sucre, Bolivia

October 2009—May 2011

Developed and implemented innovative strategies to improve holistic program interventions, including home visit methodology used on national level; trained and supervised staff on implementation of strategies; provided technical support to field staff in psycho-social and behavioral areas; collaborated in creating project proposals; conducted home visits to sponsored children and families, conducted small group lessons with children and adolescents on social issues; and served as cultural liaison and primary translator for international visitors, partners and volunteers.

**Regional Assistant for Child Development Program**, Food for the Hungry, Bolivia

Sucre, Bolivia

November 2008—October 2009

Assisted program director in outreach to support transformational community development in rural and urban areas of intervention through home visits to sponsored children and their families, support of child and youth leadership groups, development of a new strategy for maximizing impact in working with families, and project management for pre/on-site/post logistics for visiting missions teams ranging in age from youth to seniors.

**Campus Social Worker**, De Zavala Elementary—San Antonio ISD

San Antonio, TX

June 2004—June 2008

Conducted individual and group therapy with at-risk, inner-city students, provided case management and referral services, networked and coordinated with community agencies, served as field instructor for SW interns, supervised parent liaison, organized parent volunteers, ran mentor program, translated for parent meetings and conferences, assisted in crisis intervention, served on District Crisis Response Team.

**Children's Service Counselor**, JOVEN—Victims of Crime Act, Critical Care Program

San Antonio, TX

August 2003—June 2004

In school and hospital settings, conducted individual, group and family therapy, crisis intervention, and case management for youth with behavioral or mental health problems who have been victims of trauma or abuse and are at high risk for hospitalization.

**Graduate Assistant to the Dean of Social Work**, Our Lady of the Lake University

San Antonio, TX

August 2002—August 2003

Assisted the Dean of the Worden School of Social Service in survey and data analysis to facilitate the process of re-accreditation for the school of social work.

**Field Recruiter/Tutor**, Indiana Dept. of Education—Migrant Education Program

Lafayette, IN

June 2000—September 2000; June 2001—September 2001; May 2002—July 2002

Recruited and identified eligible families throughout Indiana, connected families with needed services, collaborated with other migrant service agencies, and tutored migrant children ages 5-18

**Service Activities**

**Committee Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee**, UTSA Social Work Department

San Antonio, TX

September 2017—Present

Committee, comprised of chairs of curriculum subcommittees, tasked with organizing and managing re-accreditation tasks

**Chair, UTSA Student Affairs Committee**, UTSA Dept. of Social Work

San Antonio, TX

August 2016—Present;

Member of committee charged with work on policies impacting student affairs, student admissions, student scholarships, coordination of new student orientation and major Department end-of-semester events.

**Member, Mission Specific Curriculum Committee, UTSA Social Work Department** San Antonio, TX  
August 2018—Present  
Committee tasked with reviewing mission-specific curriculum and making recommendations with respect to re-accreditation process

**Member, Program Evaluation Committee, UTSA Social Work Department** San Antonio, TX  
April 2018—Present  
Committee tasked with reviewing and overseeing program evaluation and making recommendations with respect to re-accreditation process

**Member, Piper Professor Teaching Award Committee, UTSA** San Antonio, TX  
September 2017—October 2017; again for September 2018 –October 2018  
Committee tasked with reviewing applications and selecting UTSA's nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Piper Professor Teaching Award for the State of Texas. (Served for 2017/2018 class and 2018/2019).

**Coordinator, Social Work New Student Orientation, UTSA Dept. of Social Work** San Antonio, TX  
January 2015—Present  
Coordinated all aspects and led New Student Orientation at beginning of fall and spring semesters.

**Member, Board of Directors, San Antonio Christian Hope Resource Center** San Antonio, TX  
November 2015—Present  
Member of board charged with providing oversight and direction to the organization.

**Event Facilitator/Coordinator, New Student Orientation, UTSA SW Dept.** San Antonio, TX  
Spring 2015--Present  
Create program, coordinate and lead comprehensive New Student Orientation for incoming social work students each semester.

**Member, Faculty Senate, UTSA** San Antonio, TX  
November 2015—Present  
Member representing non-tenure track faculty in the College of Public Policy.

**Committee Member, Policy Curriculum Committee, UTSA Social Work Department** San Antonio, TX  
October 2016—May 2018  
Committee tasked with reviewing policy curriculum and making recommendations with respect to re-accreditation process

**Member, President's Award for Teaching Excellence Committee, UTSA** San Antonio, TX  
February 2018—April 2018  
Committee tasked with reviewing nominees for the President's Distinguished Awards for Teaching Excellence for 2018 and selecting award winners.

**Lead Program Organizer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Binational Mexico-U.S. Conference on Social Work, Migration and Human Rights,**  
UTSA Social Work Department  
Spring 2017—Fall 2017  
Served as primary coordinator for a major Binational Conference on Migration and Human Rights, hosted by UTSA Social Work and the College of Public Policy in partnership with UNAM in Mexico and the *Red Nacional de Educación Superior en Trabajo Social*. The event involved numerous researchers from all over Mexico and the U.S., with the aim of advancing understanding of how to address issues of migration from a coordinated, binational and human rights perspective. Served as liaison to our partners with UNAM, coordinated logistics, provided translation services and much more resulting in highly successful conference, with several hundred attendees across two days; 9 panel sessions involving researchers and practitioner from U.S. and Mexico and 2 keynote sessions. First time conference has been held in U.S.

**Member, Faculty Search Committee, UTSA Social Work Department** San Antonio, TX  
Fall 2017

Committee responsible for screening candidates and coming up with a recommendation to the Chair regarding new faculty hires.

**Committee Co-Chair, Foundation Curriculum Committee, UTSA Social Work Department** San Antonio, TX  
October 2016—Fall 2017

Committee charged with reviewing foundation portion of social work curriculum and making recommendations in conjunction with re-accreditation process.

**Committee Member, Curriculum Committee, UTSA Social Work Department** San Antonio, TX  
October 2016—August 2017

Committee, comprised of chairs of curriculum subcommittees, tasked with organizing and managing re-accreditation tasks

**Member, Student Development Specialist Search Committee, UTSA College of Public Policy** San Antonio, TX  
November 2016—January 2017

Committee responsible for screening candidates and coming up with a recommendation to the Associate Dean regarding a new College of Public Policy Student Development Specialist.

**Chair, Field Director Search Committee, UTSA Dept. of Social Work** San Antonio, TX  
January 2016—July 2016

Committee responsible for screening candidates and coming up with a recommendation to the Chair regarding a new Field Director.

**Member, UTSA Student Affairs Committee, UTSA Dept. of Social Work** San Antonio, TX  
January 2015—Present; October 2011—May 2014

Member of committee charged with work on student admissions, student scholarships, coordination of new student orientation and Department end-of-semester events.

**Member, UTSA Strategic Planning Committee, UTSA** San Antonio, TX  
Spring 2015

Member of committee dedicated to developing strategic plan for UTSA's "Strong Community Involvement" pillar, focused on internships

**Member, Field Director Search Committee, UTSA Dept. of Social Work** San Antonio, TX  
February 2015—June 2015

Committee responsible for screening candidates and coming up with a recommendation to the Chair regarding a new Field Director.

**Chair, Texas Field Educators Consortium (TFEC)**  
September 2013—February 2015

Chair of consortium representing most social work field education programs in the State of Texas.

**Chair, UTSA Faculty Field Committee, UTSA Dept. of Social Work** San Antonio, TX  
October 2011—May 2015

Chair of committee charged with deliberating and approving changes in field education policy and procedures, educational curriculum and other field issues.

**Graduate Faculty, Special Member, UTSA Dept. of Social Work** San Antonio, TX  
May 2014-Present

Special member of UTSA Graduate Faculty, sanctioned to teach graduate level courses at UTSA.

**Member, Unaccompanied Youth Task Force, NAEHCY** San Antonio, TX  
Spring 2012—Spring 2015

Member of task force dedicated to working to empower and meet the needs of homeless youth by improving community,

educational and inter-agency collaborations.

**Member, Benevolence Oversight Committee**, First Presbyterian Church  
August 2012—December 2013

San Antonio, TX

Member of committee charged with managing budget of over \$1 million in funds allocated to service and missions activities. September 2012 appointed Chair of subcommittee charged with creating procedure for handling and prioritizing requests based on the mission of the committee.

**Junior Co-Chair**, Texas Field Educators Consortium (TFEC)  
September 2012—September 2013

Co-Chair of consortium representing most social work field education programs in the State of Texas.

**Member, District Crisis Response Team**, San Antonio ISD  
2006—2008

San Antonio, TX

Provided crisis debriefing to students in SAISD schools as needed in response to campus crises, utilizing the structured tools of the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children.

**Social Work Intern**, Herff Elementary—San Antonio ISD  
Sept. 2002—June 2003

San Antonio, TX

Conducted individual therapy with at-risk, inner-city students, assisted with classroom guidance, co-facilitated a grief support group, worked with parent and community volunteers and assisted in crisis intervention

**Social Work Intern**, PARA Refugee Services  
September 2001—May 2002

Grand Rapids, MI

Assisted newly arrived refugees from various countries and worked as caseworker for the Cuban/Haitian Program, helping to translate/interpret and manage client acculturation and orientation to housing, employment and government assistance

### **Awards and Honors**

UTSA Department of Social Work

Selected as 2017-2018 *Professor of the Year* winner for the Department of Social Work

UTSA

Selected as 2017-2018 *President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Community Engagement* winner in the non-tenure-track category

UTSA

Selected as 2016-2017 *President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence* winner in the non-tenure-track category

NASW/Texas Alamo Area Social Worker of the Year (2014)

Food for the Hungry, Bolivia

Member of regional leadership team as Regional Specialist for Platform Activities (2010)

Calvin College

Presidential Scholarship (1998-2002)

Deans List (1998-2002)

Connie Bratt Award for Social Work (2002)

Our Lady of the Lake University

Carl M. Zimmer Graduate Social Work Scholarship (2002)

Presented the paper, *High School Dropout among Migrant Students* at the Campus Conference on Student Scholarship (2003)

Invited to serve on the Community Constituent Group, providing consultation to the Worden School of Social Service on their strategic plan (2004)

JOVEN

Employee of the Quarter, in recognition for development and implementation of Critical Care Program (May 2004)

Certified as “TLC School Specialist” through National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children.

### **Teaching Experience**

UTSA Department of Social Work  
2013-Present

Field IV Seminar (capstone course for MSW program): 11 sections

Field III Seminar: 1 section

Human Behavior and the Social Environment: 7 sections

Global Context of Social Work Practice: 5 sections