

Jelena Todić, MSW, PhD, she/her

Curriculum Vitae

The University of Texas at San Antonio
College for Health, Community and Policy, Department of Social Work
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Academic Positions

- 2020- *Research Associate*
Center for Community-Based and Applied Health Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
- 2018 - *Assistant Professor*
Department of Social Work, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

Education

- 2018 The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
Dissertation title: Towards health equity through restorative justice in schools
Dissertation Committee: Drs. Catherine Cubbin & Marilyn Armour (Co-chairs), Thalia González, Jennifer Holme, & Michele Rountree
- 2002 Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
Master in Social Work
- 1999 University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, Nevada
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Professional Experience

Consulting

- 2022 Advancing Health Equity, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2021 Illinois Health & Hospital Association, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013-2020 Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Department, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, Illinois
- 2001-2006 National Conference for Community and Justice, St. Louis Region, St. Louis, Missouri

Community Practice

- 2014-2016 *Graduate Assistant*
Institute for Restorative Justice and Restorative Dialogue, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
- 2011-2013 *Manager, Education, Research and Quality*
Center for Diversity and Cultural Competence, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Washington University Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri

2009-2011	<i>Program Manager, Training and Education</i> Center for Diversity and Cultural Competence, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Washington University Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri
2003-2004	<i>Doula</i> Doula Program, Women's Support Services, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Washington University Medical Center, Sr. Louis, Missouri
2002-2008	<i>Women's Health Educator and Bosnian Outreach Coordinator</i> AWARE (Assisting Women with Advocacy, Education, and Resources), Women's Support Services, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Washington University Medical Center, Sr. Louis, Missouri
2000-2002	<i>Graduate Assistant</i> <i>SUNCODA (Service Use, Needs, Costs, and Outcomes from Drug Abuse) Study</i> , Brown School, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
1999 - 2000	<i>Program Assistant</i> Haight Asbury Free Clinics, Inc., Oshun Center, San Francisco, California

Research Interests

I am a critical social work scholar focusing on an overarching research question, "What factors enable liberatory praxis within groups, organizations, and communities—the mezzo level of social work practice—to advance health equity and build health-affirming places?" To answer this research question, I apply ecosocial and critical theories across mezzo-level settings that shape health. I am particularly interested in the role of restorative and transformative justice approaches as mechanisms that enable envisioning, building, and sustaining health-affirming places.

Publications and Research

24 publications (15 peer-reviewed, 4 invited book chapters/reviews, 4 community-engaged research reports, and 1 manuscript under review). *co-authored with student/s; +co-authored with community partner/s

Peer-reviewed

15. *Hornsby, J. & **Todić, J.** (accepted). Call to action: Disability justice as a framework to end punishment of and advance liberatory education for disabled students. *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*.
14. +Cook, S., **Todić, J.**, Spitzer, S., Quintana, V., Singletary, K.A., McGinnis, T., Patel, S., Montasir, S., Ducas, A., Martin, J., Glenn, N., Shaw, M., & Chin, M.H. (2023). Opportunities for psychologists to advance health equity: Using liberation psychology to identify key lessons from sixteen years of praxis. *American Psychologist*, 78(2), 211-226.
13. McMahan, S., Christensen, C., & **Todić, J.** (2023). Restorative and transformative justice approaches to campus sexual assault: A scoping review. *The International Journal of Restorative Justice*. Advanced online publication. 10.5553/TIJRJ.000156
12. **Todić, J.** & Christensen, C. (2022). Integrating critical, engaged, and abolitionist pedagogies to advance antiracist social work education. *Advances in Social Work, Re-Envisioning the Social Work Profession, Education, and Practice Special Issue*, 22(2), 553-573.
11. **Todić, J.**, Simmons-Horton, S., Manning-Thompson, A., Cruz, E., Christensen, C., Nevarez, L. (2022). Awakening the antiracism collective through transformative organizational praxis: A

participatory evaluative case study. *Advances in Social Work, Future of Social Work Special Issue*, 22(2), 389-415.

10. Christensen, C., **Todić, J.**, & McMahon, S. (2022). Filling the grey gap: Developing a protocol for searching and organizing grey literature as part of a scoping review. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 13(3), 609-635.
9. +**Todić, J.**, Cook, S., Spitzer-Shohat, S., Williams, J., Jackson, J., Battle, B., & Chin, M. (2022). Critical theory, culture change, and achieving health equity in health care settings. *Academic Medicine*, 97(7), 977-988.
8. **Todić, J.** & Scott, J. (2021). Unincorporated health: Understanding residents' perspectives on factors impacting their health and emergent place-based solutions. *Social Work in Public Health*, 36(3), 317-329.
7. **Todić, J.**, Christensen, C., & McMahon, S. (2021). Restorative and transformative justice responses to sexual violence: A scoping review protocol. *Social Science Protocols*, 4(January), 1-9.
6. *Jackson, D., Testa, A., **Todić, J.**, & Leos-Martinez, J. (2021). Exclusionary school discipline during childhood and adolescent police encounters. *Deviant Behavior*, 43(5), 573-592.
5. **Todić, J.**, Armour, M., Cubbin, C., Rountree, M., & González, T. (2020). Reframing school-based restorative justice as a structural population health intervention. *Health & Place*, 102289.
4. Jonson, K., Salas-Wright, C., Ugdale, J., **Todić, J.** & Cordova, D. (2019). The acceptability of biobehavioral research with Latino youth in the United States. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 34(5), 597-618.
3. Robles, E. H., Maynard, B. R., Salas-Wright, C. P., & **Todić, J.** (2018). Culturally adapted substance use interventions for Latino adolescents: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 28(7), 789-801.
2. Salas-Wright, C.P., Vaughn, M.G., **Todić, J.**, Córdoba, D., & Perron, B.E. (2015). Trends in the disapproval and use of marijuana among adolescents and young adults in the United States: 2002-2013. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 41(5), 392-404.
1. Salas-Wright, C.P., Vaughn, M., Ugalde, J., & **Todić, J.** (2015). Substance use and teen pregnancy in the United States: Evidence from the NSDUH 2002-2012. *Addictive Behaviors*, 45, 218-225.

Book Chapters and Reviews

4. **Todić, J.**, Armour, M., Cubbin, C. (2019). Restorative justice in K-12 schools as a structural health equity intervention. In Vaughn, M., Salas-Wright, C., & Jackson, D. (Eds). *The Routledge international handbook of delinquency and health*. London and New York: Routledge.
3. Currin-McCulloch, J. & **Todić, J.** (2018). LGBTQ-inclusive hospice and palliative care: A practical guide to transforming professional practice. *The Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 36(1), 134-136. Invited submission.
2. Battle, B. & **Todić, J.** (2017). Cultural awareness. In P. Potter, A.G. Perry, & P. Stockert. *Fundamentals of nursing*, 9th ed. St. Louis (MO): Elsevier.
1. Battle, B. & **Todić, J.** (2015). Cultural diversity. In P. Potter, A.G. Perry, P. Stockert, & A. Hall (Eds.) *Essentials for nursing practice*, 8th ed. St. Louis (MO): Elsevier.

Community-Engaged Research Reports

4. ***Todić, J.** & Almazan, N. (2020). *Rethinking Discipline Community of Practice: A formative evaluation*. San Antonio, TX: The University of Texas at San Antonio.

3. Scott, J. & **Todić, J.** (May, 2017). *Bloomington and Placedo Improvement Project: Community health needs assessment preliminary findings and next steps recommendations*. San Antonio, TX: The University of Texas at San Antonio.
2. Armour, M., & **Todić, J.** (September, 2015). *Restorative practices at a charter K-3 elementary school: First year implementation evaluation*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.
1. +**Todić, J.**, Desautels, S., Jackson, J., Sandos, L., & Williams, J. (March, 2014). *Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards organizational assessment: University of Chicago Medicine current state*. Chicago, Illinois: University of Chicago Medicine.

Public Impact Scholarship

6. *The Rivard Report*, “Reallocate 20% from police budget and invest in a healthier, safer San Antonio,” June 18, 2020, <https://therivardreport.com/reallocate-20-from-police-budget-and-invest-in-a-healthier-safer-san-antonio/>
5. *UTSA College of Public Policy*, “Students propose solutions to health disparities in Bexar County,” July 16, 2019, <http://copp.utsa.edu/students-propose-solutions-to-health-disparities-in-bexar-county/>.
4. *The Dallas Morning News*, “How race and mental health can play into a tragedy like UT stabbing,” Commentary, May 18, 2017, <https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2017/05/18/stress-lifelong-racial-discrimination-contribute-recent-campus-violence>
3. *The Rivard Report*, “Pointing fingers is not enough to prevent violence,” Commentary, May 15, 2017, <https://therivardreport.com/pointing-the-finger-isnt-enough-to-prevent-violence-on-campus/>
2. *Austin American-Statesman*, “What nobody’s saying about the murders of two UT students,” Opinion, May 12, 2017, <https://www.statesman.com/news/20170522/commentary-what-nobodys-saying-about-the-murders-of-two-ut-students>
1. *McAllen Monitor*, “Addressing mental health issues key to safer campuses,” Commentary, May 12, 2017, <http://www.statesman.com/news/opinion/commentary-what-nobody-saying-about-the-murders-two-students/6TzLzONf7rd5E26opRzGzN/>

Manuscripts Under Review

Todić, J. & Lea, C. (Submitted, October 2023). Integrating antiracist liberatory praxis in research and program evaluation social work course.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- ***Todić, J.**, Castellanos, C., McMahon, S., Christensen, C., Park, K., & Garner, J. (Submitted, January 2024). Restorative and transformative justice responses to sexual violence: A scoping review.
 - ***Todić, J.**, McMahon, S., Christensen, C., Castellanos, C., Soto, R., Mendez, X., & Webb, M. Transformative justice. *Encyclopedia of Social Work* invited manuscript.
 - *+**Todić, J.**, Velez, N., Pettersson, R., Christensen, C. & Santiago, D. Restorative justice and social work: Tapping the untapped potential to advance ethical social work.
 - ***Todić, J.**, Simmons-Horton, S., Blake, D., & Park, K. Social workers’ preparedness to engage in antiracist social work praxis.
- Todić, J.**, Huang, Y., Sparks, J., & Morissette, S. Disentangling simultaneous neighborhood and school discipline effects on adolescent depressive symptom variation.

Grants and Sponsored Research

Funded

- 2023-2024 *Prison Education Project of San Antonio*
UTSA College of Liberal and Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Research Incubator Grant, San Antonio, TX
Role: Co-I
Amount: \$19,954
- 2023-2024 *Restorative Justice and Social Work: Tapping the Untapped Potential to Advance Ethical Social Work*
UTSA Graduate School Mini Grant
Role: Faculty Mentor to Natalina Velez & Rebecca Pettersson & Co-PI
Amount: \$5,000
- 2021-2022 *Perceptions of current and former social work students on anti-racist praxis*
UTSA Office of the Vice President for Research, Economic Development, and Knowledge Enterprise Internal Seed Grant Program, San Antonio, TX
Role: Co-PI
Amount: \$5,000
- 2019-2020 *UP Partnership - Rethinking Discipline Community of Practice: Program evaluation*
Strive Together
Role: PI
Amount: \$20,000
- 2017-2019 *Bloomington Improvement Project*
Victoria County Texas Public Health Department
Role: Co-PI
Amount: \$4,000

Unfunded Grants

- 2023 *UTSA Housing Research Center for Advancement of Sustainability and Affordability*
HUD HSI Center of Excellence Grant
Role, Co-PI, 10%
Amount: \$2,506,266
- 2022 *Development of healthcare providers critical consciousness scale*
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Evidence for Action, Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity
Role: Co-PI
Amount: \$240,000, unfunded
- 2022 *Harnessing cultural connectedness and continuity practices across aboriginal tribal communities in Texas to support health*
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Interdisciplinary Research Leaders, Structural Racism and Health
Role: Co-PI
Amount: \$350,000, semi-finalist, unfunded

- 2020 *Advancing racial justice through school-based restorative practices and participatory evaluation*
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Policies for Action: Research to Advance Racial Equity and Racial Justice
Role: Co-PI
Amount: \$275,000, unfunded
- 2019 *Change Lab Solutions: Effective school practices to support the whole child*
The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative
Role: Co-I
Amount: \$75,000 (subcontract), unfunded

Selected Presentations

Professional Meeting Presentations

- Todić, J.**, Simmons-Horton, S., Blake, D., & Park, K. (January, 2023). *Perceptions of current and former social work students' preparedness to engage in antiracist social work praxis*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Maleku, A., Martinez, L.S., Linn, B., Boyd, D., **Todić, J.**, Hackman, D., Kuman, P., Moore, M. (January, 2023). Research roots & wings roundtable II: Social work research & transdisciplinary science: Navigating epistemic contribution and scientific collaborations to solve complex problems. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Todić, J.**, & Huang, Y. (January, 2022). *Disentangling simultaneous neighborhood and school discipline effects on adolescent depressive symptom variation*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. (Oral presentation converted to e-poster)
- Todić, J.**, Christensen, C., & McMahon, S., Park, K., & Garner, J. (January, 2022). *Restorative and transformative justice responses to sexual violence: A scoping review*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. (E-poster)
- Todić, J.**, Cubbin, C., & Armour, M. (January, 2020). *Implementing school-based restorative justice to improve population health*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Todić, J.**, Scott, J., & Neal, D. (January, 2020). *Reducing urban-rural health gap through full-service community schools*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Todić, J.**, Scott, J., & Neal, D. (November, 2019). *Engaging residents to increase active living opportunities in rural Texas*. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Todić, J.**, Williams, J., Battle, B., Spitzer-Shohat, S., Cook, S., & Chin, M. (April, 2019). *Overcoming organizational barriers to linking quality and equity through transdisciplinary team work*. Association of American Medical Colleges 2019 Integrating Quality Conference: Getting on Track to Achieve Health Equity, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Spitzer-Shohat, S., William, J., **Todić, J.**, Battle, B., Cook, S., & Chin, M.H. (December, 2018). *Implementing an organization-wide equity initiative: Early successes and lessons for improvement*. The 11th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation, Washington, DC.

Todić, J. & VonDeLinde, K. (November, 2018). *Approaching EBP process with confidence and critical consciousness: Teaching strategies and tools*. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting. Orlando, Florida.

Cunningham-Williams, R., Lightfoot, L., Nurius, P., Maramaldi, P., & **Todić, J.** (January, 2018). Co-organizer and presenter, *Using the GADE Quality Guidelines to improve doctoral education*, Round Table Moderator: Cynthia Franklin. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.

Todić, J. (October, 2017). *Teaching social workers qualitative evidence appraisal to effectively respond to grand challenges*. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting. Dallas, Texas.

Todić, J., Cubbin, C., & Armour, M. (November, 2016). *Restorative justice in K-12 schools can contribute to elimination of health disparities: Framework for research, practice and policy*. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Organized Sessions and Roundtables

Todić, J., Sonsteng-Person, M., Joseph, A., Bookser, B., & Seneca-Keys, T. (January, 2024). Resisting political backlash through ethical disobedience: A roundtable for critical reflection and solidarity. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.

Todić, J., Leah, C., Christensen, C., Jamal, A., & Windsor, L. (January, 2023). Re-envisioning social work science as praxis to eliminate structural racism and grow life-affirming worlds. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.

Bookser, B., **Todić, J.**, Joseph, A., Sonsteng-Person, M., & Seneca-Keys, T. (January, 2023). "New terrains of justice": Directions for systems-change research and praxis spanning the PreK-12 educational continuum. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.

Joseph, A., Bookser, B., Samimi, J.C., **Todić, J.**, & Fernandez, C. (January, 2021). Co-organizer and presenter, "Restoring What? Critical Social Work at the Nexus of Discipline and Justice in Schools." Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. (Virtual conference).

Edmond, T., Fulambraker, A., Kim, A., Lerner, J., **Todić, J.**, & Varghese, R. (October, 2019). Co-organizer and presenter, *Social work the white way: Decolonizing the classroom*. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.

Lerner, J., Edmond, T., & **Todić, J.** (October, 2017). Co-organizer and presenter, "*Social workers can't be Republicans*": *Engaging with conservative students in the classroom*. Panel presented at Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting. Dallas, Texas.

Cook, S., **Todić, J.**, & Williams, J. (November, 2016). Co-organizer and presenter, *Managing complex organizational change to ensure the right to health for all*. Roundtable presented at American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Todić, J., Edmond, T., & VonDeLinde, K. (October 2015). Co-organizer and presenter, *Teaching within the tension: Feminism, critical consciousness, and evidence-based practices in social work classrooms*. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.

Armour, M., **Todić, J.**, & Gaimon, V. (June, 2015). Co-organizer and presenter, *One school at a time: From Ed White Middle School to state-wide social change in Texas*. 5th National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Invited Community Trainings, Talks, and Workshops

- Bakko, M [moderator]. (2022). *Building life-affirming institutions: Conversations across disciplines*. Panel discussions with Burch, M., Kim, M., Sarantakos, S. & **Todić, J.** University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, Michigan (virtual).
- Todić, J.** (April, 2020). *Moving upstream: Considering schools as structural determinants of adolescent health*. Online lecture to the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Center for LGBT Health Equity, Los Angeles, California (virtual).
- Todić, J.** & Scott, J. (December, 2018). *Bloomington and Placedo Improvement Project community health needs assessment findings*. Presentation to the Victoria County Commissioners' Court. Victoria, Texas.
- Todić, J.,** Jerome, J., Hanks, L., Beverly, H., Jones, H., & Willson, N. (February-March, 2017). *Restorative practices and mental health in schools*. Two-and-a-half-day training for Communities in Schools mental health professionals through the Institute for Restorative Justice and Restorative Dialogue, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas.
- Armour, M., Frogge, S., Gaimon, V., Neal, B. Patton, S, Sepeda, E.....**Todić, J.** (March, 2015). *Restorative practice readiness training for school and district administrators*. Two-day training offered through the Institute for Restorative Justice and Restorative Dialogue, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas.
- Armour, M., Frogge, S., Gaimon, V., Neal, B. Patton, S, Tyler, R.....**Todić, J.** (February, 2015). *Restorative discipline for school social workers*. Presented at 24th Annual Texas School Social Workers Conference 2015. Austin, Texas.
- Todić, J.** & Jackson, J. (July, 2014). *Cultural Competence Course facilitator training*. Invited three-day training presented at University of Chicago Medicine. Chicago, Illinois.
- Todić, J.** & Jackson, J. (February, 2013). *Providing culturally competent and caring services to LGBT patients*. Barnes-Jewish Hospital Nursing Grand Rounds. St. Louis, Missouri.
- Todić, J.** (February, 2013). *"Breast is best?" Effectively navigating worldview differences to provide meaningful patient and family education*. Conference opening keynote at Barnes-Jewish Hospital Women and Infants Annual Conference. St. Louis, Missouri.
- Todić, J.** & Jackson, J., co-directors (2004-2007). *Anytown Youth Leadership Institute*. St. Louis, Missouri.

Teaching

Instructor

- 2018- *Assistant Professor*
The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
Advanced Social Work Research: Practice/Program Evaluation (MSW)
Culturally Competent Practice with Diverse Populations (Lead instructor, MSW)
Diversity and Social Justice in San Antonio and Beyond (Course developer, BSW)
Social Determinants of Health (Course developer, MSW)
- 2017-2018 *Assistant Instructor*
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
Foundations of Social Justice: Values, Diversity, Power & Oppression (BSW)
Social Work Research Methods (BSW)

2007-2013 *Adjunct Faculty*
Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis, Missouri
Social Work Foundations I: Practice with Individuals, Families & Groups (MSW)
Social Justice and Human Diversity (MSW)
Women's Issues in Social Welfare and Social Policy (MSW)
Intimate Partner Violence: Theories, Problems, and Issues (MSW)

Independent Study Instructor

2024 Jacy Hornsby, MSW Candidate, Queerness and punishment in education, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio

2020 Andrea Cantu, MSW Candidate, Individual, cultural and structural determinants of obesity, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio

2020 Bethany Gutierrez, MSW Candidate, Art- and Community Dialogue-based approaches to reducing prejudice and building compassionate and just communities, co-supervised with Dr. Candace Christensen, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Student Supervision and Mentoring

Undergraduate Students

2023 Michael Segovia, The influence of community connectedness on hazardous drinking behaviors among sexual and gender minorities, The University of Texas at San Antonio, Honors theses committee member

2019 Derek Sandoval, *Calling the police among Hispanic, White and Black female survivors of intimate partner violence: Applying the health belief model*, College of Public Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio, Honors theses committee member

Graduate Students

2019-2022 Matthew Bakko, PhD candidate, University of Michigan, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Research Scholars

Dissertation Committees

2020-2023 Scott Craig, PhD candidate, Demography, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio, *A systematic analysis of the functional form of the relationship between gentrification and the health of urban residents in the United States*, Dissertation committee member

Student Groups

2019-2023 Social Work Student Council, Department of Social Work, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio, Faculty advisor

2020 Radical Roots: Student-Initiated Critical History Lecture Series, Faculty mentor

Other Teaching Positions

2018- *Social Work Field Education Liaison*
The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

- 2017 *Foundations for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Guest Faculty Co-Instructor and Content Developer*
The University of Texas at Austin, Center for Health Interprofessional Practice and Education, Austin, Texas
- 2013-2017 *Teaching Assistant*
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
- Hierarchical Linear Modeling (PhD)
Quantitative Research Methods I (PhD)
Restorative Justice (MSW/JD)
Human Behavior in the Social Environment (MSW)
- 2005-2013 *Social Work Field Instructor*
George Warren Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis University, and University of Missouri, St. Louis

Service

Professional Service

Advisory Groups and Task Forces

- 2022- National Advisory Board Member, RWJF Advancing Health Equity: Leading Care, Payment, and Systems Transformation
- 2021-2022 Subject Matter Expert, Agency for Healthcare and Quality Research Health Equity Summit
- 2020-2022 CSWE National Task Force Member, The Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Health Social Work

Consulting Editor

- 2023- Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work

Journal Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer

- Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work
Academic Medicine
Advances in Social Work
BMJ Open
Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Encyclopedia of Social Work
European Journal of Pediatrics
Health Affairs
Health and Place
JBI Evidence Synthesis
Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy
Social Science & Medicine
Trauma, Violence, & Abuse
Violence Against Women

Conference Abstract Reviewer

- 2023 SSWR Annual Conference
- 2016-2021 CSWE Annual Meeting Cultural Competence Track, Evidence-Based Practice Track, Health Track, Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice Track
- 2015-2020 APHA Annual Meeting, Spirit of 1848 Program, Public Health Social Work Program, and School Health Program

Grant Reviewer

2021- Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

University Service

- 2023- *Senator*, Faculty Senate, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2022 *Member*, Department of Social Work Chair Search Committee, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2022- *Advisory Board Member*, UTSA Office of Restorative Practices, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2022- *Advisory Board Member*, Center for Dialogue, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2022- *Chair*, Program Evaluation Committee, Department of Social Work, College of Public Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2022- *Chair*, Mission-Specific & Foundational Curriculum Committee, Department of Social Work, College of Public Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2020-2022 *Member*, Field Education Committee, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2020-2021 *Mentor*, Fall New Faculty Peer Mentoring Team, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2019 *Team Lead*, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Inventory Project, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2019 *Judge*, Honors College Experiential Learning Fair, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2019 *Member*, Mentoring Policy Ad-hoc Committee, Department of Social Work, College of Public Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2018-2020 *Member*, Program Evaluation Committee, Department of Social Work, College of Public Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2017-2018 *Member*, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Faculty Subcommittee, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2015-2016 *Member*, Dean's Lecture Series Committee, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2013-2016 *PhD Student Representative*, PhD Committee, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

Community Service

- 2021-2022 *Member*, San Antonio Housing Authority, Community-Academic Partnership
- 2018- *Member*, My Brother's Keeper San Antonio, Restorative Justice & Reengagement Workgroup, San Antonio, Texas
- 2015 *Mentor*, St. Edwards University McNair Scholars Program, Austin, Texas
- 2013 *Organizer and Facilitator*, Barnes-Jewish Hospital Compassion Fatigue Resilience for Community Service Providers and Activists, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2012 *Curriculum Development Committee Member*, Leadership for Social Change, St. Louis, Missouri

- 2006-2008 *Board Member & Program Strategies Committee Chair*, National Conference for Community and Justice of Metro St. Louis Region, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2006-2007 *Board Member*, Missouri Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Jefferson City, Missouri
- 2005-2007 *Board Member & Vice President*, Immigrant and Refugee Women's Program
- 2001-2002 *Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Volunteer*, YWCA Women's Resource Center, St. Louis, Missouri
- 1999-2000 *Domestic Violence Hotline Volunteer*, W.O.M.A.N. Inc., San Francisco, California

Awards & Honors

Awards

- 2023 University of Texas System Regent's Outstanding Teaching Award Nominee
- 2022 President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence Tenure Track, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2021 Professor of the Year Award, Department of Social Work, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2021 College for Health, Community, and Policy Nominee, the President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence Tenure Track, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2021 College for Health, Community, and Policy Nominee, the President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Mentoring Excellence, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2017 GADE Student Award for Leadership and Service, Honorable Mention
- 2012 The Brown School of Social Work Excellence in Teaching and Advising Award Nominee, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2011 The Brown School of Social Work Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Teaching, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2010 Friend of Interpreters Certificate of Recognition, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2008 The Brown School of Social Work Excellence in Teaching Award, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2002 Dr. Clara Louise Myers Outstanding Practicum Student Award, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

Fellowships

- 2024-2025 Faculty Fellowship, Community Engagement and Partnerships, College for Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas (Competitive, project-based learning, mentoring, and professional development)
- 2020-2022 Fellowship, Social Work Health Futures Lab, National Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon (Competitive, training and mentoring)
- 2016-2017 Graduate Continuing Fellowship, Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas (Competitive, \$30,000)

- 2016 Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas (\$7,000)
- 2015-2016 Graduate Continuing Fellowship, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas (Competitive, \$18,000)
- 2014-2015 Farabee Fellowship, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas (Competitive, \$2,500)
- 2013-2015 Graduate Recruitment Fellowship, Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas (Competitive, \$32,000)
- 2013-2014 Stephens Family Endowed Presidential Fellowship, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas (Competitive, \$3,000)
- 2012-2013 Evidence-Based Practice Fellowship, Center for Practice Excellence, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri (Competitive, training, mentoring, and books)
- 2006-2007 Community Arts Training Fellowship, Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis, Missouri (Competitive, training and mentoring)
- 2000-2002 Daniel Sanders Scholarship, Brown School, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri (Competitive, \$20,000)

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Licensure & Professional Associations

Member, American Evaluation Association

Member, American Public Health Association (APHA), Spirit of 1848 Caucus & LGBT Caucus of Public Health Professionals

Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Member, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS)

Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)