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EDUCATION

The University of Texas, Austin, Texas **2021 - Present**

Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership, student (*Anticipated May 2024*)

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois **1990**

Master of Science, Emphasis: Counseling

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois **1987**

Bachelor of Arts, Major: Psychology

LICENSURE

Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors

- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) May 29, 2001 - present
- Approved Supervisor, (LPC-S) March 30, 2006 - present

EMPLOYMENT

The University of Texas, Austin **Austin, Texas**

Director of Applied Research & Innovative Instruction **December 2019 - Present**

Deputy Director, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault **June 2016 – November 2019**

Director, Expert Witness Initiatives **November 2014 – May 2016**

- Develop and implement the strategic plan for Training and Expert Witness portfolio, including funding and grant solicitation
- Provide case consultation, support, education, and referral for cases involving interpersonal violence.
- Develop and provide presentations and trainings upon request
- Support and mentor expert witnesses.
- PI of statewide, regional expert witness training. Oversee the design and implementation of all aspects of the project; manage and direct funds to support project initiatives; delivery of the trainings along with subject matter expert trainers; provide ongoing consultation, training and technical assistance; develop training curriculum in collaboration with project team; recruit and supervise project director and training faculty; ensure compliance of project reporting, monitoring and evaluation.
- IDVSA leadership team- develop long-range strategies, plan the institution budget, enhance the competitiveness of the Institute with peer organizations at the state and national level.
- Support day to day operations of the Institute.
- Maintain communication with funders.

The University of Texas, Austin **Austin, Texas**

Adjunct Assistant Professor **August 2007 – Present**

- Fall 2017 Foundations of Social Justice: Values, Diversity, Power & Oppression, Graduate level, Steve Hicks School of Social Work
- Summer 2015 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2014 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2013 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2012 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Summer 2012 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Summer 2011 Current trends and issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work

- Spring 2011 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Spring 2010 Social Welfare Programs, Policies and Issues, Bachelor's level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2008 Policy Analysis: Children and Families- Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Summer 2008 Current Trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2007 Policy Analysis: Children and Families- Graduate level, School of Social Work

**District Attorney, Travis County
Senior Victim Witness Counselor**

**Austin, Texas
January 2008 – December 2014**

- Review all assigned cases; approximately 30-55 monthly.
- Trained professional to support victims of intimate partner felony crimes and their families throughout the legal process.
- Daily core functions include: provide information, risk assessment, and safety planning, crisis intervention and stabilization, education and guidance about and through the criminal justice system, court preparation and accompaniment, and provide referrals for community resources or services
- Crisis management, safety planning, and risk assessment as needed
- Work closely with attorneys assigned to cases
- Provide expert testimony as needed
- Provide education and training as requested

**Safe Place, Austin
Program Coordinator**

**Austin, Texas
February 2005 – December 2007**

- Managed Advocacy program in SafePlace Family Shelter
- Implemented and supervised shelter counseling program
- Supervised Family Advocates, Counselor, Counseling Interns, and Practicum students
- Member of the SafePlace Risk-Management Team
- Participated in Family Shelter management responsibilities
- Assisted Family Shelter Director in ensuring the responsible provision of services and shelter safety daily.

Program Coordinator

September 2001-February 2005

- Onsite manager for 24-hour service delivery for the Individual's Shelter client program
- Provided case management, safety planning, advocacy, and counseling for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Provided reporting of monthly statistics to ensure we are meeting outcome goals
- Supervised staff of seven including; Advocates, House managers, and Counselors
- Prepared accurate and timely case-file documentation and activity reports
- Attended and facilitated weekly staff meetings
- Provided on-call 24/7 crisis management and risk assessment services

Program Coordinator

September 1999-September 2001

- Supervised counseling services for the residential Domestic Violence (DV) Counseling Program
- Assisted the Director of Adult Counseling Services with program development
- Designed and implemented client service tracking database
- Provided safety planning, crisis management and risk assessment services
- Attended and facilitated weekly staff meetings and client therapy/support group
- Supervised residential counselors
- Prepared case-file documentation and activity reports which provided end-of-month statistics to ensure compliance with federal and state grants

Shelter/Outreach Counselor

1994-September 1999

- Provided individual and group counseling
- Completed intakes and assessed appropriate services for survivors of domestic violence

- Facilitated evening therapy/support groups
- Provided crisis management, safety planning, and risk assessment services

Psychiatric Emergency Services

Austin, Texas

Emergency Psychiatric Clinician

1995-2001

- Provided emergency triage of individuals in psychiatric distress
- Conducted psychiatric assessments
- Maintained client-interaction and draft reports of client mental status exams (MSE)
- Rendered crisis counseling, emergency emotional support, and risk assessment to clients with mental health issues

Travis County Children’s Shelter

Austin, Texas

Weekend Shift Supervisor

February 1994-July 1995

- Managed weekend Shelter activities
- Assisted with age-appropriate learning activities and attended excursions with children, age’s birth to 17
- Facilitated individual and group therapy sessions
- Provided crisis management and risk assessment
- Supervised weekend staff

Communities in Schools

Austin, Texas

Caseworker II

June 1994-March 1995

- Conducted assessments for at-risk youth
- Provided referrals to appropriate social services
- Facilitated meetings

Peace Corps

Dominican Republic

Technical Advisor, Child Survival Program

March 1991-July 1993

- Created and implemented a community health committee
- Directed and supervised project planning, financial management, and program implementation, monitoring, and evaluation
- Generated funding for a waste management project
- Facilitated four workshops covering Domestic Violence, Safety Planning, Needs Assessment and Listening Skills
- Member of Women in Development program, created and participated in 5 Regional and 1 National conference enhancing leadership skills for women

SKILL-BASED COMPETENCIES

- Knowledge of intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, strangulation, and trauma issues
- Experienced in crisis management and risk assessment – 20 years
- Supervisory experience – 10 years
- Experience working in the justice system
- Community collaboration experience
- Conversational Spanish

GRANT FUNDING - CURRENT

Bassett, M., Busch-Armendariz, N.B.

Principal Investigator

2023 Full Court Press Expert Witness Regional Training

TX Office of the Governor - PSO

September 2022 – September 2023

\$423,737

GRANT FUNDING – PREVIOUS

Bassett, M., Busch-Armendariz, N.B.

Principal Investigator

Live Webcast 2022 Full Court Press Expert Witness Regional Training

TX Office of the Governor - PSO

September 2021 – August 2022

\$423,737

Bassett, M., Busch-Armendariz, N.B.

Principal Investigator

Live Webcast 2021 Full Court Press Expert Witness Regional Training

TX Office of the Governor - CJD

September 2020 – March 2021

\$232,725

Bassett, M., Busch-Armendariz, N.B.

Principal Investigator

2020 Full Court Press Expert Witness Regional Training

TX Office of the Governor – Dept of Criminal Justice

September 2019 – August 2020

\$332,725

Bassett, M., Busch-Armendariz, N.B.

Principal Investigator

2019 Full Court Press Expert Witness Regional Training

TX Office of the Governor - CJD

September 2018 – August 2019

\$251,442

Basset, M. Busch-Armendariz, N.B

Principal Investigator

Legal Aid to Survivors of Sexual Assault (LASSA) Network

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid

September 2017 – December 2018

\$79,558

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., **Bassett, M.**

Co-Principal Investigator

2018 Full Court Press Expert Witness Regional Training

TX Office of the Governor - CJD

September 2017 – August 2018

\$231,616

TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 2023 Full Court Press Expert Witness Training **2023**
 - Denton June 12th, 13th, and 14th 2023
 - Canyon TX July 24th, 25th, and 26th 2023
- Fact or Expert – Testifying Tips and Strategies Child Advocates of Fort Bend June 6 **2023**
 - Child Advocates of Fort Bend June 6
 - National Training Center in Crimes Against Women July 13
- Presenter: The University of Texas Steve Hicks School of Social Work: **2023**
To Be or Not To Be: The Role of Expert Witness
- 18th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women – May 22rd-25th **2023**

- Presenter Testifying 101: Tips and Tricks for being an Effective Expert Witness
 - Attendee
- Recognizing and Responding to Stalking: A Training for Texas Stalking Project May 10 **2023**
- Presenter: The University of Texas Law School: Trauma, DV & Expert Witness February 28 **2023**
- 2022 TAASA Annual Conference **2022**
 - Presenter Advancing Social Justice as an Ethical Expert Witness July 12
- Expert or Fact? Mental Health Professionals and Testifying, June 13, **2022**
- Ft. Bend Expert Witness Training 101: To Be on Not To Be, June 10, **2022**
- 17th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women – May 23rd-26th **2022**
 - Presenter Translating Doubt Into Conviction Through The Strategic Use of Expert Witness A two-part presentation
 - Facilitator Pre-Conference: How to Get Away with Murder: Misdiagnosed Homicides & Asphyxiation Crimes
 - Attendee
- Presenter: The University of Texas Law School: Trauma, DV & Expert Witness March 3 **2022**
- Live Webcast: 2022 Full Court Press Expert Witness Training **2022**
 - December 7th, 8th, and 9th 2021
 - February 8th, 15th, and 22nd 2022
 - March 8th, 15th, and 22nd, 2022
 - April 7th, 14th, and 21st, 2022
 - July 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2022
- Pulling Back the Curtain: What We Need to Understand About Domestic Abusers December 3 **2021**
Institute for Coordinated Community Response, Participant, Karnes City, TX
- 6th annual CAVE Conference, Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation - Panelist on Stalking session **2021**
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- Panel UT Austin students activity for DV awareness month October 28 **2021**
- Crimes Against Women Conference Presenter: Case Studies of Triumphs & Tragedies in Using Expert Witnesses- Co-Presenter (On-line live and on-demand) Attendee **2021**
- The University of Texas at Austin Law School DV & Expert Witness – Presentation April 1 **2021**
- Minnesota Family Law Institute Online presentation Expert Witness 101 & Case Consultation and Direct Examination of an Expert Witness March 16 **2021**
- Live Webcast: 2021 Full Court Press Expert Witness Training **2021**
 - January 13th, 14th, and 15th 2021
 - April 16th, 23rd, and 30th 2021
 - May 7th, 14th, and 21st 2021
 - July 13th, 20th, August 3rd 2021
- SAFE Expert Witness Training 201: To Be on Not To Be, December 15 **2020**
- SAFE Expert Witness Training 101: To Be on Not To Be, December 9 **2020**
- SAFE Expert Witness Training 101: To Be on Not To Be, December 2 **2020**
- Live Webcast: 2020 Full Court Press Expert Witness Training **2020**
 - October 9th – 11th 2019
 - February 26th -28th 2020
 - July 15th, July 22nd, July 27th 2020
 - June 26, July 10th, July 17th 2020
- Crimes Against Women Conference Presenter: Case Studies of Triumphs & Tragedies in Using Expert Witnesses- Co-Presenter (Conference modified-Session Cancelled) **2020**
- *Direct and Cross-Examination of Domestic Abuse Expert Witnesses in Family Court* **2020**
Family Law Institute Annual Conference, St Paul, Minnesota, United States. (Conference modified, session canceled) Alexander, R. S., Bassett, M., & Brizard, M. J. (2020, March 23-24).
- Regional Expert Witness Training: Building capacity for Expert Witness- Director **2020**
 - Conroe-Montgomery Texas October 9th – 11th, 2019
 - Canyon-Randall County Texas February 26th – 28th, 2020
- International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice Presenter: Ethical Expert **2019**

- Testimony: The Role of the Forensic Nurse in the Legal System, Part 2, New Orleans September 14
- Expert Witness Course on Non-fatal Strangulation: The Art & Science of Expert Testimony **2019**
Attendee Fort Worth, TX August 16
 - The University of Texas at Austin Office of Professional Development Steve Hicks School of Social Work July 26 Presenter: Ethical Expert Witness in Criminal, Civil and Immigration cases involving interpersonal violence **2019**
 - The University of Texas at Austin Office of Professional Development Steve Hicks School of Social Work July 25 Presenter: Are We Moving the Needle? Changing or Maintaining Status Quo in Domestic Violence **2019**
 - Presentation to Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows: Evidence and Praxis: Best Practices in Responding to Children Exposed to Violence in Their Homes and Qualifying and Testifying as an Expert Witness **2019**
 - Regional Expert Witness Training: Building capacity for Expert Witness- Director **2019**
 - Waco June 5th – 7th
 - Hidalgo Cty July 17th – 19th
 - Central Texas July 29th – 31st
 - Houston August 28th – 30th
 - Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Statewide Training, San Antonio Texas May 21, **2019**
Transforming traditional victim testimony preparation via collaborative interdisciplinary approaches-How can we do it?
 - Crimes Against Women Conference Presenter: Translating Doubt Into Conviction Through The Strategic Use of Experts: 101 and 201 April 8 – 11, Dallas, Texas. **2019**
 - North Texas Facing Family Violence Conference October 17th-19th Collin County Texas **2018**
Presenter: The Use of Expert Witness and Translating Doubt into Conviction Case Practice
 - National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 81st Annual Conference July 22nd-25th Denver **2018**
CO. Presenter: Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don't: Domestic Violence In Custody Cases
 - 18th Annual Legal Alliance for Survivors of Abuse Cross-Training June 18th – 20th **2018**
Trainer Expert Witness Track- Providing Ethical Expert Testimony in Civil and Criminal Cases
 - Regional Expert Witness Training: Building Capacity for Expert Witness- Trainer **2018**
 - Abilene May 9th – 11th
 - Plano May 29th – 31st
 - Brownsville July 9th – 11th
 - San Antonio August 1st – 3rd
 - Corpus Christi August 15th – 17th
 - Houston August 22nd – 24th
 - Kelsey McKay, Statewide strangulation training May 7 Abilene Texas **2018**
 - Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Statewide Training South Padre Island **2018**
April 30 – May 2 Presenter: Understanding the Role of Expert Witness and Expert Witness: Tough Elements & Case Facts
 - Conference on Crimes Against Women April 16th – 19th Dallas Texas **2018**
 - Workshop Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury in Women December 18th – 19th **2018**
NIH, Bethesda, Maryland. Attendee
 - Seminar “Dell Medical School Department of Psychiatry Research Updates” October 10, **2017**
 - Guest Lecturer Crisis Intervention – Victims of Intimate Partner Violence September 27, **2017**
Graduate-level, Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
 - Ethical Expert Witness Training: A Collaboration Between Attorney and Expert Witness- Trainer **2017**
September 19-20 Oklahoma City, OK
 - Next to the Jury Box Family Violence Summit **2017**
Presenter: Neurobiology of Trauma July 28, Rockwall Texas
 - 17th Annual Legal Alliance for Survivors of Abuse Cross-Training Trainer: Providing Ethical Expert Testimony in Civil and Criminal Cases June 14 - 16 **2017**
 - Crimes Against Women Conference Presenter: Translating Doubt Into Conviction Through The Strategic Use of Experts April 22 – 25. **2017**
 - Regional Expert Witness Training: Building Capacity for Expert Witness- Trainer **2017**

- Corpus Christi February 15-17
- Belton February 27-March 1
- Austin April 10-12
- Houston April 19-21
- Ft. Worth June 25-28
- National Sexual Assault Conference- August 30-September 2 Presenter **2016**
Being an Expert Witness 101 & Advanced
- TCFV Approaching the Bench A Judicial summit on Family Violence EW presentation August 12, **2016**
- OVW Roundtable Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence August 3 – 4, **2016**
- Full Court Press 4.0 Advanced Training: Faculty May 9 – 12 **2016**
Building Capacity for Expert Witness in the Fields of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Stalking
- Crimes Against Women Conference Presenter April 3 – 6 **2016**
Translating Doubt Into Conviction Through The Strategic Use of Experts: Trauma, Dynamics, & Strangulation Parts 1 & 2
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) Presenter annual training March 6 – 10 **2016**
Being An Expert Witness 101 and Advanced
- Somatic Experiencing Professional Trauma Training Program Level January 1st, 8-11 **2016**
- Domestic Violence Expert Witnesses in Civil Legal Proceedings Webinar Presenter December 3, **2015**
- Impact Austin- Discovery Day Presenter Domestic Violence November 14 **2015**
- Expert Witness Training in Immigration Cases October 22 -23 Faculty **2015**
- SERVE: Brain-Based Approach to Working with Victims of Complex Trauma October 12, **2015**
- Non-fatal Strangulation: What is it? Why should we care? How to prosecute August 27 **2015**
- Full Court Press 3.0: Advanced Expert Witness Training May 11-14 Faculty **2015**
- How the Body Releases Trauma and Restores Goodness: The Art and Science of SE April 17, **2015**
- Emerge Domestic Violence Danger Assessment and Risk Management- participant February 2-3 **2015**
- Advanced Strangulation Training- August 20-22 participant **2014**
- Participated in TDCAA Advanced Prosecution Training- Expert Witness **2014**
- Program Coordinator/trainer- Establishing Expertise as an Expert Witness FCP **2014**
- Crimes Against Women Conference Attendee **2013**
- Establishing Expertise as an Ethical Expert Witness- Trainer **2013**
- Presenter TDCAA KP and VAC training Working with victims of intimate partner violence **2012**
- Presenter at TDCAA Annual- Working with victims of Intimate Partner Violence **2012**
- Full Court Press: Improving Responses to DV, SA, and Stalking in Texas Courts- Trainer **2012**
- Relationship Violence 360 Conference- Presenter- Stalking and the impact on victims **2011**
- Establishing Expertise as an Ethical Expert Witness- Trainer **2010**
- Establishing Expertise as an Ethical Expert Witness- Participant **2009**
- Audited Restorative Justice, Graduate level, School of Social Work, Spring **2009**
- TVSA 10th Anniversary Conference, Presenter- Risk Assessment **2008**
- Co-presenter, Working with Survivors with Disabilities TCFV Annual Conference **2007**
- Member of Travis County Family Violence Task Force **2005**
- Contemporary Threat Management **2005**
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Mental Health **2005**
- Risk Assessment of the Mentally Ill Individual **2005**
- Violence Risk and Threat Assessment **2005**
- Classes at the American Sign Language School **2001**
- Austin Community Action Network, Substance Abuse, and Adult Mental Health Committee **2000**
- Responsible for 12 hours of continuing education yearly toward licensure. Focus on issues about Interpersonal Violence, Safety planning, and Risk Assessment.
- Thirty-five years' experience in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Guest speaker at various UT social work classes, speaking on Intimate Partner Violence, power, and control and therapeutic intervention.

- Reviewed and provided input for the book Beyond Labels Working with Abuse Survivors with Mental Illness or Substance Abuse Issues.
- Accepted as an Expert Witness in Military Court, Fort Bliss
- Instructor, Travis County Sheriff's Office In-Service Training, Sexual Assault Investigation, TCLEOSE credit 2013
- Published- The Texas Prosecutor Vol 43, #1 January-February 2013 What a State's Expert Can Tell A Jury About Domestic Violence.
- Lecturer Teaching Excellence Award 2013-2014, School of Social Work, University of Texas

EXPERT WITNESS/CONSULTATION

- Prior to formally documenting expert witness testimony, provided bio-psycho-social reports for immigration cases; provided expert testimony in criminal and civil cases
- The State of Texas V Vondrick Ware Travis County D-1-DC-11-904099 **2012**
- The State of Texas V Rex Stockton Travis County D-1-DC-12-204926 **2013**
- The State of Texas V Gerald Zuliani Travis County D-1-DC-12-900269 **2013**
- Travis County Portley, L., V Portley, K., J. D-1-FM-15-002785 **2015**
- The State of Texas V Martha Acevedo 20140D05736 El Paso Cty - murder. October 28th, **2015**
- The State of Texas V Brenda Ingram 15-03-20050-CR Robertson Cty – murder. March 28th, **2016**
- The State of Texas V Isaac Cardenas CR2015-504 Comal County – 207th Judicial District Court **2016**
- The State of Texas V Katrina Marie Weibel D1DC16300935 – Travis County Agg Assault DW **2016**
- The State of Texas V Ernest Williams D1DC16200226 – Travis County 403rd District Court **2016**
- The State of Texas V Gustavo Sandoval D1DC17904007 – Travis County 331st District Court **2017**
- The State of Texas V Robert Joiner 2017-CR-2669 – Bexar County 144th District Court **2017**
- United States V Orlando Velez Ft. Hood, Killeen Texas Court Martial **2017**
- United States V Tracey Perrigan Docket No. 16-350 (PGS) New Jersey Report **2017**
- Williamson County on behalf of Katrina Weibel 425th Judicial District 16-1394-F425 **2017**
- Parole hearing TDCJ-CID #01984718 **2017**
- Travis County 53rd Judicial District Court D-1-FM-17-006080 November **2017**
- Saline County, Illinois First Judicial Circuit Weeks V Weeks 2012-D-2 **2018**
- Jane Doe (Plaintiff in Jane Doe V Socorro Independent School District & Jose Espinoza **2018**
- The State of Texas V Christopher Lee Rocha 2017-08-9967CR Lavaca County District Court **2019**
- District Court 428th Judicial District Hays County, Texas Cause No. 18-1668 a minor child **2019**
- The State of Texas V Cierra Powell D1DC18204296 – Travis County 390th District Court Murder **2019**
- Children D-1-FM-15-007470 98th Judicial District Travis County 459th District Court **2019**
- The State of Texas V Patrick Martin CR2017-787 Comal County – 207th Judicial District Court **2019**
- The State of Texas V Juan Gallardo 2017-411,874 Lubbock County 137th District Court **2019**
- The State of Texas V Michele Alee Morris 9380-A Randall County 47th District Court (Appeal) **2021**
- Letter for Parole packet TDCJ #01495989 Camille Sanders **2021**
- The State of Texas V Andre McDonald 2019CR10911 Bexar County 399th District Court **2021**
-