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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Clinical: Teaching, Training, Practicum Instruction, Clinical Supervision, School-Based Interventions, Fostering belonging in the classroom, Solution-Focused, Crisis Intervention, Narrative, Trust Based Relational Intervention, Ecotherapy, Neurosequential Model in Education, Artificial Intelligence literacy

Administrative: Program development, Fostering belonging in the classroom, Conference planning, Practicum engagement, Improving efficiency of procedures, Technology implementation, Creating and incorporating assignments to support differences in learning and assessment styles, Artificial Intelligence literacy

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Science in Social Work, University of Texas at Austin, May 2001

Bachelor of Science in Speech Communications, North Dakota State University, May 1993

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, CERTIFICATIONS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (2003-Current)

Licensed Master of Social Work (2001-Current)

Trust Based Relational Intervention Practitioner and Educator (2015-Current)

Neurosequential Model in Education Certificate (2019-Current)

Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners Approved Clinical Supervisor (2012-Current)

National Association of Social Work Member (2001-Current)

School Social Work Association of America Member (2009-Current)

Certificate in Effective College Instruction from the Association of College and University Educators (Course completion 2022-2023)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

University of Texas Steve Hicks School of Social Work

- Assistant Dean for Practicum Education (2023-Current)
- Clinical Associate Professor (2023-Current)
- Academic Affairs Committee member (2023-Current)
- Title IX Liaison for Steve Hicks School of Social Work (2022-2023)
- Coordinator of the Norma Leben Scholar's Program (2021-Current)
- Member of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Practice II Syllabus Review Subcommittee, and the MSW Online Program Task Group (2023-Current)
- Advisor, BSW, MSSW first and second-year students for advanced internship placements (2017-Current)
- Coordinator of the School-Based Social Work Certificate (2017-2023)
- Chair of Texas School Social Workers Conference (2018-2026)
- Chair of the Practicum Education Committee and the Community Partnership Development Committee (2017-Current)
- MSW Program Committee member (2017-Current)
- BSW Program Committee member (2023-Current)

- Commencement Committee member (2023-Current)
- APP Concentration Sub-Committee member (2023-Current)
- Clinical Assistant Professor (2017-2023)
- Adjunct Faculty (2012-2017)

TEACHING

BSW Courses

- Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare, Fall 2025
- Applied Practice and Practicum, Fall 2024
- Trauma-Informed Care of Children and Adolescents Conference Course, Summer 2019
- Experiential Leadership Spring, Fall 2016
- Generalist Social Work Practice, Fall 2012

MSW Courses

- Direct Practice Field Immersion, Fall 2024
- Practice I, II and Field I, II Fall, Summer, Spring 2017-2023
- Theories and Methods of Group Intervention, Summer 2020-2023
- Practicum Instruction III & IV, Spring 2018-Current
- Experiential Group Work with Children and Adolescents Conference Course, Summer 2019
- Treatment of Children and Adolescents, Summer 2015
- Advanced Integrative Capstone in Social Work Knowledge and Practice, Spring 2013-2015

Additional Teaching Contributions

- Invited Guest Lecturer, School Social Work Course, 2008-2012
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Practice II, 2008-2012
- Invited Guest Lecturer, Theories and Methods of Group Intervention, 2008-2012

LEADERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONFERENCE PLANNING

Conference Planning

Chair/Master of Ceremonies, Texas School Social Workers Conference 2018-2026

Chair, Practicum Instructor Development Institute 2023-Current

National Scholarly Presentations

- Beer, M, Simmons, S, Sloan, S (Fall 2024) **Decolonizing the Classroom with Compassionate Pedagogy** Council on Social Work Education, National Annual Program Meeting
- Beer, M, Simmons, S, Sloan, S (Fall 2024) **Healing with Nature: Integrating Ecotherapy and Environmental Justice in Social Work Education** Council on Social Work Education, National Annual Program Meeting
- Beer, M (Spring 2020) **Building Trauma and Resiliency** Columbia University School of Social Work, on-line remote class presentation
- Beer, M & Wood, T (Fall 2019) **An Overview of TBRI and NME** -Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health
- Beer, M (Spring 2019) **Trust Based Relational Intervention-The Nurture Group** School Social Work Association of America National Conference
- Beer, M (Spring 2013) **Pienselo/Think About It-Talking with Teens about STI and Pregnancy Prevention-** Texas School Social Work Conference, National Social Work Association of America Conference

Statewide Scholarly Presentations

- Beer, M (Fall 2018-Fall 2023) **Trust Based Relational Intervention Series** Texas Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing, UT Professional Development Department Presented to: CPS workers, foster families, KIPP Charter School, Grand Prairie ISD, community members
- Beer, M & Crutchfield, J (Spring 2022) **From an Ethical Lens: A Spoonful of Privilege, the Recipe for Implicit Bias**, Texas School Social Work Network
- Beer, M (Fall 2019) **Trust Based Relational Intervention and the Neurosequential Model in Education in work with Children and Adolescents**, UT Professional Development Department
- Beer, M & Sugeno, A (Fall 2017) **Ecotherapy in Schools**-Texas Children in Nature Conference
- Beer, M (Spring 2017) Keynote speaker for **Transforming Generations**-Texas School Social Conference
- Beer, M (Spring 2017) **TBRI, Nurture Group**-Texas School Social Work Conference
- Beer, M (Spring 2015) **Non-Suicidal Self Injury Assessment, Intervention, and Treatment in Schools**-Texas School Social Work Conference
- Beer, M (Spring 2014) **Ethics in the School Setting**-Institute at the Texas School Social Work Conference
- Beer, M (Spring 2011, 2013) **Piénselo/Think About It-Talking with Teens about STI and Pregnancy Prevention**-Texas School Social Work Conference
- Beer, M (Spring 2010) **The Millionaire's Club: A Drop-Out Prevention Program**-Texas School Social Work Conference

Local Scholarly Presentations

- Beer, M, Romero, M (Fall 2025) **AI in Social Work Placements** University of Texas at Austin, Presented to Practicum Instructors, Center for Teaching and Learning Think Tank
- Beer, M (Fall 2023-2025) **An Introduction to Sandtray** University of Texas at Austin, Professional Development Department, UT Charter Elementary School, Austin ISD,
- Beer, M (Fall 2025) **Ecotherapy as Self-Care for Professionals** Austin Independent School District
- Beer, M (Fall 2025) **2025 Behavioral Health Summit for the Texas Coalition for Healthy Minds** Panelist
- Beer, M, Sloan, S (Fall 2024) **Compassionate Pedagogy and Ungrading** University of Texas at Austin, Center for Teaching and Learning Think Tank
- Beer, M, Assef, J (Fall 2024) **Blending Supervision Tools to Make Evaluations Easier** Steve Hicks School of Social Work, Lunch with Liaisons presentation for Practicum Instructors
- Beer, M, Wood, T (Fall 2021- Current) **Trust Based Relational Intervention** Steve Hicks School of Social Work, Integrated Behavioral Health Scholar's Program Presented to: IBHS Scholars, Cedar Crest Hospital, Manor ISD, Georgetown ISD, Austin ISD, Travis County Juvenile Detention Center, UpRise Circus
- Beer, M (Fall 2022-2024) **An Interactive Morning/Afternoon/Day of Ethics** Community in Schools of Central Texas, UTSSW Professional Development Office
- Beer, M (Fall 2024) **Pedagogy Sampler for New Faculty Orientation** University of Texas at Austin, Center for Teaching and Learning
- Beer, M (Fall 2024) **How Attachment Impacts Healing** Community Advisory Board, Helping Hands Home for Children
- Beer, M (Fall 2024) **Practicum Instruction 101** Sunrise Homeless Navigation Center
- Beer, M, Smith, R (Fall 2023) **Supporting Robust Internships** Lunch with Liaisons series, Steven Hicks School of Social Work
- Beer, M (Fall 2023) **Alternate Grading** Steve Hicks School of Social Work
- Beer, M (Fall, Spring 2023) **An Introduction to Dr. Perry's Neurosequential Model: Thing I Wish I'd Known When I was a Houseparent**-Helping Hand Home for Children Foster Program
- Beer, M (Spring 2023-Current)-**STEER Towards Texas-A Welcome Presentation**-University of Texas Steve Hicks School of Social Work Prospective Students
- Beer, M (Spring 2023) **Working with Emotionally Sensitized Children**-Helping Hand Home for Children
- Beer, M & Sloan, S (Fall 2022) **Sustainability Through Self-Care, Community Care, and Connection Follow-up Workshop**-Texas Defender Services
- Beer, M & Linseisen, T (Fall 2022) **The Ethics of Self-Care**-FIT Field Instructor Training Series, Steve Hicks School of Social Work

- Beer, M & Sloan, S (Fall 2022) **Sustainability Through Self-Care, Community Care, and Connection-** Texas Defender Services
- Beer, M & Linseisen, T (Fall 2022) **Educational Supervision and The Learning Contract-**FIT Field Instructor Training Series, Steve Hicks School of Social Work
- Beer, M (Fall 2021) **Ecotherapy: Assessment, Engagement, and Intervention** University of Texas Steve Hicks School of Social Work, Environmental Justice and Ecotherapy Student Group
- Beer, M (Fall 2021) **Professional Use of Self; An Interactive Exploration** University of Texas Steve Hicks School of Social Work, Field Instructor Development Institute
- Beer, M & Tuck, B (Spring 2021) **Trust Based Relational Intervention and De-escalation Techniques-** Central Presbyterian Church Street Outreach Volunteers
- Beer, M (Summer 2021) **Professional Use of Self in Field-**Department of Health Social Work Field Instructors
- Beer, M (Spring 2020) **Experiential Techniques for Addressing Big Behaviors-** Austin ISD Anderson High School Vertical Team
- Beer, M (Spring 2020) **Experiential Mindfulness** Austin ISD, Hill Elementary
- Beer, M (Spring 2020) **A Neurological Perspective to the COVID-19 Response** Austin Interagency Council
- Beer, M (Spring 2020) **Ecotherapy -A Virtual Nature Walk, Exploring our Place in the Natural World** Austin ISD SEL Virtual Symposium
- Beer, M (Summer 2020) **Changes to Field in the time of COVID** Field Instructors for University of Texas-Summer FIDI Series
- Beer, M (Fall 2020) **Best Practices in Field Evaluation-**Field Instructor Development Institute
- Beer, M (Summer 2020) **School-Based Telehealth in the Time of COVID-19** KIPP Central Texas SSW Mental Health Clinicians
- Beer, M (Fall 2019) **The Six Rs** Village Connections
- Beer, M (Fall 2019) **Experiential Learning in the Elementary Classroom-**Austin ISD Dawson Elementary
- Beer, M (Fall 2019) **Nurture Group** –Communities In Schools
- Beer, M (Summer 2019)**Neurosequential Model in Education**, AISD
- Beer, M (Summer 2019)**The Nurture Group**, AISD EDU Conference,
- Beer, M (Summer 2018) **Strengths-Based Case Management-**Front Steps, Austin, TX

HONORS AND AWARDS

Steve Hicks School of Social Work

- Diana M. DiNitto Peer Mentorship Award, Spring 2024
- Lora Lee Pederson Teaching Excellence Award, Spring 2023
- Texas School Social Worker of the Year Honorable Mention, 2015
- Lecturer Teaching Excellence Award, Spring 2014

University of Texas at Austin

- President's Associates Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, Spring 2026
- Provost Teaching Fellow, accepted to 2024 cohort
- Nominated applicant for the Provost Teaching Fellows Program, 2022, 2023
- Nominee: Regent's Outstanding Teaching Award, UT System, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Nominee: Texas Teach-Up Observed Instructor, 2023
- Nominee: Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, 2024, 2025
- Certificate in Effective College Instruction, The Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners Approved Clinical Supervisor (2012-current)
- KIPP Charter School Clinical Consultant, Austin, TX (2019-2023)
- Austin Independent School District, Austin, TX (2007-2017)
 - Licensed Mental Health Professional, Consultant
- Kent Place School, Summit, NJ (2004-2007)
 - Social Worker, Health Education Department Chair, Athletics Coach
- Girls and Boys Town Treatment Center, Newark NJ (2003-2004)
 - Treatment Director
- Newark Beth Israel Medical Center/Malcolm X Shabazz High School, Newark NJ (2001-2003)
 - Pediatric Social Worker, School-Based Youth Services Program Social Worker
- Helping Hand Home for Children, Austin, TX (1998-2000)
 - Youth Care Worker Supervisor
- The Settlement Home, Austin, TX (1995-1998)
 - Houseparent

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Austin Youth Launch Board Member (2025-Current)
- Chair, Texas Practicum Education Consortium (2025-Current)
- North American Network of Field Educators and Directors (2023-Current)
- National Association of Social Workers (2001-Current)
- Helping Hand Home for Children Community Advisory Board (2023-Current)
- Day of Service-Helping Hand Home for Children (Fall 2024)
- Austin Child Guidance Center Programs Committee (2018-Current)
- Contract tracing program with UT (Spring 2020)
- COVID clinic (Spring 2020)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, Newark NJ (2004-Current)
- Southern Hospitality Home, Assisted Living Program (2010-2011)