

## Lailea J Noel, PhD

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### EDUCATION

2016 Doctorate in Philosophy, Washington University in St Louis  
Brown School of Social Work

1993 Masters of Arts, The University of Chicago  
School of Social Service Administration

1990 Bachelor of Arts, University of Michigan  
Pre-Med/Literature Science and Arts

### FACULTY POSITION

The University of Texas at Austin

2020 - present Assistant Professor (tenure track)  
Steve Hicks School of Social Work

2023 - present Meadows Foundation Endowed Fellow in Quality of Life in the Rural Environment  
Steve Hicks School of Social Work

Director, Institute for Collaborative Health Research and Practice  
Steve Hicks School of Social Work

2020 – present Courtesy Assistant Professor  
LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes, Dell Medical School

2020 - 2024 Courtesy Assistant Professor  
Department of Health Social Work, Dell Medical School

2019 - 2020 Faculty Research Fellowship  
Steve Hicks School of Social Work  
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health  
Dell Medical School LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes

2018 - 2019 Donald D Harrington Visiting Faculty Fellowship  
Steve Hicks School of Social Work

### SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE and NON-PROFIT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2000-2002 The Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Michigan  
Administrative Director, Bone Marrow Transplantation Program

1998-2000 Oakwood Healthcare System, SE Michigan  
Manager, Community and Corporate Health

1994-1998 American Cancer Society  
Area Executive Director, SE Michigan Region (1996-1998)  
Manager of Cancer Control Programs, City of Chicago (1995-1996)  
Field Representative, City of Chicago, American Cancer Society (1994-1995)

### GRANTS

Awarded

2022 – 2023 PI- Lailea Noel, PhD  
Funder: The American Cancer Society Amount: \$50,000  
UT Livestrong Cancer Institutes' Faculty Innovation Grant  
Title: *A Pilot Study to Inform a Health Equity Approach to Providing Precision Supportive Care for Cancer Survivors in Rural Communities.*

- 2022 – 2023 PI- Lailea Noel, PhD  
Funder: The University of Texas at Austin Provost Office Amount: \$25,000  
UT Faculty Innovation Grants (FIG) focused on improving social, emotional, and behavioral health in Austin  
Title: *Narratives of the Patient Preferences of Cancer Survivors Who Identify as LGBTQAI+ to Inform Education Modules of Interprofessional Medical and Behavioral Health Teams*
- 2021 – 2022 PI- Kathryn Ponders, PhD; Co-Investigator – Lailea Noel, PhD  
Amount: (\$12,000 went to the Dr. Ponders)  
Funder: The University of Texas at Austin Center for Health Communications  
The Communication for Health, Empathy, and Resilience (CHER) grant program  
Title: *Developing a Health Communication Intervention to Meet the Psychosocial Needs of Young Women Living with Breast Cancer*
- 2014-2016 PI- Lailea Noel, PhD  
Funder: The American Cancer Society Amount: \$40,000  
Doctoral Training Grant in Oncology Social Work  
Dissertation Title: *A Phenomenological Approach to Understanding How Women Make Breast Cancer Treatment Decisions Within the Context of Communities*

Submitted Under Review

- 2024 (July 15) Co-PI Lailea Noel, PhD (UT Austin); Co-PI Chiara Acquati, PhD (Univ. Huston)  
Funder: The American Cancer Society Amount: \$60,100  
ACS Theory Lab Collaborative Grant  
Title: *Exploring the Financial Supportive Network Surrounding a Young Adult Cancer Survivor*

**FUNDING (Fellowships & Donations & Center Funding)**

- 2023 - present Institute for Collaborative Health Research and Practice, Director  
2023 - present Meadows Foundation, Endowed Fellow in Quality of Life in Rural Environments  
2018 - 2019 Donald D Harrington Visiting Faculty Fellowship

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2021 - present **Lead**  
Precision Supportive Care for Cancer Survivors from Marginalized Communities  
Research Lab  
University of Texas at Austin, Steve Hicks School of Social Work  
Purpose: coordinate research, publishing, and student mentoring activities

**Community-Based Systems Dynamics Group Model Building**

- 2024 **Principal Investigator**  
Funded by Clean Cause Foundation  
Community Partner: Alcohol Research Institute and Clean Cause Foundation  
Title: Improving the sustainability of recovery housing organizations to facilitate long-term recovery from substance use disorders

- 2023 **Principal Investigator**  
Funded by the American Cancer Society  
Community Partners: The Alliance for African American Health in Central Texas and Bastrop County Cares.  
Title: Using Community-Based Group Model Building to Explore the Supports and Barriers to Cancer Screenings in Rural Central Texas.

- 2022 **Principal Investigator**  
Funded by The Cancer Support Community  
Community Partner: The Cancer Support Community  
Title: Community-Based Systems Dynamics: Factors Fueling Medical Mistrust
- 2019 – 2020 **Principal Investigator**  
Funded by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, University of Texas at Austin  
Collaborator: State of Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
All Texas Access Team  
Title: Understanding the System of Care Surrounding Mental Health Services and Service Delivery for Rural Texas
- 2018-2020 **Principal Investigator**  
Funded by the Donald D Harrington Fellowship Program (YR 1)  
Dell Medical School LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes (YR2)  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Title: Engaging Community-Academic Partnerships: The Influence of Psychosocial Determinants on Equitable Transitions of Cancer Care Services
- Washington University in St Louis  
2011-2015 **Research Assistant**  
Washington University in St Louis  
A community-based participatory research (CBPR) approach to improving breast cancer services for African American women living in North St Louis  
Principal Investigator: Sarah Gehlert, PhD
- 2012-2014 **Research Assistant**  
Washington University School of Medicine  
Patient Navigator Program for Medical Oncology, Siteman Cancer Center  
Principal Investigator: Sarah Gehlert, PhD
- 2013-2014 **Research Assistant**  
Washington University School of Medicine  
Patient-centered readmissions prevention: Using community stakeholder engagement to improve transitions of care between the hospital and community settings  
Principal Investigator: Elna Nagasako, MD, PhD, MPH

**PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)** \*indicates student

**Noel, L.**, Cubbin, C., & Vohra-Gupta, S. (2024). Engaging Community–Academic Partnerships: A Case Study of the Influence of Social Drivers of Health on Equitable Transitions of Cancer Care in the United States. In *Healthcare* (Vol. 12, No. 2, p. 264). MDPI.

\*Hussein, Q., and **Noel, L.** (2024) Arab Refugees with Disabilities: An Exploration of Barriers within the Resettlement Process. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*

Chen, Q\*, Moore, J\*, Von Sternberg, K L, **Noel, L.**, and Jones, B. (2023) Sociodemographic Correlates of Low Health Literacy Skills among Cancer Survivors: National Findings from BRFSS 2016 and Implications for Precision Survivorship Care *American Journal of Health Promotion*

Petruzzi, L.J., Milano, N., Chen, Q. \*, **Noel, L.**, Golden, R., & Jones, B. (2023) Social Workers are Key to Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Integrated Care Settings. *Social Work in Health Care*

Spencer JC, **Noel, L.**, Shokar, NK, and Pignone, MP (2023). Understanding the Role of Access in Hispanic Cancer Screening Disparities. *Cancer*

- Noel, L.**, Chen, Q.\*, Petruzzi, L\*, Phillips, F, Garay, R, Valdez, C, Aranda, MP, and Jones, B (2022). Collaborative Health and Mental Health Interventions in the United States with Community Health Workers and Social Workers: A Systematized Literature Review, *Health and Social Care in the Community*
- Falk, D., Cubbin, C, Salsman, J., Winkfield, K, Foley, K, **Noel, L.**, Jones, BL (2022). Navigating Financial Barriers to Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening for Young Adult Women Residing in Rural and Border Areas of Texas. *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology*.
- Manuel Cano, M., Salas-Wright, C.P., Oh, S., **Noel, L.**, Hernandez, D., Vaughn, M.G. (2022). Socioeconomic Inequalities and Black/White Disparities in US Cocaine-involved Overdose Mortality Risk. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*
- Noel, L.**, Phillips, F, Tossas-Milligan, K, Spear, K, Vanderford, N. L., Winn, R. A., Vanderpool, R. C., & Eckhardt, S. G. (2019). Community-Academic Partnerships: Approaches to Engagement. *American Society of Clinical Oncology Educational Book*, 39, 88-95.
- Noel, L.**, Goodman, M., Connors, S.K., Butler, D., McMullen, R., Oliver, C., McCullough, I. & Gehlert, S. (2015) Improving breast cancer services for African American women living in St Louis. *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*, 154(1), 5-12.
- Connors, S.K., Goodman, M., **Noel, L.**,... & Gehlert, S (2015). Breast cancer treatment among African American women in North St Louis, Missouri. *Journal of Urban Health*, 92(1), 67- 82.

**PUBLICATIONS (NON-PEER REVIEWED)**

- Borden, E & **Noel, L.** (Jan 2023). Community-Based Systems Dynamics: Factors Fueling Medical Mistrust [Report]
- Mullen, J. & **Noel, L.** (Jan. 2023). Leading Through a Health Equity Lens: A Self-Paced Training Module for Public Health Workforce and their Community and Academic Partners [on-line learning module]
- Council on Social Work and Education (Oct. 2022) Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Health Social Work. Eds Cadet, T and Jones, B. [Booklet] Lailea **Noel**, PhD Contributing Writer
- Noel, L.** (2021). Engaging Community-Academic Partnerships: The Influence of Health Disparities on Equitable Transitions of Cancer Care. The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School Livestrong Cancer Institutes' Annual Report [Report].
- State of Texas Department of Health and Human Service (2020). *All Texas Access: Reducing Barriers to Mental Health Services for Rural Texans* [Report].
- Gehlert, S., **Noel, L.**, Goodman, M., Connors, S.K., Butler, D., McMullen, R., Oliver, C., & McCullough, I. (2014). *Addressing the African American and White breast cancer mortality disparity in St Louis* [Policy Paper].

**PRESENTATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)**

- Chen, Q\*** (presenting author), von Sternberg, K., Donovan, E., Noel, L., & Jones, B. Digital Divide in Social Media Use among Cancer Survivors and the Moderation Role of Offline Social Support. 21th Annual American Psychosocial Oncology Society Conference. Albuquerque, NM, March 6-8, 2024.
- Wynn, K., **Noel, L.** and Cumming, A\*. *Empowering the Next Generation: Practical Insights for Establishing a Diverse Education Pipeline in an Emerging Cancer Center*. A keynote panel presented at the 2023 National Oncology Conference of the Association of Community Cancer Centers. Austin, TX, October 4-6, 2023

- \*Fernandez, B.** (presenting author), Noel, L., Hinds, T Chen, Q\*, Jeames, S. The Impact of Gender Inclusive Language on the Provision of Cancer Care Services: A Systematic Review
- Noel, L.** and Borden, E *A Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Address Factors Fueling Medical Mistrust with Communities of Color.* The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association of Oncology Social Workers, New Orleans, LA, June 19-21, 2023
- Chen, Q\*** (presenting author), Noel, L, and Jones, B. *Social Media Use in Young Adult Cancer Survivors: A Phenomenological Approach to Understand Young Adult Cancer Survivors' Perception.* American Psychosocial Oncology Society, Portland, OR, March 15-17, 2023
- Noel, L., **Chen, Q.\*** (presenting author), \*Petruzzi L., Phillips F., Garay, R., Valdez, C., and Jones B.L. *Social Work and Community Health Worker Collaboration in Healthcare Settings: A Systematic Review.* Council on Social Work and Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting, November 10-13, 2022
- Noel, L., Jeames, S., **\*Fernandez, B.** (presenting author), Chen, Q\*, Hinds, T., Jones, B *Bridging the Gap Between Cancer Care Service Delivery and the LGBTQIA+ Community: A Scoping Review of the Literature.* Council on Social Work and Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting, November 10-13, 2022
- Noel, L.** *A Pilot Study to Inform a Health Equity Approach to Providing Precision Supportive Care for Cancer Survivors in Rural Communities.* Presented at the American Cancer Society 2022 Jiler Scientific Meeting on Trends in Cancer Discovery and Translational Research. Dallas, TX, November 3-5, 2022.
- Noel, L.** and Jeames, S. Sustainable Community Engagement and Coalition Building: Tools to Assist Community Cancer Centers. A Workshop presented at the 2022 National Oncology Conference of the Association of Community Cancer Centers. West Palm Beach, FL, October 12-14, 2022
- Borden, E., **Noel, L.**, Petgrave-Nelson, L., and Messner, C. *Tectonic Plates: Intersectionality and a New Way Forward in the Age of Covid-19.* Workshop to be presented at the 2022 meeting of the Association of Oncology Social Workers, Raleigh, NC, June 15-17, 2022
- Noel, L.** *Health Equity Research and Precision Supportive Services for Cancer Survivors.* Panel Presentation for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society, Portland, OR, March 9-11, 2022
- Chen, Q\*** (presenting author), \*Moore, J, Noel, L, and Jones, B. *Sociodemographic correlates of health literacy skills among patients and survivors with cancer: national findings from BRFSS 2016.* St David's CHPR 2022 Conference, Austin, TX, March 2022. Won: Best Scientific Poster for Graduate Student
- Fernandez, B\*** (presenting author), Noel, L, and Jeames, S. *Bridging the Gap Between Cancer Care Service Delivery and the LGBTQIA+ Community: A Scoping Review of the Literature.* St David's CHPR 2022 Conference, Austin, TX, March 2022.
- Falk, D.** (presenting author), Cubbin, C., Salsman, J., Winkfield, K., Foley, K., Noel, L., Jones, B. *Navigating financial barriers to cervical cancer screening for young adult women residing in rural and border areas of Texas.* Presentation for the 2022 meeting of the conference Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos, February 23-25, 2022.
- Noel, L.** and Vohra-Gupta, S. *Engaging Community-Academic Partnerships: The Influence of Health Disparities on Equitable Transitions of Cancer Care.* Presentation for the 2022 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 12-16, 2022.
- Fernandez, B.\*, **Noel, L.**, Jeames, S. *Bridging the Gap Between Cancer Care Service Delivery and the*

- LGBTQIA+ Community: A Scoping Review of the Literature*. Poster Presentation for the 2021 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program, August 13, 2021.
- Noel, L.**, Acquati, C. *Reducing Racial and Economic Inequality for All: The Contribution of Oncology Social Work Research*. Symposium for the 2020 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC, January 15-19, 2020. <Convener and Facilitator>
- Falk, D.** (presenting author), Noel, L., and Acquati, C. *Depression, Anxiety, and Compliant Breast Cancer Screening: Results from the Health Information National Trends Survey 5, Cycle 2*. Symposium for the 2020 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, DC, January 15-19, 2020.
- Noel, L.**, and Aquati, C. *Early-Career Oncology Social Work Scholars: Building and Cultivating a Network of Peers*. Presentation for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Association of Oncology Social Work, Tucson, AZ June 4– June 8, 2019.
- Noel, L.**, Phillips, F, Tossas-Milligan, K, Spear, K, Vanderford, N. L., Winn, R. A., Vanderpool, R. C., & **Eckhardt, S. G (presenting author)**. *Community-Academic Partnerships: Approaches to Engagement*. American Society of Clinical Oncology. Chicago, IL, June 1-June 3, 2019
- Noel, L.** *Racial disparities in breast cancer outcomes: The influence of socioeconomic determinants on treatment decision making*. Presentation for the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Association of Oncology Social Work, Atlanta, GA, May 30 – June1, 2018.
- Noel, L.** *Racial disparities in breast cancer outcomes: The influence of socioeconomic determinants on treatment decision making*. Presentation for the 2017 American Association for Cancer Research Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. Atlanta, GA, September 25-28, 2017.
- Noel, L.** *Motivators and barriers to treatment initiation for African American women with breast cancer: Women share their experiences*. Presentation for the 2017 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA, January 11-15, 2017.
- Noel, L.** *Exploring participatory health decision making and increased breast cancer treatment initiation for medically marginalized women*. Presentation for the 2017 meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, CA, March 29 - April1, 2017.
- Noel, L.**, Nagasako, E., Schenk, E., & Gehlert, S. *The impact of social determinants of health on patient-defined post-discharge goals: Implications for health social work*. Presentation for the 2016 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC, January 13- 27, 2016.
- Noel, L.**, & Gehlert, S. *Using narrative analysis to explore health disparities*. Presentation for the 2016 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC, January 13-17, 2016.
- Billiot, S., Walton, Q., & **Noel, L.** *Community-Based Participatory Research Methods with Communities of Color: A Skills Workshop*. Presentation for the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL, October 23-26, 2014.
- Noel, L.**, & Gehlert, S. *Improving Breast Cancer Services for African American Women Living in St Louis: Survivors Tell Their Story*. Presentation for the 2014 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX, January 15-19, 2014.
- Noel, L.**, Goodman, M., Connors, S.K., Butler, D., McMullen, R., Oliver, C., McCullough, I., & Gehlert, S. *Identifying system-level barriers to breast cancer treatment which lead to health disparities for vulnerable communities: A qualitative approach*. the American Association for Cancer Research 2013 Conf on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, Atlanta, GA, December 6-9, 2013.

Connors, S.K., Goodman, M., **Noel, L.**, Chavakula, N., & Gehlert, S. *Treatment Delay among African American Women in St Louis, Missouri*. Presentation for the American Assoc. for Cancer Research 2013 Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, Atlanta, GA, December 6-9, 2013.

Bollinger, S., **Noel, L.**, Gehlert, S. & Shon, E. *The Impact of Psychosocial Variables on Breast Cancer Subtype and a Proposed, Multi-level Intervention*. Presentation for the 2013 meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA., January 16-20, 2013.

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- 2024 **Invited Guest Speaker**, US FDA Oncology Center of Excellence  
Panel on Black Families and Cancer Care  
Panelist  
May 21, 2024
- 2023 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes  
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program  
Lecture on Health Disparities Research  
August 10, 2023
- 2023 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes  
Summer Healthcare Experience in Oncology (SHE)  
(60 high school students from around the country who identify as female)  
Panel on Cancer and Health Disparities  
July 27, 2023
- 2023 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Steve Hicks School of Social Work  
Doctoral Student Department Job Market workshop Series  
Networking with Intentions  
July 18, 2023
- 2023 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes' Research Retreat  
Applying Systems Science to Advance Community Engagement in Health Disparities Research  
March 22, 2023
- 2023 **Invited Co-facilitator**, Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC) Cancer Business Summit  
A Deep Dive Session on Patient Engagement Strategies  
March 9, 2023
- 2023 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW)  
Research Collaborative Series  
Panel on Building Community: Strategies for community engagement  
January 21, 2023
- 2022 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes  
Summer Healthcare Experience in Oncology (SHE)  
(60 high school students from around the country who identify as female)  
Panel on Cancer and Health Disparities, July 28, 2022
- 2022 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes  
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program  
Lecture on Health Disparities Research, June 2022

- 2022 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Huston-Tillotson University Carver Science Club  
(20 college students interested in careers in science and medicine)  
Panel on Rural Communities and Health and Mental Health Disparities,  
April 21, 2022
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Cancer Support Community national headquarters  
A Community Engagement Approach to Achieving Health Equity in Patient  
Supportive Care for Cancer Survivors; Training for community based  
administrative leadership, Board of Directors, December 7, 2021 (91 attendees)
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, UT Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work  
GRACE Program; Increasing Access to Mental Health Services for Rural Older  
Adults: The Role of Social Work Practice and Community Partnerships  
Webinar, November 16, 2021 (20 attendees)
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, AOSW, APOS, and ACCC Joint Conference  
Panel on Achieving Health Equity in the Psychosocial Treatment of Cancer Pain  
(471 participants from around the country) October 7, 2021
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes  
Summer Healthcare Experience in Oncology (SHE)  
(85 high school students from around the country who identify as female)  
Panel on Cancer and Health Disparities, July 22, 2021
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes  
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program  
Lecture on Health Disparities Research, June 17, 2021
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Dell Medical School, Oncology Student Interest Group.  
Health Equity and Oncology Care in Rural Texas. Webinar, March 31, 2021
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC).  
Community Oncology Can Close the Gap in Cancer Research.  
Webinar, March 18, 2021 (700 attendees)
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes.  
Health Disparities and Cancer. Cancer Uncovered Audio Podcast  
Episode No. 7, part 3. March 23 2021
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, CSWE Social Work Health Care Education and  
Leadership Scholars Program (HEALS). Connecting Rural Communities with  
Mental Health Services. Webinar. February 26, 2021
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes' Research Retreat  
Connecting Rural Texas Cancer Survivors with Cancer Care Services: Using  
Group Model Building to Capture the Voices of the Community. Feb 8, 2021
- 2021 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Cancer Institutes.  
Health Disparities and Cancer. Cancer Uncovered Audio Podcast  
Episode No. 7, part 1. January 12, 2021
- 2020 **Invited Guest Speaker**, All Texas Access Conference.  
Using Group Model Building to Build Community Partnerships in Behavioral  
Health, Zoom Webinar, December 9, 2020



- 2020 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Living Beyond Breast Cancer  
Knowledge is power: Understanding Black breast cancer  
Breaking down barriers: Getting the care you deserve  
Facebook Livestream Webinar, October 1, 2020
- 2020 **Invited Guest Speaker**, Livestrong Foundation  
iCon Global EQ Equity in Cancer Care Think Tank. September 9, 2020
- 2019 **Invited Guest Speaker**, UT Steve Hicks School of Social Work, Ethics Panel  
on Lessons Learned from Working with Vulnerable Populations. April 5, 2019
- 2019 **Invited Guest Speaker**, The University of Texas at Austin  
Donald D Harrington Fellows Symposium, Amarillo, TX. April 2, 2019
- 2019 **Invited Guest Speaker**, The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School  
LIVESTRONG Cancer Institute Research Retreat, November, 28, 2019

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Texas at Austin, Steve Hicks School of Social Work**

- 2020-present **Instructor**  
PHD Program  
Qualitative Research Methods  
Qualitative Data Analysis  
MSSW Program  
Human Behavior in the Social Environment,  
Research Methods in Social Work  
Dynamics of Organizations and Communities (starting in Fall 2024)  
BSSW Program  
Research Methods in Social Work

**AWARDS/HONORS**

- 2023 Fellow, Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW)
- 2022 2021-2022 Lora Lee Pederson Teaching Excellence Award
- 2021 2021-2023 American Psychosocial Oncology Society Health Equity Scholar
- 2021 Nominated, Services for Students with Disabilities Supportive Faculty
- 2019 Awarded, Donald D Harrington Visiting Faculty Fellowship  
University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 Nomination, Mary McLeod Bethune Leadership Award for Outstanding  
Graduate Student, Washington University in St Louis
- 2013 Nomination, Excellence in Teaching Award for Teaching Fellows  
Washington University in St Louis
- 2012 Awarded, Dean’s Travel Fellowship, University of Pittsburg  
School of Social Work, Center on Race and Social Problems  
Summer Institute: “Reducing Racial Cancer Disparities”

**APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (National)**

- 2023 – present Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
Conference Cluster Co-Chair, Race, and Ethnicity  
2024-2026 Conferences
- 2023 – present Annual National Leaders in Oncology, Strategic Planning Retreat  
2023 Phoenix, Arizona, 2024 San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2021 - present National Chapter of the Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC)  
Board of Directors, Trustee (2022 – 2024)  
Social Determinants of Health Inequities Task Force (2023)  
Health Equity Advisory Council, Member (2021 – 2022)

2019 – present National Chapter of the Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW)  
 Board of Directors, Board Member  
 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee  
 Chair (2022- present)  
 Member (2019-2022)  
 Nominating Committee, Member (2023)

2021 - 2023 Cancer Support Community (CSC)  
 National Health Equity Advisory Council, Member

2022 - 2023 American Psychosocial Oncology Society, Nominating Committee

2020 – present National Workgroup on Community Health Workers and Social Work  
 Partnerships

2020 - 2022 Council for Social Work Education, Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for  
 Health Social Work Workgroup

**APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (Local/State)**

2022- present Advisor, State of Texas Department of Health and Human Services Committee  
 Rural Communities Team

2019 – present Membership Committee, Bastrop County Breast Cancer Coalition

2020 – 2021 Grant Reviewer, LIVESTRONG Foundation

2020 – 2021 Grant Reviewer, Komen Foundation for Central and East Texas

**APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (UT Campus)**

2023 – present Senior Advisor for Health Equity in Rural Strategies,  
 Dell Medical School Department of Health Equity

2020 – present TOW 4 Health Equity in Research Working Group (Co-Chair)  
 The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School  
 Department of Health Equity

2020 – present Clinical and Prevention Research Working Group  
 The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School  
 LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes

2020 – present Breast Oncology Clinical Outcomes Research Workgroup,  
 UT Health Austin

2019 – present Addressing Cancer Together Academic-Community Coalition  
 Dell Medical School

**APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (UT Steve Hicks School of Social Work)**

2024 – present Executive Committee

2023 – present Centers and Institutes Directors

2022 – present PhD Curriculum Committee

2022 - 2023 MSSW Foundations Curriculum Update Work Group

2022 – 2023 Committee on Committees

2020 – 2022 MSSW Curriculum Committee

2021 – 2022 Co-Chair, MSSW Foundations Curriculum Update Work Groups

2021 - 2021 Faculty Search Committee – Assistant Professor in Alcohol and Substance Use

2020 – 2021 Faculty Search Committee – Lecturer in Sports Medicine

2020 – 2021 Executive Committee

**ACADEMIC JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER**

2021 – present Journal of Social Work in Public Health

2018 – present Journal of Psychosocial Oncology

2017 – 2018 Global Social Welfare Journal

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC) 2021 - present

Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) 2012 - present

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 2011 - present

American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) 2021 - present