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EDUCATION

Projected 2022 The University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX
PhD in Social Work

2016 The University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX
Master of Science in Social Work

2009 Brandeis University, Waltham MA
Bachelor of Art in Psychology and Italian Studies (double major)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social work interventions in interdisciplinary healthcare settings; social determinants of health; health equity; local, state and federal healthcare policies

TEACHING INTERESTS

Generalist Social Work Practice, Foundations of Social Justice, Social Welfare Policy, Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Healthcare Social Work, Case Management

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 1/2021-
Present ***Research Assistant, CHW Discharge Follow-up for COVID-19 Patients***
Dell Medical School, Population Health Department
PI: Carmen Valdez
- Developed an evaluation plan for a Community Health Worker (CHW) intervention for COVID-19 patients pilot program
 - Developed a budget for the project
 - Conduct qualitative and quantitative data collection with an interdisciplinary team
 - Assess data quality and conduct data cleaning in RedCap database
 - Submit and manage an IRB application
- 1/2021-
5/2021 ***Research Seminar in Community Based Participatory Research***
Dell Medical School, Population Health Department
Mentor: Carmen Valdez
- Created content for a 6-session, Spring Seminar on Community-Based Participatory Research and Practice
 - Co-presented the introductory session on Community-Based Participatory Research and Practice
 - Created a presentation evaluation in Qualtrics and collected feedback
 - Applied for and maintained CME credit approval for CBPR Seminar

9/2019-
8/2020

Research Assistant
Steve Hicks School of Social Work
PI: Dr. Shetal Vohra-Gupta

- Conducted multiple secondary data analyses with nationally representative data (Medical Expenditure Panel Survey) focused on women's access to healthcare
- Manuscript preparation

6/2019-
9/2019

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant for American YouthWorks
CONNECT Research Fellowship, LBJ School of Public Affairs

- Conducted a thorough literature review regarding DEI initiatives in the education, non-profit and corporate sectors
- Conducted key informant interviews with managers as well as focus groups with staff members regarding DEI initiative and provided a thorough report to AYW
- Created a DEI survey for monitoring progress

10/2018-
08/2019

Research Assistant
Livestrong Cancer Institute, Steve Hicks School of Social Work
PI: Dr. Barbara Jones

- Conduct qualitative interviews with patients diagnosed with cancer and receiving chemotherapy regarding the cost of treatment and financial barriers that impact access to care and financial toxicity
- Analyze qualitative interview transcripts
- Manuscript preparation

07/2012-
07/2014

Clinical Research Coordinator
Massachusetts General Hospital Schizophrenia Clinical & Research Program, Boston MA

- Coordinated NIH-funded, randomized clinical trials
- Interacted with clinical research patients through the recruitment, assessment and case management of adults diagnosed primarily with schizophrenia
- Administered semi-structured interviews, including the Positive and Negative Symptoms Scale (PANSS), in order to assess symptom severity of schizophrenia
- Coordinated patient care as a part of an interdisciplinary research and treatment team
- Conducted qualitative interviews about cognitive difficulties with patients diagnosed with schizophrenia, in order to construct a patient-reported outcome measure
- Prepared audits for the Institutional Review Board, Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and Sponsors
- Trained and supervised college interns

01/2014-
07/2014

Clinical Research Coordinator
**Massachusetts General Hospital Chester M. Pierce Division of Global
Psychiatry, Boston, MA**

- Reviewed, coded and analyzed qualitative focus group transcripts
- Contributed to literature reviews and manuscript writing
- Received approval for IRB applications as well as prepared protocol materials
- Assisted with the organization of monthly seminars for Harvard residents and faculty

09/2010-
05/2012

Research Coordinator
**Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology Lab, University of Iowa
Hospitals & Clinics, Iowa City, IA**

- Established relationships with clinical research patients through the recruitment, assessment and case management of children with neurodevelopmental and disruptive and impulse-control disorders like Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Conduct Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and autism spectrum disorders
- Conducted assessments as well as diagnostic interviews with children and their parents
- Reviewed medical, psychiatric and pharmacy records in order to extract pertinent information such as vital signs, lab results, medication changes and medication compliance over each patient's lifetime
- Organized research visits that included consenting participants, completing questionnaires, fasting blood draws, x-rays and MRIs

09/2010-
05/2012

Research Coordinator
ACT on Health, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, Iowa City, IA

- Coordinated a one-day intervention for adults who suffered from comorbid migraine and depression
- Recruited potential participants and conducted depression screenings
- Administered semi-structured clinical interviews and self-report questionnaires
- Trained and supervised college interns
- Organized a comprehensive brochure by utilizing Publisher
- Utilized an EmWave device as a method of biofeedback for those who suffer from migraine and depression

09/2009-
12/2010

Research Assistant
Eating Disorder Lab, Dr. Kelsie Forbush, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Assisted with the development of a new measure: the Eating Pathology Symptoms Inventory (EPSI)
- Proposed and executed an independent project about the health and eating behaviors of athletes compared to non-athletes
- Trained for the administration of a semi-structured interview, the Eating Disorder Examination (EDE)
- Conducted literature reviews

- 05/2009-
08/2009
- Research Assistant***
Adult Development Lab, Dr. Robert Waldinger, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA
- Entered self-report data into Excel and SPSS regarding the social, emotional and political tendencies of Harvard alumni and inner-city Boston males, as a part of "The Study of Adult Development," the longest longitudinal study ever conducted
 - Reviewed qualitative transcripts from in-person interviews about heterosexual, marital relationships and coded these transcripts on the basis of emotional attachment

- 01/2009-
06/2009
- Research Assistant***
Clinical and Developmental Lab, Dr. Joseph Cunningham, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- Conducted assessments with 5-7 year old participants to investigate the relationship between a preschooler's ability to read emotions, facial expressions or non-verbal communication and social competence

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 01/2021-
05/2021
- Assistant Instructor, Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare***
The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work
- Created a syllabus including the selection of readings, assignments and guest speakers
 - Conducted online lectures
 - Facilitated online group discussion and managed discussion boards
 - Graded assignments and provided feedback on papers and group presentations
- 09/2019-
05/2020
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Barbara Jones, Dr. John Luk, Dr. Gayle Timmerman, Dr. Veronica Young & Dr. Lucas Hill***
The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work
Foundations for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice
- Coordinated the Faculty Facilitator Training for new faculty
 - Coordinated the Social Work Orientation for master's level social work students
 - Facilitated group discussed with medical students, nursing students, pharmacy students and healthcare social work students
 - Co-lead a class on health equity and social determinants of health
 - Graded papers and assignments
- 09/2019-
05/2020
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Shetal Vohra-Gupta***
The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work
Advanced Healthcare Policy
- Assisted with syllabus formatting and editing
 - Managed Canvas
 - Advised master's APP students
 - Guest lectured on APA writing
 - Graded papers and assignments

06/2015-
05/2016 **Teaching Assistant for Dr. Miguel Ferguson**
The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work
Poverty and Film

- Developed course syllabus for an undergraduate course
- Developed and graded exams and homework assignments
- Managed Canvas
- Facilitated classroom discussions
- Prepared class lecture notes and in-class group assignments

08/2015-
01/2016 **Teaching Assistant for Mitchell Sudolsky and Adjunct Faculty**
The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work

- Assisted with syllabi creation and managing Canvas for over 30 adjunct professors
- Created and updated organizational documents including an Adjunct Handbook and an Evidence Based Resource Center
- Organized professional development events including services for students with disabilities and student panels

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Valdez, C., Pinedo, M., **Petruzzi, L.**, Vasquez, M., & Garcia, D. (2020). Health Equity in U.S. Latinx Populations. In *Health Equity: A Solutions-Focused Approach*.

Journal Articles

Petruzzi, L., Vohra-Gupta, S., Valdez, C., & Cubbin, C. (2021). Nativity Moderates the Relationship Between Nationality and Healthcare Access for Some Latinx Women in the United States. *Ethnicity & Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2021.1976396>

Jones, B., Currin-McCulloch, J., **Petruzzi, L.**, Phillips, F., Kaushik, S., & Smith, B. (2020). Transformative teams in health care: Enhancing social work student identity, voice and leadership in a longitudinal Interprofessional Education (IPE) Course. *Advances in Social Work, 20*(2), 424-439. <https://doi.org/10.18060/23671>

Petruzzi, L., Pullen, S., Lange, B., Parnakouskis, L., Dominguez, S., Slopadoe, S., Diandy, V. C., Payne, A. J., Harris, B., Quiterio, N., Borba, C. P. C., & Henderson, D. C. (2018). Contributing risk factors for substance use among youth in post-conflict Liberia: A qualitative investigation. *Qualitative Health Research, 28* (12), 1827-1838. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049732318761863>

Lange, B.C.L., Pullen, S.J., **Petruzzi, L.J.**, Parnarouskis, L., Dominguez, S., Harris, B., Quiterio, N., Fernandez, P. J., Lekpeh, G., Manobah, B., Slopadoe, S.P., Diandy, V.C., Payne, A. J., Henderson, D.C. & Borba, C.P.C. (2018). A qualitative investigation of the perceived role of peers in influencing substance use among youth in Monrovia, Liberia. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies, 12*(4), 357-367. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450128.2018.1425517>

- Roffman, J., **Petruzzi, L.**, Tanner, A., Brown, H., Eryilmaz, H., Ho, N., Giegold, M., Silverstein, N., Bottiglieri, T., Laska, E., Manoach, D., Smoller, J., & Henderson, D.C., Goff, D. (2017). Biochemical, physiological and clinical effects of L-methylfolate in schizophrenia: a randomized controlled trial. *Molecular Psychiatry*, 1-7.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/mp.2017.41>
- Parnarouskis, L., Stevenson, A., Lange, B.C.L., Pullen, S.J., **Petruzzi, L.J.**, Dominguez, S., Quiterio, N., Harris, B., Lekpeh, G.G., Manobah, B., Henderson, D.C., & Borba, C.P.C. (2017). The impact of transactional sex with teachers on public school students in Monrovia, Liberia: A brief report. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 1-6.
- Eryilmaz, H., Tanner, A., Ho, N.F., Nitenson, A., Silverstein, N., **Petruzzi, L.**, Goff, D., Manoach, D., & Roffman, J. (2016). Disrupted working memory circuitry in schizophrenia: disentangling fMRI markers of core pathology versus other aspects of impaired performance. *Neuropsychopharmacology*, 41(9), 2411-2420.
- Ng, L., **Petruzzi, L.**, Greene, M. C., Mueser, K. T., Borba, C. P. C., & Henderson, D. C. (2016). Posttraumatic Stress Disorder symptoms and social and occupational functioning of people with schizophrenia. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, 204(8), 590-598.
- Pullen, S., **Petruzzi, L.**, Lange, B., Parnarouskis, L., Dominguez, S., Harris, B., Quiterio, N., Durham, M.P., Lekpeh, G., Manobah, B., Slopadoe, S.P., Diandy, V.C., Payne, A.J., Henderson, D.C., & Borba, C.P.C. (2016). A qualitative analysis of substance use among Liberian youth: Understanding behaviors, consequences, and protective factors involving school youth and the school milieu. *International Journal of Mental Health and Psychiatry*, 2(1), 1-10.
- Vincenzi B., Stock S., Borba C.P.C., Cleary S.M., Oppenheim C.E., **Petruzzi L.J.**, Fan X., Copeland P.M., Freudenreich O., Cather C., & Henderson D.C. (2014). A randomized placebo-controlled pilot study of pravastatin as an adjunctive therapy in schizophrenia patients: effect on inflammation, psychopathology, cognition and lipid metabolism. *Schizophrenia Research*, 159(2-3), 395-403.
- Forbush, K., Wildes, J., Pollack, L., Dunbar, D., Luo, J., Patterson, K., **Petruzzi, L.**, Pollpeter, M., Miller, H., Stone, A., Bright, A., & Watson, D. (2013). Development and validation of the Eating Pathology Symptoms Inventory (EPSI). *Psychological Assessment*, 25(3), 859-78.
- Under Review**
- Petruzzi, L.**, Smith, B., Phillips, F., Currin-McCulloch, J., Kvale, E., Eckhardt, G. & Jones, B. (2021). The impacts of financial toxicity on physical and psychosocial symptoms among low-income cancer patients in Central Texas: A mixed methods analysis. *Palliative & Supportive Care*.

Petruzzi, L., Ewald, B., Covington, E., Rosenberg, W., Golden, R., & Jones, B. Exploring the Efficacy of Social Work Interventions in Hospital Settings: A Scoping Review. (2021). *Social Work in Public Health*.

Works in Progress

Vohra-Gupta, S., **Petruzzi, L.,** Jones, C. & Cubbin, C. (In progress). An Intersectional Approach to Understanding Barriers to Healthcare for Women.

Vohra-Gupta, S., Ela, E., Vizcarra, E., **Petruzzi, L.,** Hopkins, K., Potter, J. E., & White, K. (In progress). Differences in publicly funded family planning providers' provision of evidence-based services in Texas.

Ramriez, J., **Petruzzi, L.,** Mercer, T., & Jacobs, L. (In progress). “*They're almost like family*”: Understanding the importance of place in healthcare for homeless programs.

Noel, L., Chen, Q., **Petruzzi, L.,** Phillips, F., Valdez, C., Garay, R., & Jones, B. (In progress). Social Work and Community Health Work Collaboration in Healthcare Settings: A Scoping Review.

Petruzzi, L., Milano, N., Covington, E., & Jones, B. (In progress). The Role of Social Work in Integrated Behavioral Health and Community Health: A Scoping Review.

Vohra-Gupta., S., Mclain, B., & **Petruzzi, L.** (In progress). Critical Race Theory in Social Work Education & Policy Practice: A Scoping Review.

Opinion Pieces & Blog Posts

Petruzzi, L., Milano, N., Zeng, W., & Chen, Qi. (2020). Lessons from Wuhan: The role of social workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Social Work Today*.
https://www.socialworktoday.com/archive/exc_041620.shtml

Reddy, S., Vohra-Gupta, S., Shaw, A., Patel, N., & **Petruzzi, L.** (2020). Reproductive Rights in the time on COVID-19: State directives exploiting a public health crisis. *Harvard Law & Policy Review*. <https://harvardlpr.com/2020/04/11/reproductive-rights-in-the-time-of-covid-19-state-directives-exploiting-a-public-health-crisis/>

Petruzzi, L. (2020). Here's why it's critical for Texas to take the Medicaid expansion. *Corpus Christi Caller*. <https://www.caller.com/story/opinion/2020/03/30/heres-why-its-critical-texas-take-medicaid-expansion/5087411002/>

Petruzzi, L., Sarvet, A., Oppenheim, C. (2013). Mindfulness- and acceptance-based behavioral therapies in practice. *International Journal of Culture and Mental Health*, 7(4), 472-474.

PRESENTATIONS

Petruzzi, L. “SDOH and Health Equity in Social Work.” Invited guest lecturer in Healthcare Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. June 2021.

- Petruzzi, L.** “Telehealth Guidelines.” Invited guest lecturer in Foundations of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice at The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. April 2021.
- Petruzzi, L.** “Health Disparities from the ACA to COVID-19.” Virtual CEU lecture at the National Association of Social Workers, Central Texas. March 2021.
- Valdez, C. & **Petruzzi, L.** “Community Engaged Research and Practice: Definition, Rationale and Principles.” Virtual Seminar Presentation at The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School, Population Health Department. January 2021.
- Petruzzi, L.,** Vohra-Gupta, S., & Cubbin, C. “Racial/Ethnic and Economic Disparities in Barriers to Healthcare for Women Post-ACA: A National Assessment.” Virtual oral presentation at Society for Social Work Research. January 2021.
- Jones, B. L., Ortega, J., & **Petruzzi, L.** Building a Culture of Excellence: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion within Interprofessional Collaboration.” Virtual oral presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference. November 2020.
- Petruzzi, L.,** Valdez, C., & Cubbin, C. “Healthcare Access for Latinx Women: A National Assessment.” Virtual poster presentation at the American Public Health Association. October 2020.
- Vohra-Gupta, S., **Petruzzi, L.,** Jones, C., & Cubbin, C. “An Intersectional Analysis of Barriers to Healthcare for Women.” Virtual poster presentation at the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. October 2020.
- Petruzzi, L.,** & Nolen, E. “Systemic Racism, Food Insecurity and Health in Austin.” Invited staff presentation at Urban Roots. June 2020.
- Petruzzi, L.** “Telehealth Guidelines.” Invited guest lecturer in Foundations of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice at The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. April 2020.
- Petruzzi, L.** “Healthcare Social Work.” Invited guest lecturer in Introduction to Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. April 2020.
- Petruzzi, L.,** & Cubbin, C. “Disparities in Barriers to Care for People with Heart Conditions: A National Assessment.” Virtual oral presentation at Population Association of America Annual Conference, April 2020.
- Panel member on “Social Determinants of Health: Where is the (Social) Work?” National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Texas. Social Work Advocacy Day. March 2020.
- Petruzzi, L.,** Vohra-Gupta, S., Jones, C., & Cubbin, C. “Racial and Economic Disparities in Barriers to Healthcare for Women: A National Assessment.” Poster presentation at St.

David's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research in Underserved Populations Conference. February 2020.

Smith, B., **Petruzzi, L.**, Phillips, F., Currin-McCulloch, J., & Jones, B. "Financial Toxicity Among Low-Income Cancer Patients: A Qualitative Assessment." Poster presentation at St. David's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research in Underserved Populations Conference. February 2020.

Ramirez, J., **Petruzzi, L.**, Mercer, T., Gulbas, L. & Jacobs, L. "Engaging People Experiencing Homelessness in Primary Care." Poster presentation at St. David's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research in Underserved Populations Conference. February 2020.

Petruzzi, L., Cubbin, C., Zeng, W. & Wood, B. "Disparities in Barriers to Care for People with Heart Conditions: A National Assessment." Poster presentation at Society for Social Work Research. January 2020.

Petruzzi, L. "Middle adulthood and relevant health disparities." Invited guest lecturer in Human Behavior and the Social Environment at The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. November 2019.

Petruzzi, L. "Improving academic and professional writing." Invited guest lecturer in Advanced Policy Practice at The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. November 2019.

Petruzzi, L. "Theoretical frameworks for understanding systemic oppression." Invited guest lecturer in Foundations of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. October 2019.

Petruzzi, L., Golden, R., Rosenberg, W., & Jones, B. Social Work Interventions in Hospital Settings: A Review. Poster presentation at Center for Health IPE Interprofessional Health Showcase. May 2019.

Petruzzi, L., Golden, R., Rosenberg, W., & Jones, B. Social Work Interventions in Hospital Settings: A Review. Poster presentation at St. David's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Conference. February 2019.

Petruzzi, L. "Macro work in medical case management at Seton Total Health." Invited guest lecturer in Communities and Organizations at The University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work. June 2018.

Petruzzi, L., Casero, M., Barczyk, A. Psychosocial predictors of leadership skills among middle school girls. Poster presentation at National Association of Social Workers Texas State Conference, Galveston TX. November 2015.

Petruzzi, L., Vesga-Lopez, C., Greene, M. C., Borba C.P.C., Henderson, D.C. The relationship between trauma exposure and functioning in schizophrenia and the mediating relationship of psychopathology severity. Poster Presentation at Massachusetts General Hospital Community Psychiatry Symposium, Boston MA. May 2014.

Vincenzi, B., Stock, S., Borba, C.P.C., Cleary, S., Oppenheim, C.E., **Petruzzi, L.J.**, Copeland, P.M., Freudenreich O., Cather, C., Henderson, D.C. A randomized placebo-controlled pilot study of pravastatin as an adjunctive therapy in schizophrenia patients: effect on inflammation, psychopathology, cognition and lipid metabolism. Poster Presentation at Massachusetts General Hospital Clinical Research Day, Boston, MA. May 2013.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

09/2017-
08/2018

Medical Social Worker

Seton GoodHealth Solutions Center, Austin TX

- Provided telehealth case management to patients with congestive heart failure, COPD and other chronic illnesses
- Provided telebehavioral health including short-term counseling and motivational interviewing
- Assisted patients with social service applications at the state and federal levels such as Social Security Disability or Retirement, Medicare, Medicare Savings Program, Medicaid, SNAP and TANF
- Submitted referrals to local agencies such as Meals on Wheels, the Department of Aging and Disability Services and Family Eldercare
- Assisted patients with navigating the healthcare system by identifying local resources such as housing, medical equipment, home health and transportation
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments, as well as initial behavioral health assessments for patients at Dell Seton Medical Center with current or a history of mental illness and/or substance use
- Identified and submitted grant applications to local organizations such as the Center for Place Based Initiatives at Dell Seton Medical School
- Trained new social workers in department-level policies and medical case management processes
- Contributed to programmatic changes when transitioning from Seton Total Health to GoodHealth as well as the creation of implementation guides
- Established and organize monthly social work consultation lunches
- Completed a 6-month, Process Improvement Training regarding a home visit safety assessment and protocol for our interdisciplinary care team

07/2016-
09/2017

Medical Social Worker

Seton Total Health, Austin TX

- Provided long-term case management, short term counseling and crisis intervention to a caseload of 120-170 patients

- Collaborated on an interdisciplinary, care management team at a transitional care clinic
- Contributed to the Model Community Work Group, which assesses employee satisfaction, and aims to improve overall morale through team building events and continuing education opportunities
- Contributed to programmatic changes when transitioning from Seton Total Health to GoodHealth as well as the creation of implementation guides

09/2015-
05/2016

Social Work Intern

Seton Total Health, Austin TX

- Determined patient eligibility for program, which provides comprehensive case management to underinsured or uninsured adults with a chronic illness, in order to prevent emergency department or inpatient readmissions
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments to identify client needs such as financial assistance, health insurance, mental health services or housing support and to make referrals when necessary
- Formed a therapeutic relationship with individual patients and provide brief counseling such as motivational interviewing when needed
- Contributed to and collaborated with an interdisciplinary treatment team that includes social workers, nurse practitioners, nurses, dietitians and health promoters

09/2015-
05/2016

Social Work Intern

Seton Shoal Creek Psychiatric Hospital, Austin TX

- Co-facilitated DBT groups in an inpatient setting with children, adolescents and adults diagnosed with mood disorders, personality disorders and/or substance use disorders
- Completed group treatment notes
- Conducted psychosocial assessments
- Created new group didactics such as Acceptance and Commitment Therapy sessions

09/2014-
05/2015

Social Work Intern

Communities in Schools Central Texas, Fulmore Middle School, Austin TX

- Conducted intake assessments with students that have social, emotional or behavioral difficulties
- Mentored and counseled 6-8 students throughout the school year
- Facilitated and co-led groups regarding a variety of topics including girl's leadership and sex education
- Contributed to a CIS monthly newsletter for school staff
- Conducted a program evaluation of a girl's leadership group by creating a database and conducting a data analysis of assessment measures

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE & MEMBERSHIP

Texas Licensed Clinical Social Worker, License # 62504
 Student Member, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
 Student Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
 Student Member, American Public Health Association (APHA)
 Student Member, Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science (IAPHS)

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2021 American Public Health Association (APHA) Public Health Social Work (PHSW) 2021 Annual Conference Scholarship
 2020 Best Graduate Student Poster, St. David’s 18th Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research (CHPR) Conference: “Context Matters Addressing Social Determinants of Health to Improve People’s Lives”
 2019 Student Scholarship Recipient, The Root Cause Coalition
 2019 CONNECT Research Fellowship, LBJ School of Public Affairs
 2018 Graduate Recruitment Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
 2016 Phi Alpha Honor Society Member
 2016 Student Scholarship Recipient, American Group Psychotherapy Association
 2015 Outstanding Student Poster Award at the 39th Annual NASW/ Texas State Conference
 2015-2016 UT Health Education and Leadership Scholarship (Social Work HEALS) Recipient, The University of Texas at Austin
 2013 Psychiatry Departmental Award for poster presentation at MGH Clinical Research Day, Massachusetts General Hospital
 2009 Ricardo Morant Undergraduate Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Breadth in Psychological Inquiry, Brandeis University
 2006 Student-Athlete Award, University Athletic Association
 2005 Alumni and Friends Scholarship, Brandeis University

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROPOSALS

Sponsor	Role	Title	Project Period	Amount(s)	Status
Steve Hicks School of Social Work	Co-Principal Investigator	Department of Health Social Work Assessment	Fall 2019- Spring 2020	\$5,000	Awarded
Steve Hicks School of Social Work	Co-Principal Investigator	Barriers to Healthcare for Women, secondary analysis of Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)	Fall 2019- Spring 2020	\$5,000	Awarded

SERVICE

Taskforce Committees

National Taskforce on Social Work and Community Health Work Collaboration, 2020-Present

Manuscript Reviewer

Advances in Social Work, 2020

Perspectives on Social Work, 2020

Scientific Reports, 2020

Abstract Reviewer

National Association of Social Workers Texas, 2020