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- Qualifications**
- Policy Analysis
 - Research
 - Legislative Advocacy
 - Teaching, Training, Mentoring & Supervision
 - Media and Communication
 - Coalition Building

- Education**
- Masters of Science in Social Work** 2000
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- Bachelor of Arts – Magna Cum Laude** 1994
St. Edward's University, Austin, TX
Concentration in Psychology

Employment History

- Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC), Senior Policy Analyst*** 2/2015 – Present
- Researches policies related to sentencing reform, conditions of confinement, and reentry. Writes fact sheets, op-eds, and expert testimony to support TCJC legislative priorities.
 - Responsible for two successful legislative campaigns in 2015 and 2017 to promote sentencing reform, reduce probation revocations, improve conditions of confinement, and promoting successful reentry. The laws passed in 2015 resulted in a decrease in prison populations, enabling the legislature to close four prisons in 2017.
 - Acts as a leading voice on criminal justice reform at the Texas Legislature, related conferences, academic panels, and community events; and serves as primary media contact on adult-system criminal justice issues for TCJC.

- Texas House of Representatives*** 2000-2003

Legislative Director

- Developed legislation on issues ranging from quality early education to economic development.
- Organized a series of events to raise awareness and build consensus around early care and education issues, collaborating with the National Conference of State Legislatures and Children's Defense Fund.
- Supervised the legislative office during the session, making policy, committee, and public-relations assignments.

Policy Analyst, House Committee on Human Services

- Performed policy analysis on health care and human service issues.
- Wrote significant portions of the Human Services Committee interim report, and helped to develop and pass legislation recommended in the report.

Teaching Experience

Field Supervision

- **Field Instructor**, Supervised MSSW students during their advanced practicum placement at the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition. Each student was responsible for moving a piece of legislation through the process. They also participated in issue campaigns, which involved developing communication materials, organizing a day of awareness, creating a story bank, and interviewing experts. Three of the students developed a poster session related to Treatment vs. Incarceration policy priorities, which they presented at the Texas Research Society on Alcoholism Conference.

Courses

- Advanced Policy, University of Texas School of Social Work, Fall 2017
- Dynamics of Organizations and Communities, University of Texas School of Social Work, Summer 2006
- Dynamics of Organizations and Communities, University of Texas School of Social Work, Summer 2005
- Poverty and Public Policy, University of Texas School of Social Work, Fall 2004
- Public Policy Analysis, University of Texas School of Social Work, Summer 2003

Related Experience

Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Peer Educator

2009-2014

- Taught sexual assault and communicable infection prevention to groups of 10-80 incarcerated individuals. Responsible for training new educators and improving content knowledge among all educators, contributing to the Walls Unit Peer Educators winning an award for greatest depth of knowledge regarding the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

Volunteerism and Community Engagement (Current)

- Treasurer, Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center
- Board Member, Texas Research Society on Alcoholism
- Member, Reentry Advocacy Project, Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable

Honors

- Fellow, JustLeadership USA Leading with Conviction, 2018 Cohort

Presentations & Public Engagement

- Panelist, “Rethinking the War on Drugs: Public Health Strategies to Address Illicit Drug Use,” National Association of Drug Court Professionals (May, 2018)
- Panelist, “Lone Star Justice 2.0”, Texas Public Policy Foundation Policy Orientation, [February 9, 2018]
- Commentator – Prison Radio Show
- Presenter, “Drug Policy Reforms in Texas,” Texas Research Society on Alcoholism 27th Annual Scientific Meeting [February 17, 2017]
- Presenter, “Break Every Chain: Christians and Criminal Justice Reform,” Texas Christian Community Development Network, No Need Among You Conference [October 2016]
- Presenter: “Reentry in the Age of Permanent Collateral Consequences,” Project Curate Conference, Houston, TX [August 2016]
- Panelist, “Housing: Challenges and Solutions,” 6th Annual Statewide Reentry Conference, Travis County [January 2016]
- Panelist, “Criminal Justice Reform in Texas and Beyond,” Scholars Strategy Network, University of Texas at Austin [November 2015]
- Speaker, “Reentry Victories in the 84th Legislative Session,” Travis County Sheriff’s Department Vision Summit [November 2015]
- Panelist, “Fair Sentencing and Fair Chances National Tour,” Coalition for Public Safety [October 2015]
- Panelist, “Criminal Justice: The Next Five Years,” Texas Tribune [October 2015]

Written Communications

- [Report](#), Young Adults and Community Supervision: The Need for a Developmentally Appropriate Approach to Probation, August, 2018
- [Report](#), A Public Health Approach to Illicit Drug Use in Travis County, March 2018
- [Invited Expert Testimony](#), Drug Offenses and Sentencing Reform, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, February 27, 2017,
- [Testimony](#), Texas Department of Criminal Justice Legislative Appropriations Request, The Governor’s Office on Budget, Planning, and Policy & The Legislative Budget Board, September 12, 2016
- [Report/Invited Expert Testimony](#), Impact of Fees/Fines on Probation Revocations and Placements, Joint Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and Corrections, May, 2016
- [Op-Ed](#) (with Cate Graziani), “Graziani, Smith: Better State Jail Oversight Can Curb Suicides”, Houston Chronicle, December 30, 2015.

Military Service

United States Air Force, 1988 - 1991

Honorably Discharged