

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, 2012
Dissertation: *Understanding Emerging Adulthood from the Perspective of those Transitioning from Foster Care and Those Experiencing Homelessness: The Role of Policy in Supporting Competency During the Transition to Adulthood*
Advisor(s): A. James Schwab (Chair), Nancy Chavkin, King Davis, Rowena Fong, Sanna Thompson, Dnika Travis
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Texas, License number 35971 inactive
 - LMSW 5/29/2001, LCSW 11/29/2004, Specialty designation: Supervisor 4/27/2007
- MSW, Social Work with Clinical Concentration, Texas State University, 2001
- B.A., Psychology, Texas State University, 1997

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Academic Appointments

- **2023–present**
Associate Professor (tenured), School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, David Johnson Professorship in Social Work inaugural Fellow (2025–present)
- **2020–2023**
Associate Professor (tenured), Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
- **2019–2020** Associate Professor (tenured), Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
- **2013–2019** Assistant Professor, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
- **2012–2013**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute, The University of Texas at San Antonio
Postdoctoral Mentor: Harriet Romo, Ph.D.
- **2011–2013**
Lecturer, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- **2011–2012**

Adjunct Faculty, Fort Sam Houston Army Medical School – Fayetteville State University

- **2009-2011**

Lecturer, Texas State University–San Marcos

Administrative and Leadership Appointments

- **2023–present**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- **2022-2023**

Interim Dean, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University

- **2020-2022**

Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, School of Social Work

- **2018-2020**

Founding PhD Program Director, Our Lady of the Lake University

- **2017-2018**

Director, Worden School of Social Service, Our Lady of the Lake University

- **2016-2017**

Interim Director, Worden School of Social Service, Our Lady of the Lake University

- **2014-2016**

MSW Program Director, Worden School of Social Service, Our Lady of the Lake University

Affiliations

- **2026-present**

Core Faculty member, Addiction Research Institute (ARI), The University of Texas at Austin

- **2025-present**

Faculty Affiliate, Moritz Center for Societal Impact, The University of Texas at Austin

- **2025-present**

SHIFT Faculty, SHIFT, The University of Texas at Austin

- **2024-present**

Collaborating Faculty, Texas Well-being, The University of Texas at Austin

- **2023-present**
Affiliate Faculty, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University
- **2020-present**
Founding Chair, Child Welfare and Technology Collaborative
A consortium of researchers at the following universities: *Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Buffalo, University of Pittsburgh, University of Texas at Austin*
- **2012-2016;2024-present**
Research Affiliate, Texas Institute for Child and Family Well-being, The University of Texas at Austin

PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARSHIP

(At time of manuscript submission, *denotes graduate student and †denotes undergraduate student co-authorship, highlighted names are formal advisors or postdoctoral mentors.)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Published — In Rank

20. **Gomez, R. J.**, Ball, B., & Faulkner, M. (2026). From Lived Experience to the Policy Table: Reimagining Child Welfare Through Peer Recovery Specialists. *Journal of Policy Practice and Research*, 7, 83–87 (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42972-026-00154-6>
19. Vasquez, J., Bowie-Viverette A., **Gomez, R.J.** (2025). The effects of a recovery high school on recovering adolescents' resilience. *Children and Schools*, 48, (1) 48–58. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cs/cdaf031>
18. Reiss, D.M., Perry, M.A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Tomlinson, C. (2025). Exploring the role of independent living workers in how youth in care access and utilize technology. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-025-01018-w>
17. **Gomez, R.J.**, Tomlinson, C., Reddish, N., Reiss, D. (2024). Beyond connectivity: Exploring the influence of digital access on the social determinants of health for youth in out-of-home care. *Health and Social Work*. 50, (1), 27-36. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlae039>
16. Henderson, M., Bowie-Viverette*, A.C, Coronado, R. *, **Gomez, R.J.**, Cuevas, M., Healy, D., O'Donnell, K., & Martinez-Gollar, L. (2024). Esperanza: Increasing equity and access in mental health services for adolescents. *School Social Work Journal*, 48(2), 1-22.
15. Bowie-Viverette, A. C.*, Vasquez, J. *, **Gomez, R. J.**, Ruelas, R.*, & Moreno, N.* (2024). In their own words: A phenomenological examination of posttreatment education among youth in recovery from a substance use disorder. *School Social Work Journal*, 49(1), 1–17.
14. Galan-Cisneros*, P.A, Hildebrandt, E.J.*, Vasquez, J.A.*, **Gomez, R.J.** (2023). The new normal that never happened. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*. 29(1).
13. Kemter, A.J.*, **Gomez, R.J.**, & Matijczak, A.*(2022). Running toward recovery: A sport intervention for individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use. *Journal of*

Social Work Practice in the Addictions, 24(1), 24-36.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2022.2073660>

12. Hildebrandt, E. J.*, Felleke, A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Bowie-Viverette, A.C.*, Matijczak, A.* (2022). Addressing child welfare through comprehensive early intervention during COVID-19. *Child Welfare*, 100(3), 31–54. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48713756>
11. Estreet, A., & **Gomez, R. J.** (2022). The CSWE substance use curricular guide: inception, evolution, impact. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 22(2), 169–174. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2021.1993119>

Published — Prior to Current Rank

10. Ryan, T.N., & **Gomez, R.J.**, (2016). Trends in state budgets and child outcomes during and post child welfare class action litigation. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 62 49-57. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.01.017>
9. Ryan, T.N., & **Gomez, R.J.** (2016). What Does it take to close a comprehensive child welfare systems reform lawsuit? A case study approach. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance*, 41(3), 252–274. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23303131.2016.1259704>
8. **Gomez, R.J.**, Ryan, T.N., Norton, C., Jones, C., & Galan-Cisneros, P. (2015). Perceptions of learned helplessness among emerging adults aging out of foster care. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 32(6), 507–516. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-015-0389-1>
7. **Gomez, R.J.**, & Ryan, T.N. (2015). Speaking out: Examining the use of Participatory Action Research as a methodology used with homeless emerging adults. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 33(2), 185-193. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-015-0414-4>
6. **Travis, D. J.**, **Gomez, R. J.**, & Mor Barak, M. E. (2011). Speaking up and stepping back: Examining the link between employee voice and job neglect. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33(10), 1831-1841. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2011.05.008>
5. **Gomez, R.J.**, **Thompson, S.J.**, & Barczyk, A. (2010). Factors associated with substance use among homeless young adults. *Substance Abuse*, 31(1), 24-34. doi:[10.1080/08897070903442566](https://doi.org/10.1080/08897070903442566)
4. Sanchez, K., **Gomez, R.J.** & **Davis, K.**, (2010). Fostering connections and medical homes: Addressing health disparities among children in substitute care. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32(2), 286-291. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2009.09.008>
3. **Gomez, R.J.**, **Travis, D.**, Ayers-Lopez, & S. **Schwab, J.** (2010). In search of innovation: Child welfare recruitment and retention. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32(5), 664-671. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2010.01.001>
2. **Thompson, S. J.**, Barczyk, A., **Gomez, R. J.**, Dreyer, L., & Popham, A. (2010). Homeless, street-involved emerging adults: Perceptions of substance use. *Journal of Adolescent Research*. 25(2), 231-257. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0743558409350502>

1. Berger Cardoso, J., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Padilla, Y. (2009). What happens when family resources are across the border? An exploratory study on kinship placement in Mexican immigrant families. *Child Welfare*, 88(6),67-84. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48623265>

Works in Progress

6. Felleke, A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Moorehead, L.* (n.d.). Strengthening Protective Factors in Hispanic Children: A Longitudinal Evaluation of Project LAUNCH in Early Childhood Behavioral Health. (Manuscript under review). *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5402715>
5. Ko, Y., *Haiman, M. *, Wetherill, H.*, Ball, B., Faulkner, M., & **Gomez, R. J.** (n.d.). Redefining success: Peer support specialists' perspectives on recovery outcomes for parents with child welfare involvement (Manuscript under review). *Children and Youth Services Review*.
4. **Gomez, R. J.**, Ball, B, Haiman, M.*, Ko, Y*, Wetherill, H.*, & Faulkner, M. (n.d.). "Walking alongside, not ahead": Values and identity of peer support specialists working with child-welfare-involved parents (manuscript under review). *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*.
3. Francis, M., Kim, K.* N., **Gomez, R.J.**, Matijczak, A., Reddish, N., & Chartier, K. G. (n.d.). Building confidence, shifting roles, strengthening practice: A preliminary assessment of the Child Welfare Addiction Fellowship Program (Manuscript under review). *Substance Use and Addiction Journal*.
2. Morris, J. A.*, & **Gomez, R. J.** (n.d.). Punctuated equilibrium theory and the future of harm reduction policy: Lessons from fentanyl test strips in Texas (Manuscript under review). *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*.
1. Wetherill, H. *, Haiman, M. *, Ko, Y. *, Ball, B., Faulkner, M., & **Gomez, R. J.** (n.d.). Mapping peer recovery support services for child-welfare-involved families: Lessons from a statewide environmental scan in Texas. (Work in progress)

Edited Volumes & Book Chapters

In Rank

(Books)

5. **Gomez, R.**, Haiman, M. & Estreet, A. (Eds.). (in preparation). *Beyond borders: Global trends in substance use policy*. NASW Press.

(Book Chapters)

4. Ko, Y., & **Gomez, R J.** (2026). Kinship care systems across high-income democracies: Policy, practice, and variation. In J. Twikirize & K. Frimpong-Manso (Eds.), *Children and family social work*. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-95-3440-1_44-1
3. Haiman, M*, & **Gomez, R.J.** (In press). Trauma-informed policy response to substance use among pregnant and parenting people. In C. Simmons & E. Weiss (Eds.), *Trauma-informed macro-practice: Advancing organizations and communities*. Oxford University Press (in press). Notification date: May 14, 2026

Prior to Rank

(Book Chapters)

2. Gendron, C., Gomez, **R.J.**, & **Thompson, S.J.** (2012). Speaking up and Speaking out: Youth perspectives on homelessness and the transition to adulthood. In Thompson, S.J. (Eds.), *Homelessness, Poverty, and Unemployment*. New York: Nova Science Publishers.
1. **Gomez, R. J.**, Berger-Cardoso, J., & **Thompson, S. J.** (2009). Kinship Care with Hispanic Children: Barriers and Obstacles to Policy and Practice Implementation. In *Child Welfare Issues and Perspectives* (pp. 1–16). Hauppauge, New York: Nova Science Publishers.

Other Scholarly Contributions

In Rank

Professional Reports

9. Ball, B., Haiman, M.*, **Gomez, R.J.**, & Faulkner, M. (2025). Promoting recovery: Peer support for child-welfare-involved parents. *Texas Institute for Child & Family Wellbeing, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin*.
8. Ball, B., Marra, L., Gomez, J., Reyes, J.*, Patterson, M.*, **Gomez, R.J.**, & Faulkner, M. (2025). Peer recovery support services in Texas: A landscape rich in commitment and marked by gaps. *Texas Institute for Child & Family Wellbeing, The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work*.
7. Tomlinson, C.A.*, **Gomez, R.J.**, Reddish, N., Long, A. (2023). Virginia Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program Evaluation. *Virginia Department of Social Services*.
6. Viverette, A., Vasquez, J., Moreno, N., Ruelas, R., **Gomez, R. J.** (2020). Recovery high school needs assessment.

Curricular Guide

5. CSWE (2020). Specialized practice with substance use, 2015 EPAS Curricular Guide Resource Series. Role: Steering Committee Co-Chair.

Prior to Rank

Professional Reports

4. **Gomez, R.J.**, & Galan Cisneros, P.A. (2017). The use of technology to support client engagement. *Methodist Healthcare Ministries*.
3. **Gomez, R.J.**, & Ryan, T.N. (2015). Moving toward a developmental framework for measuring and supporting competence. *Lutheran Social Services*.

Legislative Reports

2. Faulkner, M., Gerlach, B., Marra, L., **Gomez, R.J.**, & **Schwab, J.** (2014). SB 44 Needs Assessment: Examining the relinquishment of children with serious emotional disturbance. *Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin, Child and Family Research Institute*.

1. Travis, D., Schwab, J., Ayers-Lopez, S., & Gomez, R. J. (2008). Texas Department of Family and Protective Services: Caseworker education reimbursement study. *Austin, Texas: Center for Social Work Research at the University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work, The Protective Services Training Institute at the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.*

RESEARCH FUNDING

Sponsored Research as PI / co-PI / co-I

Under Review

- **Sponsor:** National Institute on Drug Abuse
Project Title: *SMART-CW-Scalable Microlearning for Addiction Responsive Training in Child Welfare*
Role: Principal Investigator (MPI; 10 % effort)
Funding Period: 2027-2031
Total Award: \$1,080,000.00
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Rebecca J. Gomez, The University of Texas at Austin (MPI); Monica Faulkner, The University of Texas at Austin (MPI)
Amount under candidate's supervision: \$1,080,000.00
- **Sponsor:** National Institute on Drug Abuse
Project Title: Engage-ITC: Enhancing Male Support Partner Engagement in the Invitation to Change Intervention to Improve Recovery Outcomes for Women Who Use Drugs. 1R61DA064795-01
Role: Co-Investigator
Funding Period: 04/01/27-03/31/33
Total Award: \$5,641,379
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Kasey Claborn, The University of Texas at Austin
Amount under candidate's supervision: Not separately allocated / N/A

Current

- **Sponsor:** National Institute on Drug Abuse
Project Title: *Equipping social workers on the front line: The child welfare and addiction specialist fellowship*
Role: Principal Investigator (MPI; 8.5 % effort)
Funding Period: 2023-2027
Total Award: \$849,561.00
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Rebecca J. Gomez, The University of Texas at Austin (MPI); Karen Chartier, Virginia Commonwealth University (MPI)
Amount under candidate's supervision: \$849,561.00
- **Sponsor:** Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Project Title: *Community based care evaluation*
Role: Co-Investigator (1 % effort)
Funding Period: 2024-2026

Total Award: \$430,000
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Monica Faulkner, The University of Texas at Austin (PI)
Amount under candidate's supervision: Not separately allocated / N/A

- **Sponsor:** Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Project Title: *Child Welfare Education Collaboration*
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (5 % effort)
Funding Period: 2024-2026
Total Award: \$622,906.00
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Monica Faulkner, The University of Texas at Austin (Co-PI)
Amount under candidate's supervision: Not separately allocated / N/A

Completed

- **Sponsor:** National Institute on Drug Abuse
Project Title: *Implementing a church-based parenting intervention to promote NIDA prevention science among Hispanics.*
Role: Principal Investigator (MPI; 5 % effort)
Funding Period: 2020-2025
Total Award: \$711,911
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Rebecca J. Gomez, The University of Texas at Austin (MPI); Ruben Parra-Cardona, The University of Tennessee (MPI). Parra-Cardona served as sole PI from 2020-2024 with Gomez joining as MPI in 2024.
Amount under candidate's supervision: \$236,724
- **Sponsor:** Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services
Project Title: *Consortium for Resource Adoptive and Foster Family Training (CRAFT) Initiative*
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Period: 2022-2023
Total Award: \$980,366.39
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Rebecca J. Gomez, Virginia Commonwealth University
Amount under candidate's supervision: \$980,366.39
- **Sponsor:** Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services
Project Title: *Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program (CWSP)*
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Period: 2020-2023
Total Award: \$1,586,492.82
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Rebecca J. Gomez, Virginia

Commonwealth University

Amount under candidate's supervision: \$1,586,492.82

Sponsored Research Funding in Key Personnel Role (other than PI/co-PI/co-I)

Completed

- **Sponsor:** *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*
Project Title: Project LAUNCH- Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health
Role: Program Evaluator
Funding Period: 2019-2020
Total Award: \$3,900,000.00
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Family Service Association
Amount under candidate's supervision: \$198,880
- **Sponsor:** *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*
Project Title: Project Esperanza - Mental Health Awareness Training Grant
Role: Project Trainer
Funding Period: 2019-2020
Total Award: \$945,000
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Maureen Cannistra-Cuevas, Our Lady of the Lake University (MPI), Joan Biever, Our Lady of the Lake University
Amount under candidate's supervision: Not separately allocated / N/A
- **Sponsor:** *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*
Project Title: SBIRT Competency and Dissemination Project
Role: Project Assistant Director
Funding Period: 2016-2018
Total Award: \$945,000
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Maureen Cannistra-Cuevas, Our Lady of the Lake University (MPI), Joan Biever, Our Lady of the Lake University
Amount under candidate's supervision: Not separately allocated / N/A

Gifts & Other External Research Awards or Contracts

Current

- **Sponsor:** WoodNext Foundation
Project Title: *Developing the Clinical Social Work Workforce: Pre-Licensure Training Pathways*
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Period: 2025-2026
Total Award: \$250,000
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Rebecca J. Gomez, University of Texas

at Austin (PI) *Workforce Development- Accelerated Master's Program*

Amount under candidate's supervision: \$250,000

- **Sponsor:** WoodNext Foundation
Project Title: *Advancing the Clinical Social Work Workforce: A Post-Graduate Clinical Fellowship*
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Period: 2025-2027
Total Award: \$500,000
Principal Investigator (s) & Affiliation (s): Rebecca J. Gomez, University of Texas at Austin (PI)
Amount under candidate's supervision: \$500,000

Internal Research Funding as PI / co-PI / co-I

Completed

- **Sponsor:** Moritz Center for Societal Impact, The University of Texas at Austin
Project Title: *Promoting Recovery- A Pilot Study of Peer Support Specialists in the Child Welfare System*
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Period: 2025-2026
Total Award: \$50,000
Amount under candidate's supervision: \$50,000
- **Sponsor:** Faculty Internal Research Grant, Virginia Commonwealth University
Project Title: Normalcy: The Role of Technology in supporting relational permanency for youth in substitute care
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Period: 2021-2022
Total Award: \$20,000
Amount under candidate's supervision: \$20,000

HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2025-present

David Johnson Professorship in Social Work inaugural Fellow, The University of Texas at Austin

2025

U.S. Delegate to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in Ireland (Forum on participation of children and young people in decision making in Ireland), Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (Ireland)

2020

Distinguished Recent Contributions to Social Work Education, Council on Social Work Education

2017

Top 30 Technologists, Transformers, and Trailblazers, Center for Digital Education

2017

Program Directors Academy, Council on Social Work Education

2016

Professional In Residence, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

2015

Agnes M. (Lehman) Gloyna Award for Technological Innovation in Teaching and Learning

2015

Texas Digital Learning Association Award for Outstanding Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Distance Learning by an Organization (program award), Texas Digital Learning Association.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

Gomez, R.J., (March, 2025). *Advancing child and family well-being: A research agenda for policy-driven systems change*. School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

Gomez, R.J., (August, 2022). *Beyond surviving: Post-traumatic growth in recovery*. Research to Recovery, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

Gomez, R.J., Estreet, A., & Greathouse, T. (October, 2019). *Substance use curriculum guide*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Gomez, R.J. (July 11–12, 2018). *Motivational interviewing: Harnessing motivation for behavior change*. Keynote presentation at *Connections Individual and Family Services*, New Braunfels, Texas.

Gil, K.E., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Grinnan, C., (May, 2018). *Best practices in online education*. 14th Annual Technology Showcase. *Together we Rise*. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX.

Gomez, R.J. (January 12, 2018). *Using motivational interviewing to empower women on their journey through recovery from domestic violence*. Keynote presentation at The Gatehouse, Grapevine, Texas.

Refereed Conference Presentations

Ko, Y.*, Haiman, M., Ball, B., Wetherill, H.*, Faulkner, M., & **Gomez, R. J.** (2026, October 22–25). *Redefining success: Peer perspectives on resilience, identity, and belonging for parents in child welfare*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA, United States. Accepted for presentation

Gomez, R. J., Ko, Y.*, Wetherill, H.* (2026, August 24-26). *Legal determinants of placement preferences: A comparative legal mapping study of the United States and South Korea*. Paper presented at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Congress, Melbourne, Australia. Accepted for presentation

Gomez, R.J., Kim, K.*, Francis, L., Reddish, N., Long, A., Van de Riet, K., & Chartier, K. (2026, August 24-26). *Strengthening safeguarding capacity: A fellowship model to improve child welfare responses to families affected by addiction*. Poster presented at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Congress, Melbourne, Australia. Accepted for presentation

Kim, K. N.*, Francis, M., Reddish, N., Long, A., Van de Riet, K., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Chartier, K. G. (2026, January). *Strengthening competence for working with families affected by addiction: A preliminary assessment of a fellowship for child welfare professionals*. Poster at the Society for Social Work Research 30th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Viverette, A., Vasquez, J., & **Gomez, R.J.** (January, 2026). *The characteristics of adolescent tailored substance use treatment facilities & services: Implications for organizations & management*. Flash talk at the Society for Social Work Research, SSWR 30th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Haiman, M.*, **Gomez, R. J.**, Hayes, C. M., Paris, R., & Saunt, J. V.* (January, 2026). *Breaking barriers and building support: Addressing the factors that impact pregnant and parenting people who use drugs or are in recovery*. Roundtable at the Society for Social Work Research, SSWR 30th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Fuentes-Balderrama, J., Parra-Cardona, R., Londoño, T., Arroyo, A., & **Gomez, R. J.** (January, 2026). *Open-Eyed: Perceived Discrimination, Parental Monitoring, and Youth Emotional Symptoms in an RCT with Latinx Dyads*. Poster at the Society for Social Work Research, SSWR 30th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Felleke, A., & **Gomez, R.J.** (October, 2025). *Assessing Project LAUNCH: Evaluating protective and behavioral outcomes in early childhood development*. Paper at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

- Francis, M., Kim, K., Chartier, K., Reddish, N., Long, A., Van de Riet, K., & **Gomez, R.J.** (October, 2025). *Building knowledge, building connections: How child welfare addiction fellows are changing practice and outcomes*. Paper at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Reiss, D., & Reddish, N. (October, 2025). *Digital bonds: Harnessing technology for normalcy, relationship resilience, and health equity in foster care*. Paper at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- Gomez, R.J.**, & Felleke, A. (October, 2025). *A U.S. early childhood mental health intervention: Strengthening protective factors for prevention*. Paper at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- Chartier, K., Kim, K.*, Francis, M., Reddish, N., Long, A., Van de Riet, K., & **Gomez, R.J.** (June, 2025). *Equipping social workers on the frontline: Implementation of an innovative training program in addictions for child welfare professionals*. Paper at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, New Orleans, LA.
- Haiman, M.*, Velasquez, M., DiNitto, D., & **Gomez, R. J.** (May, 2025). *Current Status of Prenatal Substance Use Policy Research in the United States*. Paper at the Macro United Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Vasquez, J., Bowie-Viverette, A., & **Gomez, R.J.** (October, 2024). *The effects of a recovery high school program on recovering adolescents' resilience and depression*. Paper presented at the Addiction Health Services Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Tomlinson, C., Reddish, N., & Matijczak, A. (April, 2024). *Leveraging technology: Exploring the use of technology by children in foster care as a model for international child welfare*. Paper presented at the Joint Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Panama City, Panama.
- Tomlinson, C. A., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Reddish, N. (October, 2023). *Technology use among foster youth: Opportunities and risks*. Paper presented Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Tomlinson, C., Matijczak, A., & **Gomez, R.J.** (April, 2022). *Differences in relations between patterns of adverse childhood experiences and mental health symptoms by sexual identity among child welfare-involved adolescents*. Paper presented at ResilienceCon, Nashville, TN.
- Galan-Cisneros*, P.A., Hildebrandt, E., & Vasquez, J.A., **Gomez, R.J.** (November, 2021). *A workshop on trauma informed self-care for racial, economic, and environmental justice*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Martinez, E., Hildebrandt, E., **Gomez, R.J.**, Ryan, T.N., Boeder Harris, M., & Einolf, C. (January, 2021). *Examining the use of the words healing and healed among sexual assault*

survivors: Perceptions and preferences. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Virtual.

Viverette, A.C., Vasquez, J., Moreno, N., Ruelas, R., & **Gomez, R.J.** (January, 2021). *Is a recovery high school the solution: A qualitative study*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research, Virtual.

Coronado, R., Viverette, A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Cuevas, M.C., Healy, D., Henderson, M., & O'Donnell, K. (January, 2021). *Increasing access: Addressing the gap in mental health services and equity for youth in the Latinx community*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Virtual.

Hildebrandt, E.*, & **Gomez, R.J.** (November, 2020). *12-step recovery as an opportunity for posttraumatic growth*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Virtual.

Gomez, R.J., Estreet, A., Begun, A., Bennett, J., & Rhoads, J. (November, 2020). *Working collaboratively to address substance use*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Virtual.

Hildebrandt, E.*, & **Gomez, R.J.** (June, 2020). *Posttraumatic growth and addiction recovery: A narrative study exploring the role of spirituality*. Paper presented at the 37th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference, London, Ontario, Canada. Virtual

Gaines-Plunkett, L.*, Kubena, J.L., & **Gomez, R.J.** (March, 2020). *State sanctioned offender programming and its implementation: Differences between small and large jurisdictions*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 57th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. (cancelled conference)

Kemter, A.*, & **Gomez, R.J.** (January, 2020). *Running Toward Recovery: An Exercise and Psychosocial Intervention for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and SUD*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Gomez, R.J., Cuevas, M., Henderson, M., & Amodei, N. (January, 2020). *Online SBIRT Training for MSW Students: Confidence and Utilization at 12-Months Post-Graduation*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Kemter, A.*, & **Gomez, R.J.** (October, 2019). *Running toward recovery*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Gomez, R.J., & Ryan, T.N. (October, 2019). *Leveraging nontraditional and holistic models to increase diversity in PhD education*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

- Reyes, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, Parga, J., Schwartz, S., Toner, J., & Ryan, T. (April, 2019). *Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Remote Faculty Engagement, Administration, and Pedagogy*. Paper presented at the Social Work Distance Education Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Henderson, M., Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, Amodei, N. (March, 2019). *Online SBIRT Training for MSW Students: Post-graduation*. Paper presented at the Texas Public Health Association's 2019 Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Gil, K.E., **Gomez, R.J.**, Rucker, D., Gonzalez, N., Blackmon, B., Hammer, L., Luke, C., & Sanchez, A. (July, 2018). *Harnessing student leadership in building a center for students in recovery at a private Catholic university in central Texas*. Paper presented at the Association for Recovery in Higher Education, 9th National Collegiate Recovery Conference, Houston, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Cuevas, M., Gil, K., & Phoenix, K. (October, 2017). *Harnessing technology to magnify the reach of SBIRT training*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas.
- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Squiabro, C. (October, 2017). *Distance education and social work's social justice mission: Can we deliver?* Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas.
- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Carlson, E. (April, 2016). *Innovative and authentic online learning practices in a MSW program*. Paper presented at the Social Work Distance Education Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Cuevas, M., Fisher, A.E., Obenshain, J., & Ryan, T. (April, 2016). *We are family! Supporting, developing, and empowering virtual adjunct faculty in an online environment*. Paper presented at Social Work Distance Education Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Cuevas, M., & **Gomez, R.J.** (March, 2016). *Asynchronous role playing online: Making a program evaluation course more authentic*. Paper presented at the Texas Distance Learning Association, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.
- Cuevas, M., & **Gomez, R.J.** (February, 2016) *Asynchronous role playing online: Making a program evaluation course more authentic*. Paper presented at the FantasTech Conference, Virtual.
- Narendorf, S., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Santa Maria, D. (January, 2016). *Service histories, resources, and risk behaviors among homeless youth*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Carlson, E., Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Gibson, K. (June, 2015). *Asynchronous role playing online: Making a program evaluation course more authentic*. Paper presentation at EdMedia: World Conference on Educational Media and Technology, Montreal, Canada.

- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Gibson, K. (June, 2015). *Do you have what it takes? Presenting an historic MSW program online*. Paper presented at the Social Work Distance Education Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, Gibson, K., & Carleson, E. (April, 2015). *Composing collaboratively: A team approach to highly effective course (re) design*. Paper presented at Texas Distance Learning Association, Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Gerlach, B., & Faulkner, M. (January, 2015). *Visitation Matters: Assessing the Use of Evidence Based Practices in Child Welfare Visitation*. Paper presented at Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA.
- Galan-Cisneros, P., Thompson, P., Medina, C., & **Gomez, R.J.** (October, 2014). *Social Work Values: Enhancing Social Work Education through Socialization and Gate-keeping*. Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida.
- Gomez, R.J.**, & Galan-Cisneros, P. (October, 2014). *Just a Link Away: Engaging Social Work Students Through Social Media*. Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Ryan, T.N., Norton, C., & Jones, C. (April, 2014). *Speaking out: The use of participatory action research methodology to research and combat learned helplessness among aged out youth*. Paper presented at the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau Office of Abuse and Neglect, New Orleans, LA.
- Ryan, T.N., & **Gomez, R.J.** (March, 2014). *Life Course Developmental Theory and the Impact of Policies and Programs on Development for Youth in Foster Care*. Poster presented at the Society for Adolescent Research Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.
- Rivaux, S.L., Faulkner, M., Marra, L., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Gerlach, B. (January, 2014). *Factors impacting effective use of medical evaluations in child abuse cases: Findings from a multi-site study*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Ryan, T.N., Norton, C., & Jones, C. (January, 2014). *A comparison of competency between foster care and non-foster care emerging adults experiencing homelessness: Policy and practice recommendations*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Berger Cardoso, J., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Dettlaff, A. (October, 2010). *La Familia: Utilizing Family Resources Among Latino Immigrant Families in Child Welfare*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, 56th Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Barczyk, A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Berger Cardoso, J., & **Thompson, S.** (January, 2010). *Homeless, street involved emerging adults: Perceptions of substance use*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research, 14th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Gomez, R.J., Berger Cardoso, J., & **Davis, K.** (November, 2009). *An analysis of U.S. kinship care policies: Implications for Latino immigrant families*. A paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, 55th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Sanchez, K., **Gomez, R.J.**, & **Davis, K.** (November, 2009). *Health disparities among children in foster care: Implications for curriculum, policy, and practice*. A paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, 55th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Berger Cardoso, J., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Padilla, Y. (November, 2009). *International kinship placement of children in Mexican immigrant families in child welfare*. A paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, 55th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Berger Cardoso, J., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Padilla, Y. (August, 2009). *What happens when family resources are across the border? An exploratory study on kinship placement within Mexican immigrant families in South Texas*. Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), San Francisco, California.

Sanchez, K., **Gomez, R.J.**, & **Davis, K.** (June, 2009). *Health disparities among children in foster care: Implications for research, policy, and practice*. Paper presented at the One Child Many Hands: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare, The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research, Philadelphia, PA.

Thompson, S., Barczyk, A., & **Gomez, R.J.** (January, 2009). *Social Estrangement Factors Associated with Alcohol or Drug Dependency among Homeless, Street-Involved Youth*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Gomez, R.J., Berger Cardoso, J., & Aguillar, J. (October, 2008). *The Current State of Theory in Social Work Research and Practice*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, 54th Annual Meeting, Social Work Policy and Practice: Linking Theory, Methods, Skills, Philadelphia, PA.

Community & Public Presentations

Invited Clinical Trainings

Gomez, R.J., & Kemter, A. (March, 2020). *Trauma stewardship: The ethics of self-care*. 2020 Social Work Continuing Education Conference in Ethics, Methodist Healthcare System Social Work Council, San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (January, 2020). *Applied trauma informed work with parents and children*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, TX.

Gomez, R.J. (November, 2019). *Trauma informed work with parents and children*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, TX.

- Gomez, R.J., & Cavazos, L.** (October, 2019). *Motivational interviewing: Harnessing motivation for change*. National Association of Social Workers, 43rd Annual Texas State Conference, Galveston, TX.
- Gomez, R.J.** (September, 2019). *Communication among interdisciplinary teams*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (September, 2019). *Documentation Do's and Don'ts*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (August, 2019). *Cultural competence and cultural humility*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (August, 2019). *Documentation Do's and Don'ts*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, Alice, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (June, 2019). *Communicating with empathy for nurses*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (June, 2019). *Communicating with empathy for providers*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (May, 2019). *Supporting post-traumatic growth: Adverse childhood experience (ACE) questionnaire*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (May, 2019). *Self-care for nurses*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (May, 2019). *Self-care for providers*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (March 12, 2019). *Facilitation skills for parent education*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J., Healy, D., & Solorzano, B.** (October 11, 2018). *Screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) certification*. National Association of Social Workers, 42nd Annual Texas State Conference, Arlington, TX.
- Gomez, R.J.** (July 9, 2018). *Motivational interviewing: Harnessing motivation for behavior change*. Our Lady of the Lake University, Worden School of Social Service CEU Series, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (November 15, 2017). *Essentials of motivational interviewing for dental providers*. Methodist HealthCare Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

- Gomez, R.J.,** Solorzano, B., & Healy, D. (October 6, 2017). *Screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) certification*. National Association of Social Workers, 41st Annual Texas State Conference, Galveston, TX.
- Gomez, R.J.** (October 5, 2017). *Motivation interviewing tools for integrated care*. Wesley Nurses Forum, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (October 4, 2017). *Motivation interviewing tools for integrated care*. Wesley Nurses Forum, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (August 31, 2017). *SBIRT and essential motivational interviewing for medical providers*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (July 27, 2017). *Screening for problem alcohol use: Integrating the CAGE in primary care*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.,** & Galan-Cisneros, P. (July 27, 2017). *The 50-minute session: Boundaries in clinical work*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Phoenix, K.E., Solorzano, B., Healy, D., & **Gomez, R.J.** (October 17, 2016). *SBIRT core training*. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (August 11, 2016). *Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment for nurses and health educators*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (June 8, 2016). *Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment*. Center for Health Care Services, San Antonio, Texas.
- Healy, D., & **Gomez, R.J.** (May 31, 2016). *Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment: Working with teens and families*. San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (May 19, 2016). *Co-occurring issues: Medication and the clinician's role*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (March 18, 2015). *Addiction and recovery: An introductory guide for clinicians*. Center for Health Care Services, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (January 4, 2016). *Screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment: Understanding the social worker's role*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (January 5, 2016). *Addictions treatment and recovery: What every clinician should know*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (January 6, 2016). *Addictions treatment and recovery: What every clinician should know*. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

Barczyk, A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Berger Cardoso, J., & Thompson, S., (March, 2010). *Homeless, Street-Involved Emerging Adults: Perceptions of Substance Use*. Poster Presented at the Center for Health Promotion Research and Disease Prevention in Underserved Populations, Austin, TX.

MENTORING & STUDENT SUPERVISION

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Committee Member

2026

Haiman, Madison, PhD, Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin.

Mapping complexity: A legal epidemiology study of the variation and recent shifts in prenatal substance use policy.

2021

Hildebrandt, Erika Juliet. PhD, Social Work, Our Lady of the Lake University.

Integrative medicine for sexual assault recovery: A transcendental social justice mixed methods study of survivors' perceptions and experiences.

2021

Vasquez, Jennifer Alissa, PhD, Social Work, Our Lady of the Lake University.

The impact of the Neuro-Affective Relational Model (NARM) on professional quality of life among NARM trained trauma therapists.

2020

Kemter, Amy. DSW, Social Work, The University of Tennessee.

Psychological outcomes and perceived benefits from an organized running group for individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use disorder.

2020

Bruce-Gala, Theresa, D.Min, Spirituality, Oblate School of Theology.

Pedagogy of a spiritually sensitive social work practice: Exploring the relationship between trauma, hope, and holistic healing as mediated by the spirituality of recovery.

Doctoral Comprehensive Committee: Committee Member

2026

Wetherill, Hailey, Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin.

Understanding voluntary turnover in child welfare: An integrative review of theory, evidence, and implications for practice.

Onyegesi, Obi, Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin. *The adverse childhood experiences-substance misuse-cardiovascular disease connection: A historical, theoretical, and empirical synthesis of the mediating role of substance misuse.*

Selected Research Mentees and First Placements

Angela Matijczak, PhD research assistant, first placement: tenure-track Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Camie Tomlinson, PhD research assistant, first placement: tenure-track Assistant Professor, University of Louisville.

TEACHING

Courses Taught-The University of Texas at Austin

- The Science of Hope: An Exploration of Post-Traumatic Growth (Undergraduate Signature Course):
Spring 2025, Spring 2026
- Policy Theories and Social Context: Applications for Research (Doctoral):
Summer 2025

Courses Taught-Other Institutions

Virginia Commonwealth University

- Person in Society II (Undergraduate): Spring 2023

Our Lady of the Lake University

- Family Stress, Functioning and Social Support (Graduate): Fall 2013
- Policy and Practice in Human Service (Graduate): Fall 2013
- Generalist Social Work Practice Organizations and Communities (Graduate): Fall 2013 (2 sections), Fall 2016
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment-Social Systems (Graduate): Fall 2013
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment- Individuals and Families (Graduate): Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Spring 2016
- Advanced Integrative Seminar Block (Graduate): Fall 2015, Spring 2016
- Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups (Graduate): Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017
- Evaluation of Social Work Practice with Hispanic Children and Families (Graduate)
- Epistemology and Theories (Doctoral): Summer, 2019
- Qualitative Research I (Doctoral), Spring 2020
- Social Work Field Placement (Undergraduate): Spring 2014
- Field Education I (Graduate): Fall 2013, Spring 2014
- Field Education II (Graduate): Fall 2013, Spring 2014
- Direct Practice with Hispanic Youth (Graduate): Spring 2017
- Social Work Practice with Hispanic Youth (Graduate): Spring 2017, Summer 2017. Spring 2018
- Social Work Research Methods II: Fall 2013
- Hispanics in the US: Policies and Programs (Graduate): Fall 2013

The University of Texas at San Antonio

- Social Work Methods I (Graduate): Fall 2011 (2 sections), Spring 2013
- Social Work Methods II (Graduate): Spring 2012, Summer 2012
- Foundation Field Practicum I and Integrative Seminar (Graduate): Fall 2011 (2 sections), Spring 2013
- Foundation Field Practicum II and Integrative Seminar (Graduate): Spring 2012, Summer 2012
- Integrative Seminar I, II, & III (Graduate): Spring 2013
- Social Problems and Social Welfare Policy Analysis (Graduate): Spring 2013

Fort Sam Houston Army Medical School – Fayetteville State University

- Social Welfare Policy and Services (Graduate): Spring 2013
- Interventions with Groups, Communities and Organizations (Graduate): Fall 2011 (mini-mester)
- Substance Abuse Interventions (Graduate): Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2012
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (Graduate): Spring 2012

Texas State University–San Marcos

- Connecting Policy to Practice (Undergraduate): Fall, 2009, Spring 2009, Spring 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE, UNIVERSITY, & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Service

- Member, Bachelor's level Mental Health Workforce Initiative, September 2025–Present
- Member, AI and Social Work Research Consortium, April 2025-present
- Member, Board of Directors, Cannenta Foundation, Feb. 2025-present
- Member, Texas Training and Education Workgroup, Center for Children and Futures, National Center on Substance Use and Child Welfare, Jan. 2025
- Convener (Lee, S., Henley, J, Liechty, J., Gomez, R., Manuel, J., DeVoe, E., Fusco, R., & Takeuchi, D.), Special Interest Group – Associate and Deputy Deans of Faculty Affairs, Faculty Development, and Academic Affairs, Society for Social Work and Research, Jan. 2025-present
- Board Member, Influencing Social Policy, 2025–Present
- Member, Research Advisory Council, Communities and Relatives Empowered for Support with Substance Misuse (CARES), 2025–Present
- Advisory Board Member, Communities and Relatives Empowered for Support with Substance Misuse (CARES), 2024–Present
- National Nominating Committee Graduate Program Representative (3-year term), Council on Social Work Education, 2023–Present
- Minority Fellowship Program, Doctoral Fellowship Application Reader (3-year term), Council on Social Work Education, 2020–2023

- Substance Use Curriculum Guide Co-Chair, Council on Social Work Education, 2019–2020
- Social Work CAS Advisory Board, Council on Social Work Education, 2017–2019
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Visitation Workgroup, 2013–2016

University Service

University of Texas

- Member, Academic Deans, 2023-Present
- Member, Undergraduate Associate Deans, 2024-2026
- Member, Health Professional Advisory Committee, 2024-present
- Member, Associate Deans of Graduate Education, 2023-present
- Member, Graduate Advisor and GSC Chair Forum, 2023-present
- Member, Chairs Council, 2023-present

Virginia Commonwealth University

- Member, Council of Deans, 2022-2023
- Member, Provost's Administrative Council, 2022-2023
- Member, Search Committee for Vice President of Student Affairs, 2022
- Member, Graduate Education and Training Leadership Committee, 2020-2022
- Member, Academic Calendar Committee, 2020-2022
- Member, Associates Forum, 2020-2022
- Member, SEMSS Connection Forum, 2020-2022
- Member, Graduate Dean's Advisory Council, 2020-2022
- Member, Academic Regulations Appeals Committee, 2020-2021
- Member, Search Committee for Graduate School Associate Dean, 2020-2021

Our Lady of the Lake University

- Co-chair, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2019-2020
- Lead, University wide Strategic Planning, 2019-2020
- Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2018-2020
- Council Chair, Center for Students in Recovery, 2017-2019
- Lead, Strategic Planning Committee, Alternative Academic Delivery Models, 2017-2018
- Chair, Search Committee for Director of Woolfolk School of Communications, 2017-2018
- Member, Provost's Council, 2016-2018
- Member, Information Technology Services Advisory Council, 2016-2020
- Member, Online Learning Council, 2014-2018
- Member, Institutional Review Board, 2014-2018
- Member, Academic Review Taskforce, 2015-2016

School of Social Work

University of Texas

- Ex Officio, Executive Committee, 2024-present

- Ex Officio, BSW Committee, 2023-present
- Ex Officio, APP Committee, 2023-present
- Ex Officio, MSSW Committee, 2023-present
- Ex Officio, PhD Committee, 2023-present
- Ex Officio, Institutes Committee, 2023-present
- Ex Officio, International Committee, 2023-present
- Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, 2023-present
- Chair, Academic Deans, 2023-present
- Member, Re-Accreditation Committee, 2023-present
- Ex Officio, Child Welfare Education Collaboration Committee, 2023-present
- Member, Commencement Committee, 2023-present
- Member, Space Committee, 2023-present
- Member, Working Group on AI and Other Technologies, 2025-present
- Member, Subgroup AI and Teaching, 2025-present
- Chair, Faculty Search: Assistant Professor Tenure Track Focus on Child and Family Well-being 2024-2025
- Member, Dean's Staff Professional Development Review Committee, 2024-present
- Chair, Curriculum Review Committee, 2025-present

Virginia Commonwealth University

- Member, MSW Steering Committee, 2020-2022
- Chair, Academic Program Committee, 2020-2022
- Member, Dean's Cabinet, 2020-22
- Chair, Dean's Cabinet, 2022-2023
- Chair, Climate Survey Work Group, 2020-2022
- Chair, Curriculum Work Group, 2020-2022

Our Lady of the Lake University

- Chair, PhD Committee, 2018-2020
- Member, Worden Director Search, 2018-2019
- Worden Faculty Search, 2018-2019
- Chair, Worden Faculty Search (PhD faculty), 2018
- Chair, Worden Faculty Search (4 positions), 2017-2018
- Mentor, Worden Graduate Scholars, 2015-2016
- Member, Clinical Concentration Work Group, 2015-2016
- Member, Worden BSW Committee, 2016-2018
- Member, Worden Leadership Team, 2014-2020
- Member, Field Education Committee, 2014-2018
- Faculty Sponsor, Phi Alpha, 2014-2018
- Member, MSW Task Force, 2013
- Chair, MSW Task Force, 2014-2016.
- Member, MSW Admissions Committee, 2013
- Chair, MSW Admissions Committee, 2014-2016.
- Faculty Advisor, BSW, 2013-2014

- Faculty Advisor, MSW, 2014-2016

Editorial & Peer Review Activity

- Editorial Board, *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 2020-present
- Guest Reviewer, *Journal of Social Work Education*, Special Issue, 2020
- Guest Editor, *Social Sciences, Special Issue: Substance Use and Child Welfare: Intersection Crisis*, 2025
- Ad-hoc Manuscript Reviewer:
Child Abuse and Neglect
Journal of Social Work Education
Emerging Adulthood
Journal of Family Social Work
Children and Youth Services Review
Substance Abuse
- Council on Social Work Education
-Addiction Track Chair, 2017-2022
-Conference abstract reviewer, 2009
- National Association of Social Workers, Conference abstract reviewer, 2010

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<https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/JXN-9665-2024>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Research Society of Alcoholism, 2026-present
- Member, The College on Problems of Drug Dependence, 2025-present
- Member, International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, 2025-present
- Society for Social Work and Research, Current
- Council on Social Work Education, Current
- Influencing Social Policy, Current
- International Federation of Social Workers, Current
- Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education, 2018-2020
- St. Louis Group for Excellence in Social Work Research, 2022-2023
- National Association of Deans and Directors, 2016-2018, 2022-2023

ONLINE SCHOLARLY PROFILES

- Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=TjSGnRYAAAAJ>
- Web of Science: <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/JXN-9665-2024>
- ORCID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1309-0135>

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Dominguez, Crystal. “[Social Worker Shortage](#).” Broadcast. *Spectrum News*. Austin, Texas: Spectrum 1, August 10, 2025.
- Mulligan, Adam, March 15, 2023: <https://www.psychreg.org/building-resilience-through-sustainable-self-care-habits/>
- The Healthcare Guys, March 16, 2022: <https://www.healthcareguys.com/2022/01/19/social-workers-and-the-opioid-epidemic/>
- Social Work Today, Vol 21, No. 2, P. 10: Addictions Advisor: [How the Pandemic is Affecting Those With Substance Use Disorders](#)
- Texas Public Radio, March, 27, 2020: [‘The Disease Does Not Stop’: San Antonio Students Take Addiction Recovery Online](#)
- Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Aug. 8, 2019: [A Long, Tough Road from Foster Care to Ph.D. Studies](#)
- Recovery Campus, March 7, 2020: [Our Lady of the Lake University Center for Students in Recovery](#)
- Social Work Today, June 12, 2020: [CSWE Recognizes 2020 Award Recipients](#)
- Government Technology, Sept. 7, 2017: [Top 30 Education Technology Leaders Honored](#)
- San Antonio Express-News, March 16, 2018: [OLLU to debut online doctorate social work program](#)
- Business.com, April 6, 2020: [Social Workers for Business? How They're Helping the Private Sector](#)

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING

2021	IEExcel Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Certificate
2017	CSWE Program Director Academy
2017	Council of Independent Colleges Department and Division Chair Workshop

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2018-2020	Bexar County Health Collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee <i>Member</i>
2015-2018	Changel <i>Board of Directors Member</i>
2013-2015	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services State Workgroup on Parent/Child Visitation Assessment

2009-2019	Foster Care Alumni of America <i>Ally Member</i>
2008-2012	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Dare to Love Program, San Antonio, TX <i>Board Member</i>
2005	Rudder Middle School, San Antonio, Texas <i>Parent Educator</i>

EXTERNAL REVIEW FOR REAPPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, The University of Texas at Arlington, University of Pittsburgh

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2015-present	RJ Gomez and Associates <i>Principal</i>
2014-2016	Center for Health Care Services <i>LCSW-Clinical Supervisor, Contract</i>
2010-2015	The Educative Institute <i>Clinical Therapist</i>
2010-2011	Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) <i>Contract Writer</i>
2004-2007	Texas Family Services <i>Clinical Therapist</i>
2001- 2005	San Marcos Treatment Center <i>Clinical Therapist</i>
2001-2002	Casa Esperanza, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas <i>Therapist</i>
1997-2007	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services San Marcos, Texas and San Antonio, Texas