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EDUCATION

2012 The University of Texas at Austin
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

2001 Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
Master of Social Work with Clinical Concentration

1997 Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023- present Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
Associate Professor (tenured)

2020-2023 Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
Associate Professor (tenured)

2013-2020 Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
Associate Professor (tenured 2019; Assistant Professor 2013-2019)

2012-2013 Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute, The University of Texas
at San Antonio
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2023-present Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

2022-2023 Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Interim Dean

2020-2022 Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

2018-2020 Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
PhD Program Director

2017-2018 Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
Director Worden School of Social Service

2016-2017 Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
Interim Director Worden School of Social Service

2014-2016 Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
MSW Program Director

AFFILIATIONS

2023-present Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
Affiliate Faculty

2020-present 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 Texas Institute for Child and Family Well-being, The University of Texas
2024-present at Austin
Research Affiliate

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING

2021 IExcel Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Certificate

2017 CSWE Program Director Academy

2017 Council of Independent Colleges Department and Division Chair
Workshop

RESEARCH CONTRACTS/GRANTS AND PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Pending:

Principal Investigator

Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) Foundation
Travis County Long-term Recovery Project
Amount: \$600,000

Co-Investigator (PI, Monica Faulkner)

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Amount: \$430,00

Awarded:

2024-present

*Principal Investigator (MPI, Ruben Parra Cardona)**

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Proposal #: 5R34DA050782

Total Award Amount \$711,911; Total (2024-2025) \$236,724

- Implementing a church-based parenting intervention to promote NIDA prevention science among Hispanics.

*This is a grant with multiple principal investigators with Dr. Ruben Parra-Cardona and Dr. Rebecca Gomez serving as the principal investigators. Multiple Principal Investigator (2024-2025), Parra-Cardona (PI, 2020-2024)

2024-present

Co- Principal Investigator (Co-PI, Monica Faulkner)

Department of Protective and Family Services

Award Amount \$600,000 annually

- Child Welfare Education Collaboration

2023-2027

*Principal Investigator (MPI, Karen Chartier)**

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Award Amount \$849,561.00; *Scientific Review Score:20 (funded after initial submission)*

- Equipping social workers on the front line: The child welfare and addiction specialist fellowship

*This is a grant with multiple principal investigators with Dr. Karen Chartier and Dr. Rebecca Gomez serving as the principal investigators.

Completed:

2022-2023

Principal Investigator

Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services

Award Amount \$980,366.39 annually

- Consortium for Resource Adoptive and Foster Family Training (CRAFFT) Initiative

2021-2022

Principal Investigator

Virginia Commonwealth University, Faculty Internal Research Grant

Award Amount \$20,000

- Normalcy: The Role of Technology in supporting relational permanency for youth in substitute care

2020-2023

Principal Investigator

Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services

Award Amount \$528,830.94 annually

- Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program (CWSP)

- 2019-2020 *Program Evaluator*
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Subaward).
Award Amount 3.9M, Subaward Amount, \$198,880 with Family Service Association.
- Project LAUNCH- Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health.
- 2019-2020 *Project Trainer*
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
Award amount: \$945,000
- Project Esperanza - Mental Health Awareness Training Grant
- 2016-2018 *Project Assistant Director*
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
Award amount: \$945,000, PIs – Cannistra- Cuevas and Biever
- The Our Lady of the Lake University SBIRT Competency and Dissemination Project, Our Lady of the Lake University
- Unfunded:
2023 Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services
Human Services Training and Leadership Academy, \$2,336,512.

PUBLICATIONS

* notes a student author

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Vasquez, J., Bowie-Viverette A., **Gomez, R.J.** (in review) The effects of a recovery high school on recovering adolescents’ resilience, *Children and Schools*.

Reis, D.M., Perry, M.A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Tomlinson, C. (in review) Exploring the role of independent living workers in how youth in care access and utilize technology, *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*

Viverette, A., Vasquez, J., **Gomez, R.J.** (in review) A relational cultural examination-An analysis of recovery high school students adverse childhood experiences, depression, and resilience, *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*

Gomez, R.J., Tomlinson, C., Reddish, N., Reiss, D. (Revise and Resubmit) 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*

- 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.
- Bowie-Viverette*, A., Vasquez, J.*, **Gomez, RJ**, Moreno, N.*, & Rules, R.* (Revise and Resubmit). In their own words: Post-treatment education among youth in recovery from a substance use disorder. *School Social Work Journal*.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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>
- Estreet, A., & Gomez, R. J. (2021). The CSWE substance use curricular guide: inception, evolution, impact. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 1-6.
- 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*. Available online 22 January 2016. [doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.01.017](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.01.017)
- 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(30), 2330-3131.
- 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.
- 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
- 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
- Gomez, R.J.**, Thompson, S.J., & Barczyk, A. (2010). Factors associated with substance use among homeless young adults. *Substance Abuse*, 31(1), 24-34.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Book Chapters

- 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.
- 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*. Hauppauge, New York: Nova Science Publishers, pp. 1-16.

Legislative Reports

- 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.
- 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.

Professional Reports

- 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.
- Viverette, A.*, Vasquez, J.*, Moreno, N.*, Ruelas, R.*, **Gomez, R. J.** (2020). Recovery high school needs assessment.

Gomez, R.J., & Galan Cisneros, P.A. (2017). *The use of technology to support client engagement*. Methodist Healthcare Ministries.

Gomez, R.J., & Ryan, T.N. (2015). *Moving toward a developmental framework for measuring and supporting competence*. Lutheran Social Services.

Curricular Guide

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

Manuscripts in Process (Peer Reviewed)

Gomez, R.J., Tomlinson, C., Chartier, K.G., Matijczak, A. Disrupting from within: Public health centered workforce training in addictions within child welfare.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Peer Reviewed)

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. *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. *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. *ReilienceCon*.

Galan-Cisneros*, P.A., Hilderbrandt, E.*, Vasquez, J.A.*, **Gomez, R.J.** (November, 2021). A workshop on trauma informed self-care for racial, economic, and environmental justice. *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. *Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference*, 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. *Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference*, Virtual.

- Hildebrandt, E.*, & **Gomez, R.J.** (November, 2020). 12-step recovery as an opportunity for posttraumatic growth. *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. *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. 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. *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. *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. *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. *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. 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. *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. *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? *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. *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. *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. *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. *FantasTech Conference*, Virtual.
- Narendorf, S., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Santa Maria, D. (January, 2016). Service histories, resources, and risk behaviors among homeless youth. *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. *EdMedia: World Conference on Educational Media and Technology*, Montreal, Canada.
- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Gibson, K. (April, 2015). Do you have what it takes? Presenting an historic MSW program online. *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. *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. *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. *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. *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. *National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau Office of Abuse and Neglect, New Orleans, LA.*

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. *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. *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. *Council on Social Work Education, 56th Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.*

Barczyk, A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Berger Cardoso, J., & Thompson, S. (2010, January). Homeless, street involved emerging adults: Perceptions of substance use. *Society for Social Work Research, 14th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.*

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

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

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

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

Sanchez, K., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Davis, K. (2009, June). Health disparities among children in foster care: Implications for research, policy, and practice. *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.** (2009, January). Social Estrangement Factors Associated with Alcohol or Drug Dependency among Homeless, Street-Involved Youth. *Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.*

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Invited)

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

CLINICAL TRAININGS (Invited)

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., & Cavasos, 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, 4nd Annual Texas State Conference, Arlington, TX.*
- Gomez, R.J.** (July 11-12th, 2018), Motivational Interviewing: Harnessing Motivation for Behavior Change. Connections Individual and Family Services. New Braunfels, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (July 9th, 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.** (January 12, 2018), Using Motivational Interviewing to Empower Women on their Journey through Recovery from Domestic Violence. The Gatehouse. Grapevine, 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, Social Workers Stand Up, 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.

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.

UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS

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.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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

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 *Society for Adolescent Research Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.*

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

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2020 Council on Social Work Education, Distinguished Recent Contributions to Social Work Education.
- 2017 Center for Digital Education, 2017 Top 30 Technologists, Transformers, and Trailblazers.
- 2017 Council on Social Work Education, Program Directors Academy.
- 2016 Professional In Residence, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation,
- 2015 Agnes M. (Lehman) Gloyna Award for Technological Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- 2015 TxDLA Award for Outstanding Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Distance Learning by an Organization (program award).
- 2009 P.E.O. Scholars Award, Austin Chapter Nominee.
- 2009 Robert Carl Nesbitt Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2008 Louis E. DeMoll Endowed Presidential Scholarship
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2007-2008 Preemptive Recruitment Fellowship
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2001 Academic Excellence – College of Health Professions
Texas State University.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Texas:

Member, Academic Deans, 2023-Present

Virginia Commonwealth University:

Member, Council of Dean's, 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, Strategic Planning
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:

Member, Executive Committee (Elected). 2024-2026
Ex Officio, BSW 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

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 AND SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW

Editorial Board, *Child and Adolescent Social Work*, 2020-present
Guest Reviewer, *Journal of Social Work Education*, Special Issue, 2020

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

ORGANIZATIONS AND TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

Member, St. Louis Group for Excellence in Social Work Research, 2022-2023
Member, National Association of Deans and Directors, 2016-2018;2022-2023

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023-
Present (3 year term) Council on Social Work Education
National Nominating Committee Graduate Program Representative

2020-2023
(3 year term) Council on Social Work Education
Minority Fellowship Program, Doctoral Fellowship Application Reader

2019-2020 Council on Social Work Education
Substance Use Curriculum Guide Co-Chair

2017-2019 Council on Social Work Education
Social Work CAS Advisory Board

2013-2016 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Visitation
Workgroup

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2018-2020 Bexar County Health Collaborative
Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee
Member

2015-2018 Change1
Board of Directors Member.

2013-2015 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services State Workgroup on
Parent/Child Visitation Assessment

2009-2019 Foster Care Alumni of America
Ally Member

2008-2012 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Dare to Love
Program, San Antonio, TX
Board Member

2005 Rudder Middle School, San Antonio, Texas
Parent Educator

DISSERTATION OVERSIGHT:

Amy Kemter, Psychological outcomes and perceived benefits from an organized running group for individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use disorder. Role: Outside Member
2020

Theresa Bruce-Galan, Pedagogy of a spiritually sensitive social work practice: Exploring the relationship between trauma, hope, and holistic healing as mediated by the spirituality of recovery. Role: Outside Member 2020

Erika Juliet Hildebrandt, Integrative medicine for sexual assault recovery: A transcendental social justice mixed methods study of survivors' perceptions and experiences. Role: Outside Member 2021

Jennifer Alissa Vasquez, The impact of the Neuro-Affective Relational Model (NARM) on professional quality of life among NARM trained trauma therapists. Role: Outside Member 2021

COURSES TAUGHT

The University of Texas at Austin:

- 395K Policy Theory (PhD)

Virginia Commonwealth University:

- Person in Society II (BSW)

Our Lady of the Lake University

- Social Work Practice with Hispanic Youth (MSW)
- Policy and Practice in Human Service (MSW)
- Generalist Social Work Practice Organizations and Communities (MSW)
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment-Social Systems (MSW)
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment- Individuals and Families (MSW)
- Advanced Integrative Seminar Block (MSW)
- Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups (MSW)
- Evaluation of Social Work Practice with Hispanic Children and Families (MSW)
- Epistemology and Theories (PhD)
- Qualitative Research I (PhD)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Member, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)

Member, National Association of Social Work (NASW)

Member, International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)

EXTERNAL REVIEW FOR REAPPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION

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

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 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/>
- eLearning Industry, Organizational Culture: [The Importance of Leadership Support of DEI Initiatives and BIPOC Employees.](#)
- 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](#)

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
Therapist

1997-2007 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
San Marcos, Texas and San Antonio, Texas