

SKILL-BASED COMPETENCIES

- Master's Degree in Counseling
- Licensed Professional Counselor and Supervisor
- Knowledge of intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual assault, strangulation and trauma issues
- Experienced in crisis management and risk assessment – 20 years
- Supervisory experience – 10 years
- Experienced working in the criminal justice system
- Community collaboration experience
- Fluent in conversational Spanish

EMPLOYMENT

University of Texas, Austin

Deputy Director, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Director, Expert Witness Initiatives

Austin, Texas

June 2016 - Present

November 2014 – Present

- Director of Expert Witness Training. Develop and implement strategic plan for Training/Expert Witness portfolio. Provide consultation, education and training on the use of expert witness. Responsible for project management of statewide regional expert witness trainings. Responsible for curriculum development of expert witness training in collaboration with IDVSA director and trainers.
- Provide consultation and expert testimony in cases of interpersonal violence in Texas and nationally
- In collaboration with the Director of IDVSA develop long-range strategies, plan the institution budget, enhance the competitiveness of the Institute with peer organizations at the state and national level
- Responsible for day to day operations of the institute
- Supports the Director and IDVSA
- Supports communication with funders
- Responsible for supervision of program and research staff
- Responsible for administrative functions of the Institute
- Responsible for compliance of project reporting
- Coordinate and supervise IDVSA research fellow program

University of Texas, Austin

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Austin, Texas

August 2007 – Present

- Fall 2017 Foundations of Social Justice: Values, Diversity, Power & Oppression, Graduate level, Steve Hicks School of Social Work
- Summer 2015 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2014 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2013 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2012 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Summer 2012 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Summer 2011 Current trends and issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Spring 2011 Current trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Spring 2010 Social Welfare Programs, Policies and Issues, Bachelor's level, School of Social Work
- Spring 2009 Audited Restorative Justice, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2008 Policy Analysis: Children and Families- Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Summer 2008 Current Trends and Issues in Domestic Violence, Graduate level, School of Social Work
- Fall 2007 Policy Analysis: Children and Families- Graduate level, School of Social Work

**District Attorney, Travis County
Senior Victim Witness Counselor**

**Austin, Texas
January 2008 – December 2014**

- Review 500-700 case files yearly
- Trained professional to support victims of intimate partner felony crimes and their families throughout the legal process and system
- Daily core functions include: provide information and safety planning, crisis intervention and stabilization, education and guidance about and through the criminal justice system, court preparation and accompaniment and providing referrals for short and long-term community services
- Crisis management, safety planning and risk assessment as needed
- Provide expert testimony as needed
- Provide education and training as requested

**Safe Place, Austin
Program Coordinator**

**Austin, Texas
February 2005 – December 2007**

- Managed Advocacy program in SafePlace Family Shelter
- Implemented and supervised shelter counseling program
- Supervised Family Advocates, Counselor, Counseling Interns and Practicum students
- Member of the SafePlace Risk-Management Team
- Participated in Family Shelter management responsibilities
- Assisted Family Shelter Director in ensuring responsible provision of services and shelter safety on a daily basis.

Program Coordinator

September 2001-February 2005

- Onsite manager for 24-hour service delivery for the Individual's Shelter client program
- Provided case management, safety planning, advocacy and counseling for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Provided reporting of monthly statistics to ensure we are meeting outcome goals
- Supervised staff of seven including; Advocates, House managers, and Counselors
- Prepared accurate and timely case-file documentation and activity reports
- Attended and facilitated weekly staff meetings
- Provided on-call 24/7 crisis management and risk assessment services

Program Coordinator

September 1999-September 2001

- Supervised counseling services for the residential Domestic Violence (DV) Counseling Program
- Assisted the Director of Adult Counseling Services with program development
- Designed and implemented client service tracking database
- Provided crisis management and risk assessment services
- Attended and facilitated weekly staff meetings and client therapy/support group
- Supervised residential counselors
- Prepared case-file documentation and activity reports which provided end-of-month statistics to ensure compliance with federal and state grants

Shelter/Outreach Counselor

1994-September 1999

- Provided individual and group counseling
- Completed intakes and assessed appropriate services for survivors of domestic violence
- Facilitated evening therapy/support groups
- Provided crisis management, safety planning and risk assessment services

**Psychiatric Emergency Services
Emergency Psychiatric Clinician**

**Austin, Texas
1995-2001**

- Provided emergency triage of individuals in psychiatric distress
- Conducted psychiatric assessments

- Maintained client-interaction and draft reports of client mental status exams (MSE)
- Rendered crisis counseling, emergency emotional support and risk assessment to clients with mental health issues

**Travis County Children’s Shelter
Weekend Shift Supervisor**

**Austin, Texas
February 1994-July 1995**

- Managed weekend Shelter activities
- Assisted with age-appropriate learning activities and attended excursions with children, age’s birth to 17
- Facilitated individual and group therapy sessions
- Provided crisis management and risk assessment
- Supervised weekend staff

**Communities in Schools
Caseworker II**

**Austin, Texas
June 1994-March 1995**

- Conducted assessments for at-risk youth
- Provided referrals to appropriate social services
- Facilitated meetings

**Peace Corps
Technical Advisor, Child Survival Program**

**Dominican Republic
March 1991-July 1993**

- Created and implemented a community health committee
- Directed and supervised project planning, financial management, and program implementation, monitoring, and evaluation
- Generated funding for a waste management project
- Facilitated 4 workshops covering Domestic Violence, Safety Planning, Needs Assessment and Listening Skills
- Member of Women in Development program, created and participated in 5 Regional and 1 National conference enhancing leadership skills for women

EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois 1990
Master of Science, Emphasis: Counseling

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois 1987
Bachelor of Arts, Major: Psychology

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND AFFILIATIONS:

- Regional Expert Witness Training: Building capacity for Expert Witness- Trainer **2019**
○ Waco June 5th – 7th
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Statewide Training, San Antonio Texas May 21 **2019**
Transforming traditional victim testimony preparation via collaborative interdisciplinary approaches-How can we do it?
- Crimes Against Women Conference Presenter: Translating Doubt Into Conviction Through The Strategic Use of Experts: 101 and 201 April 8 – 11, Dallas Texas. **2019**
- North Texas Facing Family Violence Conference October 17th-19th Collin County Texas **2018**
Presenter: The Use of Expert Witness and Translating Doubt into Conviction Case Practice
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 81st Annual Conference July 22nd-25th Denver **2018**
CO. Presenter: Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don’t: Domestic Violence In Custody Cases
- 18th Annual Legal Alliance for Survivors of Abuse Cross-Training June 18th – 20th **2018**
Trainer Expert Witness Track- Providing Ethical Expert Testimony in Civil and Criminal Cases

- Regional Expert Witness Training: Building Capacity for Expert Witness- Trainer **2018**
 - Abilene May 9th – 11th
 - Plano May 29th – 31st
 - Brownsville July 9th – 11th
 - San Antonio August 1st – 3rd
 - Corpus Christi August 15th – 17th
 - Houston August 22nd – 24th
- Kelsey McKay, Statewide strangulation training May 7th Abilene Texas **2018**
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Statewide Training South Padre Island **2018**
April 30th – May 2nd Presenter: Understanding the Role of Expert Witness and Expert Witness: Tough Elements & Case Facts
- Conference on Crimes Against Women April 16th – 19th Dallas Texas **2018**
- Workshop Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury in Women December 18th – 19th **2018**
NIH, Bethesda Maryland. Attendee
- Seminar “Dell Medical School Department of Psychiatry Research Updates” October 10 **2017**
- Guest Lecturer Crisis Intervention – Victims of Intimate Partner Violence September 27 **2017**
Graduate level, Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- Ethical Expert Witness Training: A Collaboration Between Attorney and Expert Witness- Trainer **2017**
September 19-20 Oklahoma City, OK
- Next to the Jury Box Family Violence Summit **2017**
Presenter: Neurobiology of Trauma July 28, Rockwall Texas
- 17th Annual Legal Alliance for Survivors of Abuse Cross-Training Trainer: Providing Ethical Expert **2017**
Testimony in Civil and Criminal Cases June 14 - 16
- Crimes Against Women Conference Presenter: Translating Doubt Into Conviction Through The **2017**
Strategic Use of Experts April 22 – 25.
- Regional Expert Witness Training: Building Capacity for Expert Witness- Trainer **2017**
 - Corpus Christi February 15-17
 - Belton February 27-March 1
 - Austin April 10-12
 - Houston April 19-21
 - Ft. Worth June 25-28
- National Sexual Assault Conference- August 30-September 2 Presenter **2016**
Being an Expert Witness 101 & Advanced
- TCFV Approaching the Bench A Judicial summit on Family Violence EW presentation August 12 **2016**
- OVW Roundtable Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual **2016**
Assault and Domestic Violence August 3 – 4,
- Full Court Press 4.0 Advanced Training: Faculty May 9 – 12 **2016**
Building Capacity for Expert Witness in the Fields of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Stalking
- Crimes Against Women Conference Presenter April 3 – 6 **2016**
Translating Doubt Into Conviction Through The Strategic Use of Experts: Trauma, Dynamics, & Strangulation Parts 1 & 2
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) Presenter annual training March 6 – 10 **2016**
Being An Expert Witness 101 and Advanced
- Somatic Experiencing Professional Trauma Training Program Level 1 January 8-11 **2016**
- Domestic Violence Expert Witnesses in Civil Legal Proceedings Webinar Presenter December 3 **2015**
- Impact Austin- Discovery Day Presenter Domestic Violence November 14 **2015**
- Expert Witness Training in Immigration Cases October 22 -23 Faculty **2015**
- SERVE: Brain Based Approach to Working with Victims of Complex Trauma October 12 **2015**
- Non-fatal Strangulation: What is it? Why should we care? How to prosecute August 27 **2015**
- Full Court Press 3.0: Advanced Expert Witness Training May 11-14 Faculty **2015**
- How the Body Releases Trauma and Restores Goodness: The Art and Science of SE April 17 **2015**
- Emerge Domestic Violence Danger Assessment and Risk Management February 2-3 **2015**
- Advanced Strangulation Training- August 20-22 **2014**

- Participated in Advanced Prosecution Training- Expert Witness 2014
- Program Coordinator/trainer- Establishing Expertise as an Expert Witness FCP 2014
- Crimes Against Women Conference Attendee 2013
- Establishing Expertise as an Ethical Expert Witness- Trainer 2013
- Presenter TDCAA KP and VAC training Working with victims of intimate partner violence 2012
- Presenter at TDCAA Annual- Working with victims of Intimate Partner Violence 2012
- Full Court Press: Improving Responses to DV, SA, and Stalking in Texas Courts- Trainer 2012
- Relationship Violence 360 Conference- Presenter- Stalking and the impact on victims 2011
- Establishing Expertise as an Ethical Expert Witness- Trainer 2010
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- TVSA 10th Anniversary Conference, Presenter- Risk Assessment 2008
- Co-presenter, Working with Survivors with Disabilities TCFV Annual Conference 2007
- Member of Travis County Family Violence Task Force 2005
- Contemporary Threat Management 2005
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Mental Health 2005
- Risk Assessment of the Mentally Ill Individual 2005
- Violence Risk and Threat Assessment 2005
- Classes at the American Sign Language School 2001
- Austin Community Action Network, Substance Abuse and Adult Mental Health Committee 2000
- Responsible for 12 hours of continuing education yearly toward licensure. Focus on issues pertaining to Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Assault, Safety and Risk Assessment.
- 30 years' experience in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Guest speaker at various UT social work classes, speaking on issues related to Intimate Partner Violence, power and control and therapeutic intervention.
- Reviewed and provided input for the book Beyond Labels Working with Abuse Survivors with Mental Illness or Substance Abuse Issues.
- Accepted as an Expert Witness in Military Court, Fort Bliss
- Instructor, Travis County Sheriff's Office In-Service Training, Sexual Assault Investigation, TCLEOSE credit 2013
- Published- The Texas Prosecutor Vol 43, #1 January-February 2013 What a State's Expert Can Tell A Jury About Domestic Violence.
- Lecturer Teaching Excellence Award 2013-2014, School of Social Work, University of Texas

EXPERT WITNESS/CONSULTATION

- Provided 8 bio-psycho-social reports on immigration cases
- Provided expert testimony regarding Domestic Violence in 3 different criminal cases and 2 civil cases.
- The State of Texas V Vondrick Ware Travis County D-1-DC-11-904099 2012
- The State of Texas V Rex Stockton Travis County D-1-DC-12-204926 2013
- The State of Texas V Gerald Zuliani Travis County D-1-DC-12-900269 2013
- Travis County Portley, L., V Portley, K., J. D-1-FM-15-002785 2015
- The State of Texas V Martha Acevedo 20140D05736 El Paso Cty - murder. October 28 2015
- The State of Texas V Brenda Ingram 15-03-20050-CR Robertson Cty – murder. March 28 2016
- The State of Texas V Isaac Cardenas CR2015-504 Comal County – 207th Judicial District Court 2016
- The State of Texas V Katrina Marie Weibel D1DC16300935 – Travis County Agg Assault DW 2016
- The State of Texas V Ernest Williams D1DC16200226 – Travis County 403rd District Court 2016
- The State of Texas V Gustavo Sandoval D1DC17904007 – Travis County 331st District Court 2017
- The State of Texas V Robert Joiner 2017-CR-2669 – Bexar County 144th District Court 2017
- United States V Orlando Velez Ft. Hood, Killeen Texas Court Martial 2017
- United States V Tracey Perrigan Docket No. 16-350 (PGS) New Jersey Report 2017
- Williamson County on behalf of Katrina Weibel 425th Judicial District 16-1394-F425 2017
- Parole hearing TDCJ-CID #01984718 2017

- Travis County 53rd Judicial District Court D-1-FM-17-006080 November **2017**
- Saline County, Illinois First Judicial Circuit Weeks V Weeks 2012-D-2 **2018**
- Jane Doe (Plaintiff in Jane Doe V Socorro Independent School District & Jose Espinoza **2018**
- District Court 428th Judicial District Hays County, Texas Cause No. 18-1668 a minor child **2019**
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