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EDUCATION

Licensed Clinical Social Worker <i>LCSW</i>	Missoula, MT Current
Master of Social Work – University of Montana <i>Social Work</i>	Missoula, MT May 2012
Bachelor of Arts – Friedrich Alexander University <i>English & Sociology</i>	Erlangen, Germany March 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Montana, School of Social Work Missoula, MT <i>Director of Field Education</i> <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	May 2019 – Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Manage and develop the social work field education program and ensure its alignment with CSWE standards and best practices in the field▪ Coordinate and supervise MSW and BSW practicum students and assist them in finding practicum placements and meeting practicum requirements▪ Provide support to students and agencies throughout practicum process▪ Conduct regular site visits, provide ongoing support and ensure CSWE field education objectives are met by field instructors and students▪ Develop, train and supervise adjunct faculty, field liaisons, and outside supervisors▪ Supervise the Student Services Coordinator in regards to field education tasks and activities▪ Develop and coordinate various field education tasks, including practicum admissions process, trainings, and field education events▪ Build and maintain collaborative relationships with practicum agencies in Missoula and across the state▪ Develop class syllabi in accordance with CSWE learning objectives and core competencies	

University of Montana, School of Social Work Missoula, MT <i>Assistant Director of Field Education</i> <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	August 2017 – May 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Oversee, plan, and coordinate BSW practicum student placement▪ Provide support to students and agencies throughout practicum process▪ Conduct regular site visits, provide ongoing support and ensure CSWE field education objectives are met by field instructors and students	

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- Collaborate with Field Education Director on various field education tasks, including practicum admissions process, trainings, and field education events
- Develop class syllabi in accordance with CSWE learning objectives and core competencies
- Teach 4-6 credits/ semester; courses include:
 - SW 310 Social Welfare Policy & Social Services
 - SW 487/488 Advanced Practice I & II
 - SW 491 Legislative Issues & Public Policy at the Montana State Legislature

University of Montana, School of Social Work August 2016 – July 2017
Missoula, MT

Field Education Staff & Adjunct Assistant Professor

- Provide support to students and agencies throughout practicum process
- Conduct regular site visits, provide ongoing support and ensure CSWE field education objectives are met by field instructors and students
- Collaborate with Field Education Director and other faculty members and assist with various Field Education related projects
- Develop class syllabi in accordance with CSWE learning objectives and core competencies
- Teach 4-6 credits/ semester; courses include:
 - SW 310 Social Welfare Policy & Social Services
 - SW 487 Advanced Practice I

University of Montana, School of Social Work August 2014 – May 2015
Missoula, MT

Outside BSW/MSW Supervisor

- Provide administrative, educational, and supportive supervision to undergraduate and graduate social work students in various practicum settings in the community
- Engage in collaborative process to assist students in strengthening their theoretical knowledge, practical skills, and core competencies relevant to the social work field and specific to their practicum setting and population

Three Larches Counseling & Consulting LLC August 2016 – Current
Missoula, MT

Trauma & Gender-Based Violence Consultant

- Develop and facilitate training modules focusing on trauma responses, secondary trauma experiences, and trauma-informed agencies

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- Aid social service agencies in building staff capacity and resilience through the development and implementation of monthly secondary trauma processing groups
- Provide expert witness testimony on the issues of gender-based violence and trauma exposure responses

YWCA Missoula

April 2016 – July 2017

Missoula, MT

Grants Manager & Project Consultant

- Oversee all aspects of grant management, including data collection, federal, state and local grant applications and quarterly/ bi-annual reporting for all YWCA Missoula programs
- Consult on various projects including human trafficking outreach, policy advocacy, and trauma-informed care

YWCA Missoula

Missoula, MT

Pathways Program Manager

July 2013 – November 2015

Pathways Shelter & Children's Program Manager

September 2011 – July 2013

- Oversee all aspects of the Pathways domestic and sexual violence program and ensure integration of evidence based practices and client-centered trauma-informed services
- Oversee and participate in grant and fiscal management including timely grant applications, reporting and budget oversight of a \$300,000 annual program budget
- Develop and revise program policies and procedures, conduct program evaluations, and actively engage in strategic planning efforts
- Effectively manage a team comprised of 50+ staff members, AmeriCorps and community volunteers, and social work practicum students through regular supervision, efficient team meetings, and commitment to direct communication
- Engage in micro and macro level advocacy and outreach efforts involving the issues of intimate partner and family violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking
- Coordinate comprehensive services and collaborate with local, statewide, and national agencies (including UM School of Social Work MT, Department of Justice, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Institute for Education Research and Service, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants etc.)

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- Develop and facilitate trainings and awareness events on domestic and sexual violence, impact of family violence on children, and human trafficking on a local and statewide level
- Provide crisis counseling to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking embracing a strengths-based, solution-focused, and empowerment approach

YWCA Missoula

January 2010 – April 2011

Missoula, MT

Gateway Program Coordinator

- Provide short-term assessment, referral, and intensive case management services to homeless families and individuals
- Provide long-term case management and support services to female survivors of domestic violence in the YWCA Transitional Housing Program
- Personal advocacy for program participants and close collaboration with other agencies, law enforcement, and landlords
- Participate in grant application and reporting

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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December 2015 – March 2016

Hope for Justice

December 2015 – March 2016

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Trauma & Gender-Based Violence Consultant

- Build staff capacity through in-depth training on trauma, trauma-informed care, client-centered service delivery, and gender-based violence dynamics including domestic and sexual violence in the Khmer culture
- Research existing policies and judicial responses to gender-based violence within the Khmer social services and criminal justice systems
- Provide culturally-competent support to clinical staff providing therapy to survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation
- Assist with program development and evaluation needs to ensure services meet current best practices within the international gender-based violence framework

YSEALI (Young South East Asian Leadership Initiative)

Missoula, MT/ Vientiane, Laos

Civil Society Development Fellowship Program

May 2015 – August 2015

- Professional Fellows Program Participant of the U.S. Department of State and hosted by the University of Montana Mansfield Center

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- Collaboration with UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) Program Officer to develop best practice models to build effective interventions and support services for survivors of human trafficking in Laos
- Develop and conduct four-day training for victim advocates, law enforcement, and medical personnel in collaboration with YSEALI fellow

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May 2011 – August 2011

Rajgurunagar, India

Program Development Intern, Women's Empowerment Agency

- Develop and conduct qualitative research methods to evaluate existing programming addressing response to gender-based violence in rural Indian villages
- Collaborate closely with local staff and various stakeholders in order to develop strong understanding of existing program strengths, challenges, and gaps in service-delivery
- Develop program evaluation report addressing existing counseling and mediation efforts for domestic violence interventions in rural Indian villages

SERVICE, PRESENTATIONS & OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT & SERVICE:

<i>National Social Work Voter Mobilization Campaign (Voting is Social Work)</i> , Field Education Working Group Member	2020 - Current
<i>ACOSA – Association for Community Organization & Social Administration</i> , Board Member	2019 - Current
<i>Franke Global Leadership Initiative</i> , Board Member	2018 - Current
<i>School of Social Work MSW Committee</i> , Committee Member	2019 - Current
<i>University of Montana Coordinated Campus Response</i> , Council on Student Assault Board Member	2017 - Current
<i>Blue Mountain Family Clinic</i> , Board Member	2017 - Current
<i>School of Social Work BSW Committee</i> , Committee Member	2017 - 2019
<i>School of Social Work Assessment Committee</i> , Committee Member	2017 - 2019
<i>DOJ Montana Human Trafficking Task Force</i> , Representing the Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force on a state level by collaborating with other task force leaders across the state and strengthening statewide efforts to address human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation	2017 - Current
<i>New Leaders Council</i> , Fellow in five-month institute with focus on leadership, professional development, and career and political advancement for young professionals.	Spring 2017

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Missoula Sexual Assault and Accountability Audit , Member of a multi-disciplinary team engaging in holistic analysis of local agencies' processes, practices, coordination, and interaction related to sexual assault in our community	2014 - 2015
Village Therapy , Clinical Intern assisting with facilitation and documentation of treatment groups for adolescents with sexual behavior problems ages 12-18	2014 - 2015
YWCA Advocacy Committee , Member promoting public policy advocacy and developing responses to local, state, and federal social justice and public policy issues related to the YWCA mission; leading Human Trafficking focus area for 2015/2017 Legislative Session lobbying for stronger human trafficking laws via testimony and outreach with policy-makers	2014 - Current
Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force , Founding Member and Chair of task force overseeing and coordinating steering committee and various subcommittees with focus on prevention, protection, prosecution and partnership efforts in order to effectively address the issue of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in Missoula and Montana; notable accomplishments include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Recruitment of over 100 new task force members</i> ▪ <i>Development of outreach & awareness materials including fliers, business cards, bus posters and big screen advertisement</i> ▪ <i>Collaboration with local tourism board & hospitality industry to develop human trafficking trainings for hotel staff</i> ▪ <i>Planning and coordination of April 2018 "Red Sands Project" and January 2019 "Ending Commercial Sexual Exploitation" Conference with over 200 attendees (professionals and community members)</i> ▪ <i>Collaboration with MT DOJ to develop and administer statewide survey assessing understanding of and existing gaps in response to human trafficking</i> ▪ <i>Strengthening collaboration and coordination across the state by participating in regular DOJ task force calls and meetings</i> 	2012 - Current
YWCA Racial Justice Task Force , Committee Member	2012 - 2015
Missoula Family Violence Council , Secretary	2012 - 2015

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Salish Kootenai College, "Human Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Montana" , 5- hour training for state and tribal law enforcement officers in on identifying and responding to victims of CSE; presented in collaboration with FBI Detective to highlight the importance of interprofessional and multidisciplinary work in addressing this issue effectively	February 2019 April 2015
University of Montana, Diverse U "Sexual Exploitation in Montana – Addressing the Issue and Supporting Survivors" , Presentation for students and community members	2016 & 2018

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<i>Hamilton Resilience Fair - Trauma care for professionals and caregivers</i> , Training for social workers and mental health professionals on secondary trauma and prevention, mitigation and recovery from trauma exposure	April 2017
<i>ChildWise Institute “Resilience” Summit</i> , Training for social workers and mental health professionals on secondary trauma and prevention, mitigation and recovery from trauma exposure	Sep. 2016
<i>Montana Anti-Trafficking Project “Stop Human Trafficking in Montana”</i> , Training for local law enforcement, community advocates, social service professionals, and community members on trauma-informed advocacy	May 2016
<i>UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) “Developing best practice models for crisis counseling and support services for Human Trafficking Services in Laos”</i> , Four-day workshop for victim advocates, law enforcement, and medical personnel in collaboration with YSEALI fellow in Vientiane, LPDR	August 2015
<i>University of Montana Institute for Educational Research and Service (IERS) “Montana Victim Advocate Academy”</i> , Training for community and crime victim advocates on domestic violence dynamics, trauma-informed care, and the role of advocates in non-profit organizations	2014 - Current
<i>University of Montana Mansfield Center “Fight for Hope and Freedom - Human Trafficking in Montana”</i> , Training for local law enforcement, community advocates, undergraduate and graduate students, and community members	June 2014
<i>Montana Bar Association “Domestic Violence & Mediation”</i> , Training for attorneys, mediators, and community advocates	Feb/ July 2014
<i>“Human Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Montana”</i> , Development of training and facilitation on a local and statewide level for social work students, community advocates, law enforcement, medical personnel, and community members	2013 - Current
<i>YWCA Advocate Training</i> , Development and facilitation of biannual 45-hours training for students, AmeriCorps volunteers, and community members	2012 - 2015
<i>“Domestic Violence 101”</i> , Development of training and facilitation on a local and statewide level for social work students, local mental health care providers, faith leaders and clergy, law enforcement, medical personnel, lawyers, CASA volunteers, and community members	2011 - Current

AWARDS:

Certificate of Recognition, UM Student Wellness Advocate	2019
Recipient of the Counselor, Advocate and Support Staff Scholarship through the Women’s Independent Scholarship Program (WISP)	2012

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Recipient of the **Pat Williams Scholarship for Internships and Research in the Areas of Public Policy and Leadership**

2011

Recipient of the **IE3 Global Internship Scholarship Award**

2011