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Education

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Hartford, CT

Doctorate of Philosophy in *Social Work*

May 2024

- *Giolas-Harriott/Crandall-Cordero Fellow*

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Master of Arts in *Human Development and Family Studies*

May 2017

- Specialization in *Marriage and Family Therapy*
- *Giolas-Harriott/Crandall-Cordero Fellow*

New York University, New York, NY

May 2014

Bachelor of Science in *Applied Psychology*

- Concentration in Social and Cultural Analysis
- NYU Madrid Spring 2011 Semester Abroad

Research Experience

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Hartford, CT

Research Assistant

January 2019 – Present

- Conduct literature reviews and write conceptual papers
- Survey and interview research participants
- Enter, clean and analyze survey data
- Transcribe, interpret and code qualitative interviews
- Apply for research grants
- Supervise undergraduate research assistants
- Administer cognitive interview wit
- Prepare, edit and submit Institutional Review Board paperwork and study materials

St. John's University Psychological Center, Child HELP Partnership, Queens, NY

Research Assistant

September 2014 – August 2015

- Conducted trauma informed and culturally competent evaluations and child risk assessments
- Facilitated presentations and workshops on trauma to community members
- Assisted with excel-based data entry and created a monthly newsletter focused on parent engagement

New York University, Opportunities for Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education Project, New York, NY

Junior Research Assistant

June 2013 – December 2014

- Verified data on *Teleform* and ran SPSS data cleaning to ensure accurate survey information

New York University, Parent Mobilization Project, New York, NY

Research Assistant

June 2013 – May 2014

- Contacted, recruited and developed relationships with education activist organizations
- Presented information regarding the project to team and community members
- Created dissemination materials
- Administered surveys and interviews to over 40 participants
- Inputted, updated and interpreted survey data

New York University, Child and Family Policy Center, New York, NY

Research Assistant

September 2011 – December 2012

- Managed and updated participant files and assessment appointments
- Maintained a safe and engaging environment for children during workshops
- Collaborated with research team members to ensure effective outreach and increase participant engagement

Project PEARLS, New York, NY

Research Assistant

August 2010 – August 2011

- Explained survey procedures to participants in parenting studies
- Transcribed audio and behavioral video data

Teaching Experience

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Hartford, CT

Co-Instructor with Dr. Lisa Werkmeister Rozas,

January 2019 – May 2019

SOWK 3250: Diversity and Social Justice through Intergroup Dialogue

- Created and developed curriculum materials, lecture slides and assignments
- Facilitated discussion and in class activities
- Prepared material for weekly lectures and discussions
- Graded student papers, presentations and projects

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Teaching assistant for Dr. Edna Brown, HDFS-2001: Diversity Issues in HDFS

August 2015 – May 2018

- Facilitated discussion section for two sections of 25 students
- Prepared material for weekly lectures and discussions
- Grade student papers and projects for a class of 50 students

Guest Lectures

- UConn HBEL 5370: Queering Family **March 2019**
- UConn HDFS 4007W: Unpacking Professionalism **September 2019**
- UConn SOCI 1001W: Intersections of Race, Class, Family and Schools **March 2018**
- UConn HDFS 2001: Diversity Issues on Human Sexuality **October 2017; March 2018**
- UConn HDFS 3340: Individual and Family Interventions on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy **November 2016**

Conference Presentations

Cifuentes, A., & Courts, C.L.D. (2019, Oct). *Critical Feminist Perspective of Social Work Profession's Response to American Sex Work*. Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.

Courts, C.L.D., & Muriuki, W. (2016, May). *Black Culture in the Therapy Room*. Poster session presented at the annual Connecticut Chapter of the Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Trumbull, CT.

Clinical Experience

National Conference for Community and Justice ANYTOWN, Colebrook, CT

Mental Health Counselor

Oct 2017; June 2018; Oct 2018; Oct 2019

- Helped 76 youth process experiences related to social justice workshops and their own marginalized or privileged identities
- Attended workshops and checked in with youth who are disengaged, emotional or request additional support
- Provided mental health support to staff and youth as necessary
- Communicated with directors and staff regularly about youth's wellbeing and any concerns
- Met individually with youth who were identified as needing additional mental health support
- Filed mandated reports when necessary

Behavioral Wellness Clinic, Tolland, CT

March 2018 – December 2018

Clinician

- Administered psychotherapy assessments to clients
- Provided outpatient treatment for individuals, families and couples with depression, anxiety, racial trauma, relationship problems, OCD and PTSD
- Delivered intensive outpatient treatment for clients with OCD
- Assigned diagnoses, identified and assessed client and family needs, and ensured that the necessary services and referrals are provided
- Coordinated with schools, parents, psychiatrists, social service agencies, lawyers, and worker's compensation insurance companies to ensure client holistic wellbeing
- Wrote clinical reports and letters for clients

UConn Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Humphrey Clinic, Storrs, CT

November 2015 – August 2018

Marriage and Family Therapy Intern

- Provided direct service to up to 15 individuals, couples, high conflict couples, families and groups to improve symptoms and interpersonal relationships
- Maintained progress notes and treatment plans for all clients to ensure proper documentation of session
- Communicated with CT Courts, lawyers, psychiatrists and school officials to provide appropriate client care and necessary updates on client progress
- Presented workshops on mental health wellness to students

National Conference for Community and Justice ANYTOWN, Colebrook, CT

Camp Mental Health Counselor

Oct 2017; June 2018; Oct 2018; Oct 2019

- Helped 76 youth process experiences related to social justice workshops and their own marginalized or privileged identities
- Attended workshops and checked in with youth who are disengaged, emotional or request additional support
- Provided mental health support to staff and youth as necessary
- Communicated with directors and staff regularly about youth's wellbeing and any concerns
- Met individually with youth who were identified as needing additional support during staff meetings
- Filed mandated reports when necessary
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United Community and Family Services, Norwich, CT

Intern Clinician

May 2016 – May 2017

- Counseled up to 26 individual clients, couples and families on concerns, including a diverse array of psychological symptoms, parenting and interpersonal problems
- Developed and maintain clinical records such as treatment plans, progress notes and termination summaries
- Co-facilitated and planned activities for a weekly LGBTQ youth therapy group and weekly elderly adult women's art therapy group
- Referred clients to appropriate resources in order to address needs
- Collaborated with psychiatrists to ensure proper diagnosis and discuss treatment related to medication

NYC Anti-Violence Project, New York, NY

Crisis Counselor

October 2014 – October 2015

- Received NY State Department of Health certification as a Rape Crisis Counselor
- offered emotional support to survivors of violence, crisis intervention and suicide prevention
- Provided information and referrals to AVP and other community resources

The Door, New York, NY

Intake Counselor

December 2013 – May 2014

- Administered psychosocial needs assessments with new clients
- Scheduled appointments and referred client to appropriate programs, departments, and services
- Assisted Homeless Youth with additional meals and clothing and hygiene needs

Community Workshops

Baldwin's 2nd Generation: A Black & POC Queer Summit , Hartford, CT Loving Up on Each Other: A discussion about love, intimacy and healthy relationships	April 2019
Hochschule Düsseldorf: Empowerment Studies Program , Hartford, CT Identity, Macroaggressions and Responding to Bias	March 2019
Grow Windham: Youth Chapter , Willimantic, CT Stereotyping is everywhere: So what do we do about it?	March 2018
True Colors Annual Conference , Storrs, CT A Healing Circle for LGBTQIA People of Color	March 2018
Collective Uplift and UCONN Residential Life Event , Storrs, CT Mental Health in the Black Community: A Workshop for Black Student Athletes	November 2017
Honors Program Mental Health Wellness Series , Storrs, CT Communication 101 Workshop	September 2017
I Believe that We WILL WIN: A Political Campaign School , New Haven, CT Taking Care of You: Self Care 201	October 2017
True Colors Annual Conference , Storrs, CT Bae(s) 101: Healthy Relationships, Polyamory and more (Youth only workshop)	April 2017

Grants, Honors and Awards

Giolas-Harriott/ <i>Crandall-Cordero</i> Fellowship	Fall 2015 –Present
Konover Pre-Dissertation Travel Scholarship	Summer 2019
UConn Doctoral Research Facilitation Fund Award	Summer 2019
UConn Institute on Teaching and Learning Travel Grant,	Fall 2015
The NYU Steinhardt Ida Bodman Service Award	Spring 2014
The NYU Bernard Katz Award	Spring 2014
NYU LGBTQ Center Dedication to Education Award	Spring 2014
Travel Grant - Diversifying Clinical Psychology Weekend	Spring 2014
The University of North Carolina	
W.E.B DuBois/ Nelson Mandela Commitment to Dialogue and Education Nia Award	Spring 2013
The 2013 Felix M. Warburg Memorial Award; NYU	Spring 2013
NYU Wasserman Center Internship Award	Summer 2013
Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology	Inducted in 2012

Volunteer Experience

UConn Graduate Students of Color Association <i>Community Outreach Co-Chair</i>	Spring 2020 – Present
UConn Just Community, Hartford, CT <i>Committee Member</i>	Spring 2020 – Present
PFLAG Hartford Chapter, Hartford, CT <i>Scholarship Committee Member</i> <i>Youth Group Facilitator</i>	Spring 2019- Present Spring 2018 – Spring 2019
Philosophy of Education and Community Engagement <i>Committee Member</i>	Spring 2018 – Present
African-American/Caribbean Education Association, Inc, Queens, NY	

<i>Scholarship Committee Member</i>	Fall 2015 – Spring 2015
Q.T.P.O.C Mental Health Initiative , New York, NY	
<i>Co-Founder & Peer Support Group Facilitator</i>	Summer 2014 – Spring 2015
NYU L.G.B.T.Q. Center Quench , New York, NY	
<i>Talk Leader: “Being LGBTQ while Studying Abroad”</i>	Fall 2013
NYU L.G.B.T.Q. Center , New York, NY	
<i>OUTspoken Peer Educator</i>	Fall 2012 – Fall 2014
NYU Ally Week , New York, NY	
<i>Panel Facilitator</i>	Fall 2013
NYU Madrid , Madrid, Spain	
<i>Global Peer Ambassador</i>	Spring 2011

Additional Professional Experience:

Child Care for UConn Faculty , Mansfield, CT	Summer 2018; Summer 2019
<i>Babysitter</i>	
New Country Day Camp , Staten Island, NY	
<i>Art Unit Head</i>	Summer 2013; Summer 2014
NYU Housing and Residential Life , New York, NY	
<i>Resident Assistant</i>	Fall 2012 – Spring 2014
NYU Applied Psychology Department , New York, NY	
<i>Head Orientation Leader</i>	Summer 2013 – Spring 2014
America READS/COUNTS , New York, NY	
<i>Elementary School Tutor</i>	Fall 2010 – Summer 2013
NYU Applied Psychology Department , New York, NY	
<i>Orientation Leader</i>	Summer 2011 – Summer 2012
NYU Madrid , Madrid, Spain	
<i>Youth English Tutor</i>	Spring 2012

Professional Affiliations:

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, *Member*
 American Civil Liberties Union, *Member*
 Council on Social Work Education, *Member*
 Society for Social Work and Research, *Member*
 Society for the Study of Social Problems, *Member*
 National Association of Social Workers, *Member*
 National Association of Black Social Workers, *Member*
 Queer Caucus: LGBTQ Faculty & Students in Social Work, *Member*