

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- May 2009 Doctor of Philosophy, Tulane University, School of Social Work. Dissertation: *Growing Social Workers: A Case Study of a Field-Centered Advising System.*
- June 1984 Master of Science in Social Work, University of Tennessee Memphis. Concentration in mental health with concurrent field placements with the Memphis City Schools Mental Health Center and Midtown Mental Health Center.
- June, 1982 Bachelor of Social Work, University of Mississippi. Field placement at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July, 2010 Assistant Clinical Professor, Director of Field Education and Coordinator of Community Service Federal Work Study Program, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana

June, 2001-2010 Assistant Clinical Professor, Assistant Director of Field Education, and Coordinator of Community Service Federal Work Study Program, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana. Responsibilities include, placing and advising Masters level students in field practicum, providing field and advising related resources for the faculty, field instructors and students, placing students in community service placement and teaching in the Professional Development, Tools, and Methods sequences.

October, 2005-August, 2007 Contract employee, Associated Catholic Charities, St. Charles Parish. Facilitated behavior management group for court mandated adults.

August, 2003-May, 2004 Contract employee, St. Tammany Parish School Board. Provided mental health services to children at two Slidell, LA elementary schools.

June, 2000-June, 2001 Clinical Instructor, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana, part-time. Faculty Coordinator for Masters level students in field practicum and instructor for Field Seminar. Courses taught: Social Work 751, Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Adult Development, Social Work 790, Field Seminar.

May, 1999-August, 2000 Social worker with the Hemophilia Care Center, Tulane University Medical School. Part-time position which included providing social services to Hemophilia patients and their families in Louisiana, and involvement in several ongoing research projects.

August, 1999-December, 2000 Adjunct Faculty, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana. Faculty Coordinator for Masters level students in field practicum and instructor for Field Seminar. Taught summer elective on assessment.

September, 1999 Adjunct Faculty, University College, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Taught two undergraduate classes, Introduction to Social Work and Generalist Practice.

1999 BCSW review course faculty, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana.

January, 1998-May, 1999 Graduate Assistant, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana. Participated in research concerning social service agencies response during disasters and assigned to the Field Team.

July, 1997 Adjunct Faculty, School of Social Work, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Provided supervision for Masters level student practicum's. Taught course on Treatment of Children and Adolescents in the Masters Program.

May, 1995-January, 1998 Program Director, Child and Adolescent Services, Pine Grove Recovery Center, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Directed all aspects of clinical services on a 24 bed Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Unit, 30 student Day Treatment Program, and Outpatient Program. Provided supervision to Outreach clinicians. Responsibilities included: budget development and accountability, hiring and termination of staff, clinical supervision of all non-nursing personnel, staff development and training,

supervision for licensure for clinical staff, program development, coordination of professional educational conferences.

June, 1984-May, 1995 Social Worker, Charter Hospital of Jackson, Jackson, Mississippi. Psychiatric social worker on the Adult Unit two years, Adolescent Unit seven years and Child Unit one year. Experience in conducting individual, family and marital therapy and co-therapist in group therapy sessions obtained social histories and completed discharge planning. Taught therapeutic classes that included: Rational Emotive Therapy, Assertiveness Training, Relaxation and Stress Management, Communication Skills, Drug Education, co-directed Effective Parenting groups, and co-directed Sexual Trauma Program. Provided supervision for LMSW's working toward certification and supervision for graduate and undergraduate students and psychiatric residents on the Child and Adolescent Units.

#### ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT

SW 791: Field Seminar

SW 752: Human Behavior and the Social Environment

SW 711: Professional Foundations

SW 712: Professional Foundations II

SW 732: Methods II: Clinical-Community Practice Methods

SW 742: Tools II: Tools for Learning and Practice II: Learning and Research  
In the Field Setting

SW 721: Theory I: Theories of Human Behavior and the Social Environment I

SW 7580: Integrative Field Seminar: 3 consecutive semesters

#### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

ACSW, 1986

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Mississippi, 1987-1999

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Louisiana, February 1999-present

Board Approved Clinical Supervisor, Louisiana, 2002-present

#### CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Social Workers

Council on Social Work Education

Appointed to CSWE Field Council: 2011

## JURIED/REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Lewis, J.S. & Gillis, H.J. (2008). Reflections from the field: On the road to recovery. *Traumatology*, 14(4), 55-62.

Gillis, H., & Lewis, J. S. (2004). Addressing the issue of psychiatric disability in social work interns: The need for a problem-solving framework. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 40(3), 391-402.

## JURIED/REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

*Gatekeeping in Field Education: Resolving the Issue of Psychiatric Disability*. Heather Gillis, Judith Lewis, and Reginald Parquet. Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, February 25, 2002.

*Field Education: The Case for Collaborative Resolution When Students Have Psychiatric Disability*. Heather Gillis, Judith Lewis, Reginald Parquet, and Kelly Ellis. 30th Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, October 10, 2001.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Trauma-Informed Supervision for Beginning Social Workers. Heather Gillis. Continuing Education, Tulane School of Social Work, June 25, 2011.

Social Work Ethics in the Digital Age. Heather Gillis and Parker Sternbergh. Continuing Education, Tulane School of Social Work, June 18, 2010.

Field Education: A Model for Collaborative Resolution When Students Have Psychiatric Disability. Heather Gillis and Judith Lewis.

Field Instructors Meeting, Mississippi State University, Meridian, MS., May 17, 2002.