

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 2020-present Assistant Clinical Professor, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana.

July 2010-present 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 included, 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

SOWK 7910: Field Seminar
SOWK 7520: Human Behavior and the Social Environment
SOWK 7110: Professional Foundations
SOWK 7120: Professional Foundations II
SOWK 7320: Methods II: Clinical-Community Practice Methods
SOWK 7420: Tools II: Tools for Learning and Practice II: Learning and Research in the Field Setting
SOWK 7210: Theory I: Theories of Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
SOWK 7520: Field Practicum and Seminar I
SOWK 7530: Field Practicum and Seminar II
SOWK 7540: Field Practicum and Seminar III
SOWK 7440: Capstone Seminar

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

ACSW, 1986
Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Louisiana, February 1999-present, # 4372
Board Approved Clinical Supervisor, Louisiana, 2002-present

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

“You Never Know Where You’ll Find a Social Worker.” MS NASW Annual Conference, March 28, 2014.

Adolescent Development: Risk & Protective Factors for Juvenile Justice. Heather Gillis. Louisiana FINS Association, 2013 Annual Conference, May 9, 2013.

Increasing Your Longevity in the Social Work Profession. Heather Gillis. Continuing Education, Ochsner Hospital Care Management, May 2013 & People’s Health, May 2012

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.