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Graduate College of Social Work

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

May 2027 (expected)

Graduate College of Social Work

University of Houston, Houston, TX

Dissertation Title: *Secondary Traumatic Stress and Anti-Trafficking Professionals: A Convergent Mixed Methods Research Design*

Master of Social Work

May 2016

Concentration: Children and Families

Garland School of Social Work

Baylor University, Waco, TX

Bachelor of Social Work, magna cum laude

May 2014

Minor: Leadership Studies

School of Social Work

Baylor University, Waco, TX

NOTABLE RECOGNITIONS

Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

May 2026

Graduate College of Social Work

University of Houston

Doctoral Fellow

October 2024 – Present

Minority Fellowship Program

Council on Social Work Education

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Trauma and Mental Health; Labor Exploitation and Trafficking; Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking; Trauma-Informed Policy and Practice; Traumatic Stress Risk and Resilience

TEACHING INTERESTS

Clinical Social Work Practice; Social Determinants of Mental Health; Human Trafficking; Social Welfare Policy; Quantitative Methods and Applied Statistics; Mixed Methods Research

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

September 2025 – May 2026

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, TX

St. Mary's Clinic Program Evaluation [PI: Patrick Leung, PhD]

- Conducted a quantitative program evaluation of community-based mental health services using longitudinal outcome data to assess changes in depression, anxiety, and somatic symptomology.
- Managed all aspects of data preparation, including data organization, cleaning, coding, quality assurance, and database management to ensure analytic accuracy and integrity.
- Interpreted findings from repeated-measures ANOVAs and MANOVAs to assess changes in participant outcomes over time and to evaluate program effectiveness.
- Synthesized evaluation findings into professional dissemination products, including a comprehensive written report and stakeholder-focused presentation highlighting program outcomes, implications, and recommendations.

Graduate Research Assistant

September 2024 – May 2025

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, TX

Sexual Health and Reproductive Concerns among Colorectal Cancer Survivors and Their Partners (SHARE) Study [PI: Chiara Acquati, PhD]

- Supported the preparation of Research Performance Progress Reports and other grant-related documentation to ensure compliance with funding agency requirements.
- Coordinated participant recruitment by identifying eligible individuals and distributing individualized survey invitations in accordance with approved research protocols.
- Conducted telephone screenings to assess participant eligibility, explain study procedures, and facilitate informed consent processes.
- Assisted in the preparation and submission of Institutional Review Board modifications and regulatory documents to maintain ethical compliance throughout the study.

Data Analyst

March 2024 – June 2025

Guidry and Associates, Humble, TX

The Evaluation of FRAMEWORKS in Rural South Carolina [Evaluator: Jeffrey Guidry, PhD]

- Developed and maintained a comprehensive quantitative codebook to ensure data integrity, consistency, and adherence to evaluation protocols.
- Trained and supervised research staff in data entry procedures, quality assurance processes, and database management practices.
- Conducted descriptive and inferential statistical analyses using SPSS 30, including repeated-measures ANOVAs to evaluate changes in participants' relationship negotiation, communication, conflict resolution, and safety planning skills across program entry, exit, and six-month follow-up assessments.
- Collaborated in the interpretation of findings and preparation of a comprehensive evaluation report, translating statistical results into actionable recommendations for stakeholders.

The Evaluation of Southwest High Impact Prevention Program [Evaluator: Jeffrey Guidry, PhD]

- Managed and analyzed pre- and post-test survey data using SPSS 29 to assess changes in students' knowledge of sexual health, substance use prevention, healthy relationships, and mental health.
- Conducted descriptive statistical analyses and data quality checks to ensure accuracy and completeness of evaluation data.
- Assisted in interpreting program outcomes and synthesizing findings for dissemination to community and educational stakeholders.
- Contributed to the development and writing of the final program evaluation report.

Graduate Research Assistant

September 2023 – May 2024

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, TX

Feasibility, Acceptability, and Preliminary Efficacy of an adapted model of DBT Skills Training for Addressing Psychosocial Issues among Cancer Survivors [PI: Chiara Acquati, PhD]

- Performed data cleaning, coding, and management activities to prepare datasets for quantitative analysis and reporting.
- Generated cohort-specific summary reports to monitor training outcomes, participant engagement, and program performance indicators.
- Coordinated participant recruitment efforts through targeted outreach and individualized survey distribution.
- Maintained accurate research records and databases to support data quality, project tracking, and regulatory compliance.

Graduate Research Assistant

September 2022 – May 2023

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, TX

Community Needs Assessment Among Afghan Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Mexico City [PI: Sharon Borja, PhD]

- Designed a semi-structured interview guide informed by the study objectives and relevant migration and social work literature.
- Conducted and transcribed qualitative interviews exploring participants' pre-, peri-, and post-migration experiences.
- Applied thematic analysis techniques to identify key patterns related to participants' physical, social, education, legal, and healthcare needs.
- Synthesized qualitative findings into written summaries and research products to inform future scholarship and practice recommendations.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty

Summer 2026

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Skills for Social Justice and Social Impact

- Designed and facilitated graduate-level instruction examining power, privilege, oppression, and social justice across interpersonal, organizational, and societal contexts.
- Guided students in applying micro, mezzo, and macro practice frameworks alongside the NASW Code of Ethics to analyze and respond to complex ethical and social issues.
- Fostered critical self-reflection through experiential learning activities focused on social location, professional identity, implicit bias, and ethical decision-making.
- Facilitated evidence-informed dialogue and structured discussions that strengthened students' ability to engage respectfully across diverse perspectives and lived experiences.

Adjunct Faculty

Fall 2024 & 2025

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Social Work Policy in the Social Environment

- Designed and delivered graduate-level instruction examining how social, political, and economic systems shape the social environment and influence social work practice.
- Facilitated critical analysis of social policies through social justice frameworks, emphasizing the role of policy in shaping access to resources and services.
- Integrated policy analysis assignments and case-based discussions to help students evaluate how laws and public programs affect communities.
- Guided students in applying theoretical perspectives on empowerment and social change to understand policy development and implementation.
- Encouraged students to examine the role of social workers as policy advocates capable of influencing policy formulation, implementation, and systemic change.

Adjunct Faculty

Spring 2025

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Individuals: Advanced Clinical Practice

- Designed and delivered graduate-level instruction in clinical social work practice with individuals, integrating social justice frameworks into clinical assessment, intervention, and evaluation.
- Implemented case-based and experiential learning activities to strengthen students' competencies in engagement, assessment, and intervention with diverse clients.
- Guided students in critically examining the historical foundations and evolving paradigms of clinical social work practice, with attention to unequal opportunity structures and social justice.
- Facilitated reflective practice exercises emphasizing the "use of self", cultural humility, and multi-dimensional awareness in clinical decision-making.
- Supported students in applying multiple theoretical orientations and contemporary social science research to develop culturally responsive and contextually grounded treatment approaches.

Adjunct Faculty

Summer 2024

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Trauma and Social Work Practice

- Designed and delivered graduate-level instruction on trauma theory and trauma-informed social work practice, integrating neurobiological, psychological, and sociocultural perspectives on trauma across the lifespan.
- Incorporated case-based and experiential learning approaches to develop students' competencies in trauma-informed assessment, intervention, and evaluation for individuals experiencing diverse forms of trauma.
- Facilitated critical examination of interpersonal, structural, and situational forms of trauma, including sexual violence, domestic violence, disasters, and political violence.
- Guided students in applying research-informed and culturally grounded clinical approaches that promote resilience, posttraumatic growth, and strengths-based recovery.
- Integrated reflective discussions and applied exercises addressing vicarious trauma, practitioner well-being, and ethical trauma-informed practice.

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2024, 2025, & 2026

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Statistics and Data Analysis II [Instructor: Isabel Torres, DrPH]

- Facilitated applied statistics laboratory sessions for doctoral social work students, providing instruction in multivariate data analysis techniques including multiple regression, logistic regression, and MANOVA/MANCOVA.
- Guided students in selecting and implementing appropriate statistical approaches based on research questions, study design, variable characteristics, and analytic assumptions.
- Supported students in developing competency in translating complex statistical results into meaningful implications for social work research, practice, and policy.

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2024 & 2025

Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Statistics and Data Analysis I [Instructor: Patrick Leung, PhD]

- Facilitated doctoral-level applied laboratories introducing students to descriptive and inferential statistics, including bivariate correlation and independent and dependent *t*-tests.
- Guided students in using SPSS to analyze, visualize, and interpret social science data, including the development of tables, charts, and graphical presentations.
- Designed learning activities that help students connect research design, research questions, and appropriate statistical methods in social work research.
- Supported students in comparing parametric and nonparametric analytic approaches and selecting appropriate techniques for analyzing behavioral science data.

Adjunct Faculty

Fall 2021

Garland School of Social Work
Baylor University, Waco, TX

Generalist Practice

- Designed and delivered undergraduate instruction in generalist social work practice, emphasizing evidence-informed engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation with individuals and families.

- Facilitated experiential learning activities, role-plays, and case-based discussions to strengthen students' helping skills, professionals use of self, and critical thinking abilities.
- Evaluated student performance through written assignments, case analyses, simulations, and skills demonstrations aligned with Council on Social Work Education competencies.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2. Acquati, C., Chen, T. A., **Sanchez, C.**, Leal, I. M., Rogova, A., Connors, S. K., Banegas, M. P., Smith, G., Reitzel, L. R., & McNeill, L. H. (2026). Financial toxicity among breast cancer survivors receiving care during the pandemic. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 34(7), Article 739 (Journal Impact Factor: 3.4). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-026-10819-3>
1. Acquati, C., Cotter-Mena, K., **Sanchez, C.**, LaMarca-Lyon, A., Zhang, A., Roth, M. (2024). Informing psychosocial care for young couples coping with early-onset breast cancer: A cross-sectional examination of unmet service needs and their association with psychological distress in the first year post-diagnosis. *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology* (Journal Impact Factor: 1.2). <https://doi.org/10.1089/jayao.2024.0002>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

2. Acquati, C., **Sanchez, C.**, Thom, B., Conti, R.M., Chang, S., Banegas, M.P., Smith, G., & Yabroff, K.R. (OP-26-00145). Financial toxicity among cancer caregivers: A national comparative analysis informing survivorship care and policy. *Journal of Cancer Survivorship*. Submitted 4/16/2026.
1. Asante, R., **Sanchez, C.**, Brown, M., Brewer, K. B., Washburn, M., Boateng, D. A., Fogel, S. J., Robbins, S. P., & Gearing, R. E. Examining the effects of research involvement on research assistants: Their changing perceptions after conducting a mental health study. *Society for Social Work and Research*. Submitted 9/19/2025.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION (analyses complete)

2. **Sanchez, C.**, Giraldo-Santiago, N., Brewer, K.B., Washburn, M., Yu, M., Torres-Hostos, L., & Gearing, R.E. Self-stigma toward depression treatment among Latino adults in the United States. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*.
1. Dominguez, E., & **Sanchez, C.** Who counts as a victim? A critical and interpretive policy analysis of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 and its reauthorizations. *Journal of Human Trafficking*.

PEER-REVIEWED ORAL PRESENTATIONS *presenting author

2. Dominguez, E., & **Sanchez, C.*** (2026). Who counts as a victim? A critical and interpretive policy analysis of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 and its reauthorizations.

Oral presentation. 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

1. **Sanchez, C.,*** & Ali, S. (2024). A trauma-informed analysis of the T nonimmigrant status (T visa) program. Oral presentation. 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

PEER-REVIEWED POSTER PRESENTATIONS **presenting author*

3. Oswalt Reitz, R., Cohn Stuntz, E., Hodges, D., Norslien, K., Rieger, H., Shin, E., Scott, K., Thornton, B., Weissberg, S., **Sanchez, C.**, Comtois, K. A., & Acquati, C. (2026). Evaluating the feasibility, acceptability, and relevance of DBT skills training in survivorship. Poster presentation. 23rd Annual Conference of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society, New Orleans, LA.
2. Cohn Stuntz, E., Oswalt Reitz, R., Hodges, D., Norslien, K., Rieger, H., Shin, E., Scott, K., Thornton, B., Weissberg, S., **Sanchez, C.**, Comtois, K. A., & Acquati, C. (2026). Enhancing coping and psychological flexibility in cancer survivorship: Findings from a pilot DBT skills intervention. Poster presentation. 23rd Annual Conference of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society, New Orleans, LA.
1. **Sanchez, C.,*** Brown, M., Asante, R., Brewer, K. B., Washburn, M., Boateng, D. A., Fogel, S. J., Robbins, S. P., & Gearing, R. E. (2026). No longer exclusive to madness: The impact of involvement in mental health research on graduate research assistants. Poster presentation. 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

GUEST LECTURES

4. **Sanchez, C.** (April 2026). Unit 5: Human Trafficking and Stalking. Invited guest lecture, Family Stress, Abuse, and Resilience, HDFS Course, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.
3. **Sanchez, C.** (April 2026). Human Trafficking and the Politics of Rescue. Invited guest lecture, Global Social Work: Women and Human Rights, MSW Course, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
2. **Sanchez, C.** (November 2025). Unit 7: Elder Abuse and Human Trafficking. Invited guest lecture, Family Stress, Abuse, and Resilience, HDFS course, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.
1. **Sanchez, C.** (November 2023). Gender and intersectionality. Invited guest lecture, Confronting Oppression and Injustice, MSW course, University of Houston, Houston, TX.

INVITED COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

10. **Sanchez, C.** (2023). Utilizing a trauma-informed approach in providing best-interest advocacy. Invited oral presentation at CASA of McLennan County, Advocacy 101 Series, Waco, TX.
9. **Sanchez, C.** (2022). Everything you need to know about your court report. Invited oral presentation at CASA of McLennan County, Lunch & Learn Series, Waco, TX.
8. **Sanchez, C.** (2021). Utilizing a trauma-informed approach when assisting survivors of human trafficking. Invited continuing education presentation at the Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition, Rural Law Enforcement Seminar, Fairfield, TX.
7. **Sanchez, C.** (2021). Utilizing a trauma-informed approach when assisting survivors of human trafficking. Invited continuing education presentation at Cedar Crest Hospital, Waco, TX.
6. Griesmyer, E., Hightower, B., Lowery, B., Rivera, C., & **Sanchez, C.** (2021). Providing information and resources to survivors of sexual assault. Invited panel presentation at Lone Star Legal Aid, The Safe Space Series, Waco, TX.
5. **Sanchez, C.** (2020). Building effective coalition partnerships. Invited oral presentation at Collective Liberty, Advanced Human Trafficking Institute, Dallas/Fort Worth, TX.
4. **Sanchez, C., & Peters, S.** (2020). Building effective coalition partnerships. Invited oral presentation at the Freedom in the 806 Coalition, Waco, TX.
3. **Sanchez, C.** (2019). Best practices for non-governmental organizations assisting in law enforcement operations. Invited oral presentation at the Bell County Sheriff's Office, Waco, TX.
2. **Sanchez, C.** (2017). Victim services: Timelines and effective protocol for assisting victims. Invited oral presentation at Child Advocates of Fort Bend, Human Trafficking Awareness and Advocacy Training, Fort Bend, TX.
1. **Sanchez, C.** (2016). Fostering positive self-concepts in children through art. Invited oral presentation at the Garland School of Social Work, MSW Colloquium, Waco, TX.

INVITED INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

3. **Sanchez, C. & Ali, S.** (2023). A trauma-informed policy analysis of the T nonimmigrant status (T visa) program. Invited panel presentation at the Conferencia Regional de Trabajo Social y Migración de México, los Estados Unidos, Canadá y Centroamérica, Mexico City, Mexico.
2. **Sanchez, C.** (2018). Victim response: Serving victims and survivors of human trafficking. Invited oral presentation at Unbound Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia.

1. Buenger, A., Buenger, J., Miller, A., Holmes, R., & **Sanchez, C.** (2018). Human trafficking 101. Invited oral presentation at Unbound Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia.

MEDIA COVERAGE

5. UH GCSW News Release. (2025, September 9). *GCSW students receive prestigious CSWE Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) award*.
<https://www.uh.edu/socialwork/news/news-releases/2025-cswe-award-recipients/untitled.php>
4. UH GCSW Student Success News Release. (2024, October 3). *GCSW doctoral student and adjunct faculty Chelsea Sanchez, LCSW awarded the CSWE Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) award*.
<https://www.uh.edu/socialwork/news/news-releases/2024-gcsw-student-awarded-cmp-award/>
3. **Sanchez, C.** (2021, November 4). *47,913 Texas children in foster care need our support*. Act Locally Waco.
<https://actlocallywaco.org/2021/11/04/47913-texas-children-in-foster-care-need-our-support/>
2. Unbound Global. (2021, May 18). *Unbound's Human Trafficking 101: Victims & Survivors* [Video]. Youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6YAp3KaoQ0>
1. CNN. (2020, December 6). The secret world of massage parlors (Season 7, Episode 4) [Tv series episode]. In L. Ling, A. Bucher, & D.S. Smith (Executive Producers), *This is life with Lisa Ling*. Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.

LICENSURE

<i>Licensed Clinical Social Worker-Supervisor (LCSW-S)</i> Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners License #62997 (exp. 5/31/2028), NPI #1699468256	April 2025
<i>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</i> Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners	April 2023
<i>Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)</i> Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners	September 2016

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

<i>Program Director</i> CASA of McLennan County, Waco, TX	July 2021 – May 2023
• Directed program operations, ensuring compliance with Texas CASA standards, Guardian Ad Litem responsibilities, and applicable state regulations. • Provided leadership, supervision, and professional development to staff, volunteers, and interns serving children involved in the child welfare system.	

- Facilitated multidisciplinary case conferences involving families, child welfare professionals, attorneys, educators, and community stakeholders to support coordinated service delivery and permanency planning.
- Provided consultation and quality assurance regarding case documentation, court reports, advocacy strategies, and courtroom testimony.

Director of Survivor Advocacy

August 2020 – April 2021

Unbound Waco, Waco, TX

- Directed program operations, including policy development, budget oversight, grant reporting, and implementation of trauma-informed service delivery practices.
- Established and maintained strategic partnerships with healthcare, social service, legal, and community organizations to expand access to comprehensive services for trafficking survivors.
- Led multidisciplinary case coordination efforts to address complex client needs and promote integrated, client-centered care.
- Recruited, trained, supervised, and evaluated staff, volunteers, and interns to ensure high-quality service delivery and program effectiveness.

Lead Case Manager

July 2017 – July 2020

Unbound Waco, Waco, TX

- Conducted trauma-informed screening, assessment, crisis intervention, and intensive services for child, adolescent, and adult survivors of human trafficking.
- Developed and coordinated a regional 24/7 crisis response and referral system connecting survivors to medical, legal, behavioral health, housing, and social services resources.
- Led training and coordination of multidisciplinary advocacy response teams supporting survivors identified during law enforcement operations throughout Central Texas.
- Supervised and trained staff, volunteers, and interns while promoting adherence to trauma-informed, survivor-centered, and evidenced-based practices.

Humanitarian Aid Worker

November 2016 – May 2017

Acts of Mercy, Thessaloniki, Greece

- Supported the physical, educational, and psychosocial well-being of Syrian refugees through direct service provision and community-based programming.
- Coordinated the distribution of food, clothing, and essential resources to displaced individuals and families.
- Developed and facilitated English-language instruction for children and adults to promote social integration, communication skills, and educational engagement.
- Assisted in training and supporting volunteers serving refugee communities.

MSW Student Intern

August 2015 – May 2016

Yellowstone Academy, Houston, TX

- Provided school-based case management, crisis intervention, and supportive services to promote students' academic success and socio-emotional well-being.
- Conducted needs assessments and coordinated referrals to community resources addressing educational, behavioral health, and family support needs.
- Maintained timely documentation and participated in multidisciplinary teams to support student outcomes.

BSW Student Intern

August 2013 – May 2014

STARS Mentoring Project, Waco, TX

- Designed and implemented an after-school enrichment program supporting the academic and social development of children and youth.
- Provided case management, crisis intervention, and supportive services to students and families experiencing educational and psychosocial challenges.
- Connected students and families with community-based resources and services to address identified needs and promote well-being.
- Assisted with volunteer recruitment, training, and program coordination activities.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Mental Health Counselor

June 2024

Disaster Relief Operation

American Red Cross, Houston, Texas

- Provided disaster mental health counseling, crisis intervention, and psychosocial support to individuals and families affected by Hurricane Beryl and the Houston derecho.
- Conducted needs assessments and coordinated referrals for emergency assistance, healthcare, housing, and long-term behavioral health services.

Mental Health Counselor

December 2023

Disaster Relief Operation

American Red Cross, Lahaina, Hawaii

- Provided disaster mental health counseling, crisis intervention, and psychosocial support to individuals and families affected by wildfires.
- Conducted needs assessments and coordinated referrals for emergency assistance, healthcare, housing, and long-term behavioral health services.
- Trained mental health professionals and volunteers on electronic case management systems, including documentation standards, data security, confidentiality, and ethical practice considerations.

Mental Health Counselor

May 2022 – June 2024

American Red Cross, Central and South Texas Region

- Provided mental health counseling, crisis intervention, and psychosocial support to individuals and families affected by disasters (i.e., housefires, hurricanes, floods, and wildfires).
- Conducted needs assessments and coordinated referrals for emergency assistance, healthcare, housing, and long-term behavioral health services.

Steering Committee Member

August 2020 – April 2021

Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition, Waco, Texas

- Collaborated with multidisciplinary stakeholders across victim services, law enforcement, healthcare, faith-based, community, and governmental organizations to strengthen regional anti-trafficking responses.
- Provided leadership in the development and coordination of trauma-informed, survivor-centered services for victims of human trafficking.

Program Evaluation Subcommittee Co-Chair

August 2020 – April 2021

Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition, Waco, Texas

- Organized and facilitated bi-monthly subcommittee meetings to advance strategic initiatives, interagency collaboration, and systems improvement efforts.

- Collected, analyzed, and utilized victim service data to identify service gaps, inform program planning, and improve client outcomes.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Faculty Advisor October 2025 – Present
 Student Veteran Organization
 Graduate College of Social Work
 University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Student President August 2022 – May 2023
 Students for the Advancement of International Social Work
 Graduate College of Social Work
 University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Student Representative August 2013 – May 2014
 Honor Council
 Baylor University, Waco, Texas

ACADEMIC MENTORING AND STUDENT SUPERVISION

MSW Field Instructor January 2018 – May 2023
 Waco, Texas

- Provided professional supervision and mentoring to 10 graduate students during their practicum placements. Students attended various Texas universities, including Baylor University, Texas State University, University of Houston, and University of Texas at Arlington.

Faculty Mentor June 2022 – August 2022
 McNair Scholars Program
 Baylor University, Waco, Texas

- Mentored undergraduate scholars in the development of research skills, graduate school preparation, and professional identity formation within higher education.
- Provided guidance on research design, scholarly writing, conference presentations, and dissemination of research findings.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Graduate Teaching Assistant Award (2026), Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, (\$2,500)
- PhD Student Research Grant Award (2026), MH-RITES Research Center, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, (\$2,000)
- Doctoral Fellow, Minority Fellowship Program (2025-2026), Council on Social Work Education, (\$25,800)

- Graduate Tuition Fellowship (2025-2026), Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, (\$7,782)
- Michael D. Fetters Scholarship Award (2025), Mixed Methods Program, University of Michigan, (\$750)
- Doctoral Fellow, Minority Fellowship Program (2024-2025), Council on Social Work Education, (\$25,800)
- Graduate Tuition Fellowship (2024-2025), Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, (\$7,782)
- Spring 2024 Scholarship (2024), Spanish Sin Pena, (\$720)
- Doctoral Student Travel Award (2024), Society for Social Work and Research, (\$500)
- Presidential Fellowship (2023-2024), Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, (\$2,000)
- Graduate Tuition Fellowship (2023-2024), Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, (\$7,782)
- Presidential Fellowship (2022-2023), Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, (\$2,000)
- Graduate Tuition Fellowship (2022-2023), Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, (\$7,782)
- Challenge Coin (2020), Recognition for Service, Bell County Sheriff's Office
- Challenge Coin (2020), Recognition for Service, McLennan County Sheriff's Office
- Challenge Coin (2018), Recognition for Service, Copperas Cove Police Department
- BSW Spirit of Social Work Award (2013-2014), School of Social Work, Baylor University
- BSW Convocation Speaker (2013-2014), School of Social Work, Baylor University
- Who's Who Among Students at American Universities and Colleges Award (2013-2014), Baylor University
- Phi Alpha Honor Society (2013-2014), School of Social Work, Baylor University
- Dean's Academic Honor List (2013-2014), Baylor University
- Dean's Academic Honor List (2012-2013), Baylor University
- Dean's Academic Honor List (2011-2012), Baylor University
- Dean's Academic Honor List (2010-2011), Baylor University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Council on Social Work Education
- MH-RITES Research Center
- National Association of Social Workers
- Social Welfare History Doctoral Group
- Society for Social Work and Research