

Curriculum Vitae

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Degree Information

Doctor of Philosophy
University of Texas at Austin
Clinical Social Work
May, 1995

Masters in Social Work
Our Lady of the Lake University
San Antonio, TX
Social Work
July, 1977

Academic Appointments

University of Texas at Austin
School of Social Work
Adjunct Faculty Liaison and Senior Adjunct Faculty

- Theories and Methods of Group Therapy
- Theories and Methods of Family Therapy

Austin, TX
January, 2002 – to present

University of Texas at Austin
School of Social Work
Adjunct Faculty
August, 1997 – January, 2002

Our Lady of the Lake University
Visiting Professor
Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies
San Antonio, TX
July, 1997- March, 1998

Our Lady of the Lake University
Associate Professor
Worden School of Social Service

San Antonio, TX
August, 1988- May, 1994

Professional Social Work Experience

Individual, marital, and group therapy clinical practice
Specialization in women's self-esteem groups
Supervision for LCSW and LMFT Licensure
7105 Montana Norte
Austin, TX 78731
August, 2007 - to present

Individual, marital and group therapy clinical practice
Specialization in women's self-esteem groups
11107 Wurzbach Rd. #604
San Antonio, TX 78229
March, 1998 – July, 2007

The Casey Family Program
Acting Division Director; Supervisor
Supervised & directed all clinical & support staff; administrative and financial oversight for the
San Antonio Division, part of a nationally-ranked foster and adoptive care program based in
Seattle, Washington.
San Antonio, TX
March, 1995-March, 1998

Depression Treatment Clinic of San Antonio
Clinical Director
Intake, supervision of all clinical staff; and provided direct services
San Antonio, TX
March, 1987- October, 1994

Jewish Family Service of San Antonio
Director of Professional Services
Supervised all clinical staff, and MSW field practicum graduate students
San Antonio, TX
July, 1977- March, 1987

Professional, Academic, and Community Memberships

Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW)

Approved LCSW Supervisor (State of Texas Board of Social Work Examiners)

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)

Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW)

Member, National Association of Social Workers

Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Member, Austin Group Psychotherapy Association

Member, Phi Kappa Phi, Graduate Studies Honor Society

Community and Academic Service Responsibilities and Activities

My Healing Place, Austin, TX -- Board Member, 2009 to present. Organization which provides grief & loss counseling for children and families in the Central Texas area. .

Fairbanks Endowed Lecture Series Advisory Committee, University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, 2009-2010. – unique series focused on bringing psychoanalytic/ psychodynamic training and education to the University of Texas School of Social Work faculty, students and professional community.

Hillel Foundation, Austin, TX -- Board member, 1999-2005. Organization which provides educational, religious, cross-cultural, and social experiences for Jewish students on the UT campus.

American Family Group Conferencing, National Board – founding member, 1999-2003 -- national organization mandated to support family group conferencing (kinship care) as an option to out-of-home care for abused and neglected children.

Co-Chairperson, Community Collaborative on Transitions Youth (Foster Care) – San Antonio, TX - 1997-1999 - collaborative between The Casey Family Program, PBS Television Network, and HEB Grocery Store chain to provide regional transition center for youth emancipating from foster care. Co-wrote grant that eventually resulted in The Community Transitions Service Center, first free-standing program for transitions foster youth in the US.

Tri-Faith Alliance, San Antonio, TX., 1996-2002. Unique monthly community collaborative of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish community members which meets to foster improved community understanding and support among the three groups, within the community, nationally, and internationally.

Advisory Planning Committee, "Gerontology Day Conference," University of Texas School of Social Work, October, 2002.

Bachelors in Social Work Curriculum Committee, Univ. of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, 2002 to present

Clinical Track Curriculum Committee, Univ. of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, 2002 to present

Special Awards, Fellowships, Grants or other Recognition

Teaching award – University of Texas at Austin, Panhellenic Honor Society, May, 2002

Leadership Development Steering Committee, City of San Antonio, 2000-2001

National Coalition for Transitions Youth – invited presenter at national coalition of leaders in foster care, Tulsa, OK, May, 2000

Outstanding Service to Families Award- presented by Mayor Henry Cisneros, San Antonio, TX at Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Feb, 1987

Woman of the Year Award, B'nai Brith Women, San Antonio Chapter, June, 1986

*Smith College Dissertation Committee Member; "Counter-transference in supervision;"
Smith College doctoral dissertation, June, 2000.*

University of Texas at Austin Dissertation Committee Member, "Identifying depression risk factors among low-income Hispanic pre-teen female youth," School of Education, 2007.

Professional Presentations

"Ethical Dilemmas in Group Practice"; a state-wide training sponsored by the University of Texas Professional Development Series, School of Social Work, May, 2005.

The Support of Adjunct Faculty: An Academic Imperative – co-presenter at national conference (APM) of Council on Social Work Education, Anaheim, CA, February, 2004.

Substance Abuse and Foster Care Youth: A Preventive Approach - School of Social Work, UT Austin, Professional Development Series, May, 2002.

Suicide Prevention and Intervention in Schools – National Association of School Psychologists, Washington DC, April, 2001

Strengths-Based Model for Violence Prevention in Schools -- National Conference of PTAs, San Antonio, September, 2002

Suicide Prevention and Intervention CD-ROM Series – State School Social Workers Conference, Austin, TX, May, 2001

Birth Family Continuum Model – Protective Services Training Institute, University of Texas at Austin – provided day-long trainings across the state, 1998-2002.

Helping the Sexually-Acting Out Adolescent in Out-of-Home Care – Protective Service Training Institute, provided day-long trainings across the state, 1998-2002.

Birth Family Continuum Model - American Humane Association National Conference
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, May, 2000

Birth Family Continuum Model – Child Abuse Prevention State Conference, Houston, TX, Feb, 2003.

Professional Publications

Fagan-Wilen, R. (2006). Transforming the legacy: Couples therapy with survivors of childhood trauma (book review); in *Clinical Social Work Journal*, Vol. 34, 1, Spring, 2006.

Fagan-Wilen R., Springer, D.W., White, B.W. & Ambrosino, B. (2006). The support of adjunct faculty: An academic imperative. *Social Work Education*, Vol 25, 1, February, 2006. .

Fagan, R. (2001). *Social Work Abstracts, Best Practices Website*. The Birth Family Continuum Model.

Fagan, R., Milam, D., & Wilen, S. (2000-2001). The detection and treatment of depression in children, adolescents, adults, and older adults. *Healthcare Journal*, Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio (series).