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EDUCATION

Baylor University

Master of Social Work 2004

Baylor University

Bachelor of Arts 2002

Major: Spanish

professional training and licensure

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)

Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas -- Trained Forensic Interviewer

PREPARE/ENRICH Marriage Inventory Green Dot Violence Prevention

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

*Baylor University, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work Waco, Texas*

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs January 2019-present

* Supervise the following faculty and staff: Director of Field Education; BSW Program Director; MSW Program Director; Director of Enrollment, Recruitment, and Career Services; Academic Consultant and Instructional Designer; Academic Affairs & GML Program Manager
* Oversee the writing of 2020 accreditation self-study for Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
* Online MSW Program launch: participated in overall build, oversee Faculty Success, transitioned build of Field Education component to Director of Field Education
* Completed the build of the Advanced Internship courses (SWO 5494, SWO 5490) for Online MSW program
* Oversee financial aid process for BSW and MSW students in coordination with BSW & MSW program managers and Director of Enrollment, Career, and Alumni Services
* Oversee teaching assignments for all BSW and MSW courses
* Orient, provide support, evaluate, and oversee hiring process for part-time faculty
* Handle appeal processes for BSW and MSW students
* Oversee updates and implementations of policies in BSW and MSW catalogs
* Serve as concentration mentor for student concentrating in Childhood Trauma
* Guest lecture in courses 3351, 3371, 5561

Senior Lecturer & Director of Field Education July 2015 - January 2019

Courses taught:

* SWO 4372: Generalist Practice with Groups
* SWO 5561: Professional Practice with Individuals and Families
* SWO 5398/5298: Capstone (MSW)

Administrative Responsibilities:

* Supervised the following faculty and staff: Associate Directors of Field Education; Assistant Director of Field Education - Houston Extension; Field Education Program Manager
* Provided maintenance to policies and procedures already in place and assess needs and potential changes in Advanced Practice Field Education
* Strengthened and developed relationships with agency administrators and personnel, including current and potential Field Instructors and Task Supervisors
* Wrote field education component of CSWE 2020 self-study document in coordination with Associate Director of Field Education
* Built Advanced Field courses for Online MSW (SWO 5494 & SWO 5490)
* Oversaw build of Online MSW Field Education component in coordination with Associate Directors of Field Education
* Served as chair of Field Education Advisory Council
* Coordinated the orientation and placement of Advanced Standing students applying for internship
* Coordinated the orientation and placement of Graduate Foundation students applying for their upcoming Advanced year internship
* Created videos for key components of orientation for students, Field Instructors, Task Supervisors
* Co-facilitated and organized orientation and training opportunities for Field Instructors and Task Supervisors
* Provided administrative oversight for all Advanced Practice internship seminars (5190, 5494, 5790, 5490)
* Assisted with coordination of Preston Dyer Ethics Workshop every Fall term
* Provided administrative oversight for field internships for inaugural MSW cohort at Houston campus
* Served as specialization mentor for student specializing in Child and Family Welfare

Lecturer & Director of Field Education - Generalist Practice January 2010 - July 2015

Courses taught:

* SWO 4372: Generalist Practice with Groups *(Spring 2010 semester created syllabus and was sole instructor for new course)*
* SWO 5362: Professional Practice with Groups
* SWO 4v80: Social Work with Hispanic/Latino Populations
* SWO 5v70, Independent study: Spanish for Social Work Practice
* SWO 3371: Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families
* SWO 5v70, Independent study: Sexual Assault Victims
* SWO 5v80: Working with Hispanic Families
* SWO 5561: Professional Practice with Individuals and Families
* SWO 5398: Capstone (MSW)

Administrative Responsibilities:

* Supervised the following faculty and staff: Associate Directors of Field Education; Assistant Director of Field Education - Houston Extension; Field Education Program Manager
* Coordinated the orientation and placement of inaugural cohort of the Houston extension’s Graduate Foundation students applying for their Field internship
* Coordinated the orientation and placement of inaugural cohort of Baccalaureate students applying for their Field internship
* Coordinated the orientation and placement of inaugural cohort of Graduate Foundation students applying fortheir Field internship
* Strengthened and developed relationships with agency administrators and personnel, including current and potential Field Instructors and Task Supervisors
* Contributed to writing of 2012 accreditation self-study for Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
* Provided administrative oversight for seminar faculty for all Generalist Practice internship seminars (4491, 4492, 5491, 5492)
* Provided maintenance to policies and procedures already in place and assess needs and potential changes in Generalist Practice Field Education
* Assisted with coordination of Preston Dyer Ethics Workshop every Fall term
* Created new Field application documents and processes for incoming Graduate Foundation students as response to curriculum innovation that changed timing of when students began internships
* Created new syllabi, Learning Contracts, and Field Evaluation forms for all Generalist Practice Field courses (4491, 4492, 5491, 5492) as response to curriculum innovation, 2008 CSWE EPAS
* Co-facilitated training and orientation for Task Supervisors and Field Instructors each semester
* Served as specialization mentor for students specializing in Latino Mental Health, Mexican Immigrant Families, Childhood Trauma, Undocumented Persons

Lecturer & Director of Baccalaureate Field Education June 2009 - December 2009

Courses taught:

* SWO 4372: Practice II: Individuals, Families, and Groups  *(Fall 2009 semester created syllabus new structure of course and implemented it for the first time)*
* SWO 4491: Internship Seminar I
* SWO 5v70, Independent study: Competency with Latino Populations

Administrative Responsibilities:

* Coordinated the orientation an placement of Baccalaureate students applying for their Field internship
* Assisted with the orientation and placement of Graduate Foundation students applying for their Field internship
* Updated Service Learning paperwork and placed students in Service Learning placements
* Assessed Service Learning needs and experience within the Baccalaureate curriculum
* Provided administrative oversight for seminar faculty for Baccalaureate internship seminars (4491, 4492)
* Updated policies and procedures already in place and assessed needs and potential changes in Baccalaureate Field Education
* Co-facilitated training and orientation for Task Supervisors and Field Instructors each semester
* Strengthened and developed relationships with agency administrators and personnel, including current and potential Field Instructors, Task Supervisors, and Service Learning supervisors
* Implemented transition to new structure and responsibilities for Field Directors in the School of Social Work
* Participated regularly with faculty in curriculum innovation

Part-time Faculty January 2007 - May 2009

Courses taught:

* SWO 5491: Foundation Internship Seminar I
* SWO 5492: Foundation Internship Seminar II
* SWO 4492: Baccalaureate Field Seminar II
* SWO 5321: Introduction to the Profession

social work professional experience

*Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children Waco, Texas*

Forensic Interviewer (Contracted) January 2010 – September 2015

* Provided forensic interviews in English and Spanish as needed on a contract basis, most frequently requested for children needing Spanish-language interviews
* Testified in criminal and civil court as expert or outcry witness

Forensic Interviewer (Full-time) January 2006 – June 2009

* In English and Spanish, conducted forensically sound interviews of children involved in open child physical and sexual abuse cases
* Coordinated and participated in weekly multi-disciplinary team meetings with law enforcement, Child Protective Services, and representatives of the District Attorney’s office to staff and review child physical and sexual abuse cases
* Provided expert and fact-based testimony in court proceedings when subpoenaed by prosecution or defense attorneys
* Served as Lead Interviewer in Regional Peer Review program for Region IV through Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc., 2008-2009
* Participated in quarterly peer review through Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc.

Counselor (Rural Counties) April 2005 - December 2005

Victim Services Specialist (Rural Counties) June 2004 – April 2005

* In English and Spanish, provided crisis intervention, case management, advocacy and counseling services to primary and secondary victims of crime and their families, including domestic violence and sexual abuse survivors.
* Networked with community members, leaders, organizations and resources to enhance services for victims and awareness of victim issues in Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan counties
* Educated the community about victims issues and services through public presentations at community events in Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan counties

Social Work Intern (Advanced) August 2003 - April 2004

* In English and Spanish, provided crisis intervention and counseling services to children and adults, both primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse
* Assisted Community Education Coordinator with safety and risk assessment presentations in Spanish

*La Vega Independent School District Pregnancy, Education and Parenting Program (PEP) Bellmead, Texas*

Social work Intern (Generalist) January 2003 - July 2003

* In English and Spanish, provided case management, education and counseling services to pregnant and parenting high school and junior high students individually and through parenting class
* Wrote grant to Waco Foundation requesting over $5000 for “Resources for Spanish-Speaking Individuals” program; awarded full amount
* Translated forms and information into Spanish

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

**Zuniga, M.Y.,** & Pooler, D. (2020). Purity, power, and privilege: The intersection between Christianity, sex, and social work practice. In T.L. Scales and M.S.Kelly (Eds.), *Christianity and social work.* Botsford, CT: NACSW Press.

**Zuniga, M**., & Davis, D. (2010). Choosing safety over silence: What role can ministers play when sexual abuse comes to church? *Family and Community Ministries, 23*(4), 37-39.

Chambers, J., & **York, M.** (2005, December). Reaching out to rural communities. TAASA Diversity Task Force newsletter.

York, M. (2003, Fall/Winter). An intercultural experience. *Community Connections.* Baylor University School of Social Work newsletter.

Myers, D., & **York, M**. (2002, Fall/Winter). The school of social work: An incubator of vision and vocation. *Community Connections.* Baylor University School of Social Work newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

**Zuniga, M.Y**., & Luce, W. (October 2019). *Social media and technology in field education: Navigating digital gray areas ethically.* Workshop presented at Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

**Zuniga, M.Y**., Luce, W., Parker, J., & Slaymaker, R. (October 2018). *The digital gray area: Exploring the ethical use of technology in supervision.* Sponsored workshop presented at National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter (NASW TX) annual conference, Arlington, TX.

Yielding, M., & **Zuniga, M.Y.** (November 2014). *A puzzle of words: Understanding the role of forensic interviews in child abuse investigations.* Workshop presented at the Child Abuse: the Big Picture conference in Waco, TX.

Zuniga, M.Y. (March 2014). *Space for spirituality in the signature pedagogy: Incorporating an 11th competency.* Workshop presented at the Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD) annual conference, Louisville, KY.

Zuniga, M.Y. (August 2013). *Culturally-sensitive practice with Hispanic/Latino clients.* Workshop presented at Baylor University School of Social Work Field Instructor/Task Supervisor Training, Waco, TX.

Zuniga, M.Y. (October 2012). *Ethically integrating faith in the field: Introducing the 11th Competency.* Workshop presented at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW) annual conference, St. Louis, MO.

Zuniga, M.Y.(March 2012) *Structuring the signature pedagogy: Carving out clarity in competency-based field education.* Workshop presented at the Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD) annual conference, Portland, OR.

Zuniga, M.Y. *(August 2008) Interviewing children: How can we know what they know?* CPS training class for investigation specialization, Waco, TX.

Zuniga, M.Y. (November 2005). *Supporting our sisters in their time of need: How we can respond to violence against women.* Presentation given at theHill County Women’s Forum, Hillsboro, TX.

Zuniga, M.Y. (May 2004). *Solidaridad: Enhancing services for victims of violent crime in the Hispanic community.* Poster session at the National Sexual Violence Prevention Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

LANGUAGES

English -- native language

Spanish -- speak, read, and write with basic competence

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

Current Memberships:

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Past Memberships:

North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW)

Editorial Review Board, *Family and Community Ministries* journal

Professional Society of Forensic Interviewers (PSFI) *charter member*

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) Honor Societies: Phi Alpha, national Social Work honor society (served as Secretary/Treasurer Fall 2003-Spring 2004 for Baylor chapter) Sigma Delta Pi, national Spanish honor society (served as Vice President Fall 2000-Spring 2001 for Baylor chapter)

service to the community, profession, and university

Baylor University Waco, Texas

Title IX Review Panelist Spring 2017 - Present

Green Dot Violence Prevention Implementation Team

Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committee Fall 2015 - Present

Garland School of Social Work

Diversity Initiative Fall 2017 - Present

Search, Tenure & Promotion Fall 2015 - Present

Curriculum Committee Fall 2009 - Present

Field Education Advisory Council

Admissions Committee

Social Work Field Instructor Spring 2006 - Spring 2009

Texas Deans and Directors

**Member Spring 2019 - present**

Texas Field Educators Consortium

Chair Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

Secretary Fall 2013 - Spring 2015 Member Fall 2009 - Spring 2019

National Association of Social Workers

Women's Issues Committee Fall 2005 - Spring 2009