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DIANA R. GARLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Adjunct Faculty Directory Fall 2022

Waco

Prof. Buddy Edwards

Prof. Edwards is a life-long resident of Waco, Texas, attending Waco public schools and graduating with a BA in Sociology from Baylor University and MSW in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington. He worked for 29 years at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco as Director of Planning and Research and as Grants Officer. In addition, he served as the Executive Director of Caritas of Waco from 2008 to 2020. Prof. Edwards has taught courses including Introduction to Social Welfare, Research Methods, Human Wellness and Healthcare, and Administrative Practice in Social Work. He has also served on the Garland School's Field Education Advisory Council and held a position on the School's Board of Advocates.



Prof. Mallory Herridge

Prof. Herridge's 15+ years of combined professional and internship experience in both non-profit, university and congregational ministry contexts has cultivated a passion in her for developing community-based solutions alongside congregations, community members and community organizations. She currently serves as the Associate Director of the Center for Church and Community Impact (C3I) at the Garland School of Social Work as well as Project Manager for the Baugh –Congregational Discernment Grant.



Prof. Amanda Ibanez




Amanda Ibanez, LCSW, is currently working as an Integrated Health Manager at the Family Health Center's the Women's Health Center in Waco. In this role, she provides behavioral health care to pregnant and parenting women in clinic, and through home visits. Prof. Ibanez has also worked in the medical field for the past 8 years, including in the Emergency Department, Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment, Oncology, and Women's Health. She earned her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington.





Dr. Melissa Ishio

Dr. Ishio, LCSW, MVF-ASW, has worked extensively with military populations, survivors of domestic violence, homeless youth and adults, and older adults. She has lived in Japan for over 20 years and is a part of a bi-national, bi-racial, bi-lingual family. She considers diversity-sensitive practice of upmost importance and is especially attuned to the unique challenges faced by multicultural families and inter-racial couples. Dr. Ishio is trained in EMDR, trauma informed care and provides counseling services via telehealth. Her research interests include ethical considerations in specific social work settings, how social workers experience duality, the unique aspects of military social work, and integration of diversity into non-profit management.



<h2>Prof. Telawna Kirbie</h2>	
<p>Prof. Kirbie, LCSW-S and Baylor alum, has spent most of her career in the field of mental health. In this work, she gained experience in various areas including case management, individual, group and family therapy, crisis intervention, assessment, diagnosis, trauma informed care, cultural diversity, school based mental health, grant writing, and program development. She currently serves as the Director of Behavioral Health at Prosper Waco, where she works with community partners to increase access and availability of behavioral health services. She is passionate about helping people and advancing the field of social work.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Amy Murphy</h2>	
<p>Prof. Murphy has taught in both the GSSW and Baylor School of Education Leadership Department. Prof. Murphy's teaching profile includes Introduction to Social Work, Human Behaviors in Social Environment I & 2, Capstone, MSW Introduction to Social Work, and multiple Baylor leadership classes. Prof. Murphy enjoys expanding her social work knowledge in macro social work, racial reconciliation, and community development.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Shanta Williams</h2>	
<p>Prof. Williams, a Waco native discovered her love for helping others at an early age and pursued her passion in the field of Social Work at the University of Texas at Arlington. After working in the field for over 5 years, she returned to UTA to graduate with her Master of Social Work degree. With over 12 years of experience working with people who have experienced traumas including child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and family violence, her heart is geared to help guide individuals through the twists and turns of life while walking alongside them. As a person of faith, she understands how important it is to spiritually heal as you emotionally heal.</p>	

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<h2>Dr. Bree Alexander</h2>	
<p>Dr. Alexander is a licensed clinical social worker in the state of South Carolina. Her professional experience includes serving the child and adolescent population through school-based mental health therapy, therapeutic foster care, and, most recently, mental health/social work consulting in primary pediatric care settings. She teaches a variety of courses related to mental health, introduction to social work, social work theory and research, and evidence-informed practice. Her research experience includes school-shooting trauma and focuses on broader interests like youth and family mental health and public-school mental health services.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Brooke Baker</h2>	
<p>Prof. Baker has worked at The Family Abuse Center in Waco and Cedar Crest Hospital in Belton. For the past five years she has been a school social worker for Midway ISD in Waco and has a true love and passion for school social work. Her research interests include working with children who have experienced trauma and how schools can implement trauma-informed strategies to help students thrive. Her current work at Midway ISD focuses on developing and implementing evidence-based interventions for assessing suicide risk and prevention strategies as well as training Midway ISD staff and teachers on trauma-informed care and working with students living in poverty.</p>	

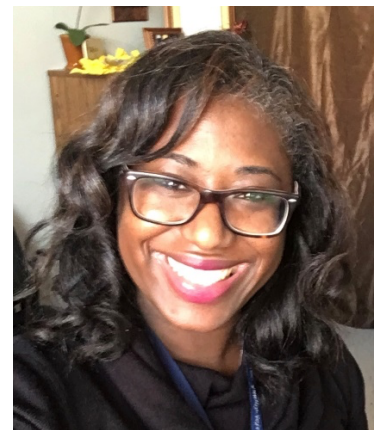
Prof. Jennifer Black

Jennifer Black, LMSW, is a graduate of The Garland School of Social Work and has spent her career as a social worker in the foster and adoption systems. She began her professional career in Waco as a therapeutic foster care case manager. She then spent years as a birth parent counselor and “post-legal” services coordinator for Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley in Dayton, Ohio. Most recently, she completed home studies for potential foster and adoptive homes for Buckner Child and Family Services in Lubbock, Texas.



Prof. Kattina Bryant

Prof. Bryant is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker committed to helping people flourish within their environment through mental health wellness. She brings over 16 years of experience in areas of drug prevention, substance abuse treatment, hospital settings, suicide prevention with the federal government, psychiatric hospitals, school systems, private practice, and managed healthcare. Currently, Prof. Bryant is a Behavioral Health Case Manager II in the Reconnection and Advocacy Program for the East Tennessee Region. She also has a private practice where she utilizes eye movement desensitization reprocessing, solution-focused brief therapy, motivational interviewing, moral resonance therapy, and many other evidence based best practices when working with clients that are in crisis, dealing with depression, anxiety, relationship problems, or trauma.



Prof. Jennifer Caballero

Prof. Jennifer Caballero received her MSW from the Baylor University School of Social Work and MDiv from Truett Seminary. She is currently the Bereavement Coordinator for Community Health Care of Texas. She also has a background in managing federal grants related to housing solutions for homeless individuals, families, and youth and has previously served as the Director of Social Services with The Salvation Army. Her research interests include ethical integration of faith and practice, diversity sensitive practice, public policy on poverty and homelessness, grief and loss, and non-profit leadership and development.



Dr. Sonya Carson

Dr. Sonya Nicole Carson is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a board approved supervisor in the State of Texas. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology at Wiley College, her Master of Social Work degree through the University of Houston’s Graduate College of Social Work, and her Doctorate of Counselor’s Education from Texas Southern University. Throughout her career, she has worked in Child Protective Services, acute care and medical hospital settings, as well as at a psychiatric prison. Dr. Carson has extensive experience in crisis intervention, child abuse, treatment planning and is every excited to share her expertise in these areas.



Prof. Jai Combest

Prof. Combest works full time as a medical social worker, pursuing graduate level certificates in Sports Social Work and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Her clinical work includes oncology, neurology, geriatrics, and children. Prof. Combest currently has a part-time private practice and works with people from all life stages and enjoys mentoring social work students, as well as early career social work professionals. Her practice interests include grief and loss, motherhood and parenting, medical Social Work, and athletes.



Dr. Crystal Diaz-Espinoza

Crystal Diaz-Espinoza, Ph.D. serves as the Director of Enrollment, Career & Alumni Services in the Garland School of Social Work at Baylor University. Her work investigates how the experiences of women and BIPOC are impacted in spaces where they are not the predominant group. She has published in journals such as the NASPA Journal about Women in Higher Education and Journal of Learning Spaces. She has also published chapters about workplace bullying in higher education and women in leadership, and she has presented at conferences on computer science education, social work and higher education.



Prof. Kristen Drumgoole

Prof. Drumgoole has taught Social Policy, Foundations of Social Justice, and Advanced Community Practice for the Garland School of Social Work. She has served in various social work capacities since completing her MSW at the Garland School, including Director of Community Partnerships at Helping Hands Ministry, Child and Family Advocate at the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children, and Case Manager in the Methodist Children's Home Family Outreach program. Her professional and research interests include social policy, civic engagement, congregational social work, and kinship care.



Prof. Laura Ellis

Prof. Laura Ellis, a graduate from Mary Hardin-Baylor University and University of Texas at Arlington, has practiced social work for 11 years in the field of medical social work in primary and internal medicine care settings serving a large geriatric population. She has also practiced in pregnancy centers providing services to individuals facing unexpected pregnancies and parents with children under the age of one. Prof. Ellis has lived in the Waco area for the past 14 years and is passionate about training and preparing new social workers in and for field.



Prof. Carolina Fuentes

Prof. Fuentes is a graduate of the MDiv/MSW program at Baylor University. During her tenure as a social worker she has worked as a case manager for refugee families, a children's hospital social worker, a child abuse and violence prevention education specialist, and a volunteer court-appointed child advocate. She has also been a speaker at regional and national conferences. Prof. Fuentes currently works at DePelchin Children's Center in Houston as a school-based clinician and a trainer for the Mental Health Awareness program. In addition, she is an expert consultant with the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center.



Prof. Kristina Garrison-Clark

Prof. Garrison-Clark's passion is to create and be a part of opportunities that restore lives, renew minds, and change hearts. She has worked in a variety of social service settings serving different populations including marginalized communities, youth and families, adults with severe and persistent mental illness, social work interns, and congregations. Her research interests include equity, African-American communities, community-based churches, and finding the intersection between faith and wellness. She also maintains a small business as a life coach.



Dr. Bonni Goodwin

Bonni Goodwin, LCSW, PhD, has worked in the field of Social Work for the past 18 years. Most of her work has been with children and families, empowering them to overcome challenges toward hope and stability. Bonni spent 6 years providing direct services to children, families, and groups through an adoption-specialized counseling center. She is the Statewide Coordinator of Adoption Preservation Services with the Oklahoma child welfare department. She also works in the Center for Child Welfare Training & Simulation at the University of Oklahoma. Bonni has taught BSW and MSW courses for the past two years.



Dr. Helen Harris

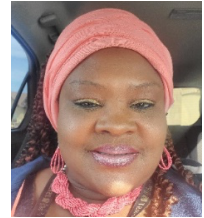
Dr. Harris came to Waco to begin the first hospice in Waco. She has served as a social worker and bereavement coordinator for Hillcrest Community Hospice, where she was the first director of the program. Since coming to Baylor in 1997, she has continued to work with hospice by volunteering with Providence Hospice and by providing volunteer training for several area hospices. Dr. Harris has also served as a social worker at the Methodist Children's Home and at South Texas Children's Home, where she developed the first independent living program and directed the foster care program.



<h2>Prof. Catina Hart</h2>	
<p>Prof. Hart has a Master's degree in Social Work with a Children and Families concentration. She has served as a counselor for residential treatment, juvenile detention, and adolescent substance abuse. She is currently working in medical social work providing treatment for children and families with End Stage Renal Disease. Her research interest includes mental health and patient & family engagement, healthy pathways for at risk youth, and best practice approaches to address health literacy needs within minority communities using family collaboration.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Jennifer Hensen</h2>	
<p>Jennifer Hensen, LMSW, has professional experience working several sessions as a legislative aide in the Texas Legislature. She also has experience with statewide political campaigns and in government affairs with state government agencies. When completing her Masters in Social Work, she had internship placements at the Baylor Counseling Center and Heart of Texas MHMR Center. She is currently a PhD Candidate at the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Venee M. Hummel</h2>	
<p>Prof. Hummel, LCSW has taught graduate courses in the areas of research and practice evaluation, with experience in both the physical and virtual classroom. Additionally, she is a clinician at the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Centerstone in Clarksville, TN. Prof. Hummel provides clinical services to veterans and military-connected family members with a specialty focus on evidence-based treatments for posttraumatic stress disorder, suicide prevention, anxiety disorders, and the impact of deployments on children, couples, and families. She previously completed a fellowship in combat trauma research, assessment, and intervention at the STRONG STAR Research Consortium and Consortium to Alleviate PTSD at Fort Hood, Texas.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Felicia Latson</h2>	
<p>Prof. Latson practices across the entire spectrum of social work at Legacy Community Health where she serves as Director of Programs-Social Determinants of Health. Here, she develops initiatives to integrate social work practices into the medical setting, while also providing direct therapy services to children and adults and serving with various community advocacy groups. Latson is a passionate advocate for change in marginalized communities. As a returned Peace Corps Volunteer and a resident of Houston's Historic Fifth Ward, Latson's ethos is grounded in relationship building and fostering change by extending the platform from which all community members excel.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Rachael Linthicum</h2>	
<p>Prof. Linthicum has been a social worker for over 10 years and is currently a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Currently, she works as the Social Work Manager of Behavioral Health Services at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, TX and maintains a small private practice. In the past, Prof. Linthicum has experience working in a variety of places such as foster care, youth residential treatment center, shelter for survivors of domestic violence, and both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric settings. Due to this experience, she has become well versed in utilizing suicide risk assessments and interventions, as well as, crisis counseling/debriefing.</p>	

Prof. Carolyn Lofton

Prof. Lofton has 29 years of social work experience with 9 years in hospice care. She is the current Mayor of Marlin, Texas and the first Black and first Black female Mayor ever elected. She has provided mentoring and tutoring to grade school students and has been a breast cancer survivor since July 7, 2011. Her research interests include increasing accessible resources for older adults that include dental provisions.



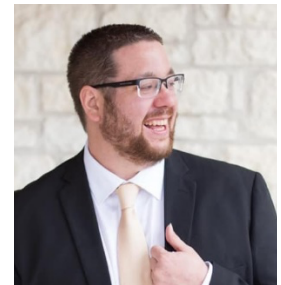
Prof. Ally Matteson

Prof. Matteson works as a Project Director with the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development which focuses on training organizations who work with victims of child sex trafficking across the state of Texas using Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®). She has also spent time doing community development projects in India and Egypt. In addition, Prof. Matteson has worked as a therapist specializing in complex trauma at a residential treatment center that serves child sex trafficking in long term treatment and has trained residential treatment centers, schools, law enforcement, and community-based service agencies on TBRI®, trafficking, and complex trauma as well as developing cultures of care across the community.



Dr. David McClung

Dr. McClung is a nationally recognized expert in youth engagement, youth participatory action research, and collaborative partnerships between faith communities and mental health professionals. He holds extensive experience in youth mental health, which also includes work related to juvenile justice, residential care, child relinquishment, community organizations, and higher education. He is currently the Vice President of Youth M.O.V.E National and recently completed a PhD in Social Work from Baylor University, where his research has focused on the mental health literacy of faith leaders in Texas.



Prof. Pam McKown

Prof. McKown currently works at Scott and White in both the inpatient and outpatient setting serving those with mild to severe issues. She enjoys working with persons dealing with depression, anxiety, relationship concerns, phase of life concerns, wellness issues, and substance abuse issues. Prof. McKown seeks to pull from many different therapeutic models, such as cognitive-behavioral, mindfulness, problem solving, and motivational interviewing. She also co-founded Take Heart Ministries, a non-profit that exists to build dignity, improve health, and restore hope to women who are homeless or in transition by providing them female hygiene products.



Prof. Kelsey Moffatt

Prof. Moffatt is a Therapist and Team Lead working for Family Service Center in Galveston County. She works in the Service Center's STAR program providing mental health counseling to children and adolescents in both school and office-based settings, while supervising five clinicians. Since 2015 she has worked with Dr. Holly Oxhandler conducting research on ethically integrating clients' faith into practice. Prof. Moffatt teaches the Research for Social Work Practice course to demystify research and foster both a love and appreciation for this area of social work.






Prof. Amy Murphy

Prof. Murphy has taught in both the GSSW and Baylor School of Education Leadership Department. Prof. Murphy's teaching profile includes Introduction to Social Work, Human Behaviors in Social Environment I & 2, Capstone, MSW Introduction to Social Work, and multiple Baylor leadership classes. Prof. Murphy enjoys expanding her social work knowledge in macro social work, racial reconciliation, and community development.



<h2>Prof. Tracey Kelley Neal</h2>	
<p>Tracey Kelley Neal is a graduate of the School (MSW) and has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses both residually and virtually. Her teaching and practice experience include: Evaluation of Social Work Practice, Social Policy, Gerontology, Field Internship Seminar, Legal Guardianship (Adults), Nonprofit Management and Marketing, Higher Education Administration, University Advancement and Leadership. She has also taught as a visiting professor at the College of Theology and Education, Chisinau, Moldova. She is an LMSW in the State of Texas and her research interests include: Gerontology, Social Work Education, Jurisprudence, Program Evaluation and Relationships Enrichment.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Lauren Polson</h2>	
<p>Prof. Polson, LCSW, works as a counselor at Family Counseling and Children’s Services, a division of Family Health Center where she has worked for over 10 years. She uses an eclectic mix of Eye-movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), ACT, DBT and CBT with clients. She previously worked in private practice and as a school social worker with the CHRISTUS Schumpert Health System. Her research interests include suicide assessments, religion and spirituality in clinical practice, mental health, and family and child development.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Kevin Pranoto</h2>	
<p>Prof. Pranoto, MDiv, LMSW, is the Executive Director of Mission Oak Cliff. He is passionate about serving people experiencing marginalization and is an advocate for relational ministry. As a licensed social worker and ordained minister, Prof. Pranoto has experience working in a variety of global and local faith-based nonprofit agencies, including the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Buckhead Christian Ministry in Atlanta, Georgia. He has served on the board of Second Helpings Atlanta, a food rescue agency, and is currently the Vice Chair on the board of the Innovative Space for Asian-American Christianity.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Natalie Qualls</h2>	
<p>Prof. Qualls completed her BSW and MSW at Baylor University with field work at a domestic violence shelter and a substance abuse treatment facility. The majority of Prof. Qualls career has been within public service as she has worked for the Veterans Health Administration since 2010 in roles ranging from direct practice with Veterans living with severe mental illness diagnoses to supervising a multidisciplinary homeless outreach team. Over half of her time is spent leading the suicide prevention efforts at both the Central Texas and the North Texas VA Health Care Systems.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Heidi Rathbun</h2>	
<p>Prof. Rathbun earned a BS in Family and Interpersonal Communication from Weber State in Ogden, UT and an MSW from the GSSW. Prof. Rathbun-McVeigh has spent time at Strong Star, Ft. Hood, TX treating PTSD, Insomnia, and nightmares, while supporting a research prevention program designed to support families through the cycles of deployment. She currently serves in the Road Home Program in Chicago, funded by WWP, treating Veterans in a 3-week IOP setting with additional programming supporting mind, body and spirit.</p>	

<h2>Prof. Vanessa Simpson</h2>	
<p>Prof. Vanessa Simpson, LCSW, is a Behavioral Health Care Manager at Children’s Health. She provides tele-behavioral health therapy to students in multiple school districts across North Texas. She loves having the opportunity to teach future social workers and to provide relevant therapy experience in the classroom. She has co-authored journal articles on the topics of suicide and binge eating disorders, and her areas of interest include children and families, mental health, CBT, and eating disorders.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Bianca Smith</h2>	
<p>Prof. Smith currently serves as an Adolescent Substance Abuse Counselor for a school district near Houston’s energy corridor. She is also an author and social justice advocate. Prof. Smith is a graduate of GSSW’s MSW Program where she enjoyed international social work and studied abroad in Costa Rica and Kenya. Her social work experience includes both clinical and community-based practice. Her current research interests include evaluating the relationship between white supremacy and religion; analyzing trends in hate crimes and case disposition; and assessing African-American women for generational trauma and physical health outcomes.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Hannah Sukany</h2>	
<p>Prof. Sukany has a Master’s degree in Social Work with a Community Practice specialization from Baylor University and has been working with nonprofits and grant management since 2009. She is currently the Chief Operations Officer at Communities in Schools (CIS) of the Heart of Texas. Her work experience has centered around resource and organizational development, as well as program and grant management for the Waco school district and CIS. She is passionate about education, social justice, and equal rights.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Elizabeth (Bethie) Timmons</h2>	
<p>Prof. Timmons is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a board approved Supervisor. She has worked for the Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center in Waco, Texas for 6 years and is currently the Director of Clinical Services at HOTRMHMR in Adult Mental Health. Prof. Timmons has 10 years of private practice experience where she served a diverse group of individuals from children to adults. As a former Child Protective Services worker, Prof. Timmons is passionate about children and families and has come to understand the significance of relationships and how they can affect the lenses through which a person views the world.</p>	
<h2>Prof. Andrew Trujillo</h2>	
<p>Prof. Trujillo, LCSW, has worked with Buckner Children and Family Services doing holistic community development in the Colonias of the Rio Grande Valley, TX. He has also worked with Unaccompanied Children from Central America, eventually becoming a Program Director of Home Studies and Post Release Services for this population at YMCA International Services in Houston. He currently provides psychotherapy to Veterans at Michael E. DeBakey Hospital in Houston, TX and is an ordained minister with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.</p>	

Prof. Kimberly Valdez	
<p>Prof. Kimberly Valdez, LCSW is a Board Approved Clinical Supervisor and has experience teaching Advanced Clinical Practice. Professionally, she has had the opportunity to understand how mental health effects every aspect of our lives - our finances, our relationships, and our health. She has helped people combating co-morbidities of financial distress and mental distress with the United Way of Greater Houston; walked families through caregiving distress and the grief of losing a loved one as a Hospice Social Worker; and worked hand in hand with medical providers, identifying and treating patients experiencing distress in their physical and mental health.</p>	
Prof. Will Ward	
<p>Prof. Will Ward has spent much of his practice in school social work. He has also spent time serving in healthcare and congregational roles. He holds both his M.Div. and MSW degrees from Baylor. His MSW work focused on community practice, but he has experience in micro, mezzo, and macro practice. He recently began his PhD studies at Baylor, with research focusing on the intersection of faith and LGBTQ identity in young people. Ward hopes to cultivate a classroom environment where student voice is at the center, just like we do with our clients.</p>	
Prof. Kelsey Wiggins	
<p>Prof. Kelsey Wiggins received her MSW from the Garland School of Social Work and her MDiv from Truett Seminary. She is currently a clinical case-manager for the City of Austin coordinating wraparound services and housing solutions for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness as well as providing restorative justice solutions in the community court setting. She also has professional experience providing mental health interventions, crisis prevention, and support to students in the school system as well as experience working with adults and families in hospice care. Her professional interests include ethical integration of faith and practice, trauma informed care, strengthening resiliency, and mental health.</p>	

Also teaching Fall 2022 (Not Pictured):

Ntiense Covey (Waco)

Kaley Eggers (Waco)

Rachel Garcia (Waco)

Rebecca Shumake (Online)