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EDUCATION

PhD	University of Texas at Arlington, Social Work	May 2017
MSW	University of Texas at Arlington, Social Work	May 2009
BSW	University of Texas at Arlington, Social Work Graduated Summa Cum Laude	August 2007

Licensed by the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
(License no. 67080, Expires 1.31.2024).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Arlington , Arlington, TX Adjunct Professor , Social Work	2010-2013, 2017
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Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington, Human Behavior in Diverse Populations (Fall 2017, Fully online)

Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington, Social Work Research (Summer 2017, Face to Face)

Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington, Human Behavior in Diverse Populations (Summer 2013, Fully online)

Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington, Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (Summer 2013)

Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington, Human Behavior and The Social Environment I (Spring, 2013; Fall 2013; Fully online)

Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington, Intro to Social Work (Fall 2012, Face to Face)

Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington, Foundation of Social Policy (Summer, 2012; Fully online)

Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington, Research and Evaluation Methods, (Spring 2012; Fully online)

Adjunct Instructor, Field Liaison (Spring, 2012; Fully online)

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Fall 2011

Teaching Assistant, Social Work

- Served as a graduate teaching assistant for a course in Research Methodology
- Graded research assignments
- Answered student questions regarding course material
- Updated and organized course material in Blackboard

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, Social Work

- Served as graduate teaching assistant for a course in Medical Social Work
- Updated and organized material for graduate Medical Social Work course
- Served as a guest lecturer and developed group activities for students
- Graded course assignments and provided feedback to students

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Fall 2010

Teaching Assistant, Social Work

- Served as a graduate teaching assistant for a graduate social work course on budgeting and a course in graduate social policy
- Transferred material from WebCT to Blackboard
- Organized and uploaded material to Blackboard
- Uploaded course exams to Blackboard
- Researched course material and updated course material for graduate courses in budgeting and social policy

PUBLICATIONS

Boyas, J.F., Wind, L., & **Ruiz, E.** (2014). Cluster Analysis: Organizational tenure among child welfare workers, burnout, stress, and intent to leave. *Children and Youth Services Review*, (Accepted October 2014).

Boyas, J.F., Wind, L., & **Ruiz, E.** (2013). Organizational tenure among child welfare workers, burnout, stress, and intent to leave: Does employment-based social capital make a difference? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 35, 1657- 1669.

Ruiz, E., Aguirre, R.T., & Mitschke, D.B. (2013). What leads non-U.S.-Born Latinos to access mental health care? *Social Work Health Care*; 52(1):1-19.

Ruiz, E., Bachelor, J., Bolton, K.W., Fericelli, P.J., Terry, L.F., Hancock, P., Nikolva, & Pillai, V. (2012). Computer utilization, social capital and basic social service accessibility in Central America. *The Innovation Journal: The Public Sector Innovation Journal*, 17(3), 1-16.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Poster Presentation, Ruiz, E., Smith, M., & Aguirre, R.T. P. (January 2015). Latino suicide: Identifying and comparing risk factors among adolescent males and females. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Poster Presentation, Ruiz, E., Smith, M., & Aguirre, R.T.P. (2014, October). Latino Suicide: Identifying risk factors among young males. Poster accepted for presentation at Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) 60th Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Poster Presentation, Ruiz, E., Smith, M., & Aguirre, R.T. P. (January 2014). Latina youth suicide: Understanding why? Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX.

Poster Presentation, Boyas, J., Wind, L., Madden, E., & **Ruiz, E.** (January 2013). Exploring patterns of employee psychosocial outcomes among child protection workers. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.

Poster Presentation, Ruiz, E., & Aguirre, R.T.P. (January 2012). Reactions to Diabetes among Latinos: A qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Poster Presentation, Ruiz, E., Aguirre, R.T.P., Mitschke, D. (January 2011). Barriers to non-U.S. born Latinos' use of mental healthcare: Are they what we think? Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

2011 to 2012

Position, Co-Investigator

- Researched scales to include in study regarding health beliefs and health practices of Latino day laborers
- Translated questionnaire from English to Spanish utilizing triangulation technique
- Recruited participants in the Dallas metroplex
- Read inform consent forms to participants to help make informed decisions about participating in the study
- Read questionnaire to participants and helped fill out questionnaire if assistance was requested
- Distributed gift cards to participants after participant completed questionnaire
- Presented preliminary findings at CSWE annual conference

UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

2008

Participant Recruiter

- Recruited participants for a national randomized control drug trial (rct) for children diagnosed with asthma living in urban areas
- Assessed participants' eligibility to participate in the rct and asked questions from a standardized questionnaire
- Entered data from questionnaire into a database

WORK EXPERIENCE

Methodist Charlton Medical Center

December 2021-Current

- Responsible for conducting psychosocial assessments
- Ensure patients have appropriate resources and support services
- Manage referrals and communications from numerous sources (e.g., skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation facilities, long-term acute care hospitals, Child Protective Services)
- Collaborate with families and multidisciplinary teams to ensure psychosocial needs are met and to develop safe discharge plan of care for patients

A-L-E Cleaning Service & Allegiant Connections

Business Developer/Accounting Assistant, Dallas, TX.

2014- Current

- Researched and identified potential clients and their equipment needs in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma requiring transportation of raw material (e.g., Clay, Sand, Stone)
- Contributed to creating and negotiating contracts with raw material manufacturers
- Participated in the negotiation and acquirement of transportation equipment and attachments
- Create monthly expense reports for companies transporting raw material
- Responsible for numerous data entry tasks (e.g., employee's weekly earnings, business expenditures, creating and submitting invoices to clients)
- Responsible making sure transportation companies were compliant with DOT regulations

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington TX

2011

Website Layout Coordinator for Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies

- Responsible identifying community stakeholders interested in participating in the design and creation of a website for pregnant and parenting teens
- Created a survey to retrieve information about services provided by agencies that ensured the delivery of healthy babies
- Planned and moderated monthly meetings with stakeholders
- Submitted monthly reports about the progress made in the creation of the website

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Agape Clinic and Community Care

Social Service Volunteer, Dallas, TX., 2008-2010

- Served as interpreter and translator for patients and health care providers
- Collected baseline data for a study that educated and attempted to reduce participants' glucose levels
- Provided referrals to community health agencies (e.g., Parkland, Baylor Family Medicine Clinic, Bridges to Access Advocate)
- Collected data for graduate thesis and provided clinic with a final agency report regarding the availability and access to mental health services for Latinos
- Facilitated a psychoeducational group about depression, introduced the PhQ9, and discussed information about community mental health services available in the city of Dallas

Dallas Independent School District

Graduate Social Work Internship, Dallas, TX, 2008-2009

- Provided case management and crisis intervention to teens that were pregnant or parenting
- Referred pregnant and parenting teens to a variety of government resources (e.g., Compensatory Education Home Instruction, Child Care Management Services, Chip Program, Medicaid, WIC Program)
- Created presentation on Self-Esteem for teen parents
- Scheduled community speakers to speak to students on important issues including: STDs, Child Support, Literacy, and Nutrition
- Facilitated Psychoeducational groups about issues faced by teen parents
- Collaborated in creating final program evaluation for the 2008-2009 school year

Catholic Charities: Refugee and Empowerment Services

Undergraduate Internship, Dallas, TX, January 2007-August 2007

- Provided case management to a diverse population of refugees experiencing difficulties with language, housing, and employment
- Served as interpreter and translator for case managers
- Assisted clients in applying for various government programs such as: Social Security, Food Stamps, and Medicaid
- Transported refugees from airport to their new apartment
- Helped educate refugees on how to purchase food and utilize food stamps

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Distinguished Listener, Distinguished Speaker, Distinguished Reading and Writing

COMPUTER SKILLS

Software: Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, AMOS, SPSS, QuickBooks, Epic