

## Curriculum Vita

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### EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work  
University of Texas at Arlington, 2015

Master of Science in Social Work  
University of Texas at Arlington, 2010

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
Louisiana State University-Shreveport, 2007

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2016-Present, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce School of Social Work

Fall 2015- Spring 2016, Ad Interim Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce School of Social Work

Summer 2016 Adjunct Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce School of Social Work

Spring 2012- Fall 2015, Adjunct Professor, University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work

### COURSES TAUGHT

#### Undergraduate Courses

SWK 331 Social Work Practice with Macro Systems

SWK 361 Issues in Family Treatment

SWK 370 Writing and Technology Skills

SWK 2389 Academic Cooperative

### **Graduate Courses**

SWK 507 Organizations, Communities, & Social Policy

SWK 513 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II

SWK 531 Research for Practice

SWK 541 Social Justice Oppressed Populations

SWK 554 Advanced Generalist Practice Field Practicum

SWK 590 Research Methods in Advanced Social Work Practice

SWK 595 Research Literature & Techniques

<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>
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### **Manuscripts in Print**

Brownell, G.E., Mercado-Sierra, M.A. & **Smith, M.** (2020) Reintegration as a social development strategy for Liberia's ex-child soldiers: Addressing Structural Barriers. *Social Development Issues*, published by Michigan Publishing of the University of Michigan. (In press)

**Smith, M.**, & Praetorius, R.T. (2019). College students' knowledge about Sickle Cell Disease. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 29(3), 308-320, DOI:10.1080/10911359.2018.1528918.

**Smith, M.**, & Brownell, G. (2018). Knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors regarding Sickle Cell Disease: Implications for prevention. *Social Work in Public Health*, 33(5), 299-316.

Scannapieco, M., **Smith, M.**, & Strong-Blakeney, A. (2016). Transition from foster care to Independent Living: Ecological predictors associated with outcomes. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal* 33(4), 293-302.

**Smith, M., & Praetorius, R.T.** (2015). The Challenges and Opportunities Associated with Sickle Cell Disease Prevention, Education, and Management. *Social Work in Public Health, 30*(7), 592-612.

**Smith, M., & Aguirre, R.T.** (2012). Reproductive Attitudes and Behaviors in People with Sickle Cell Disease or Sickle Cell Trait: A Qualitative Meta-Synthesis. *Social Work in Health Care, 51*(9), 757-779.

### **Manuscripts in Development**

**Smith, M., & Mercado-Sierra, M.** (Revise & Resubmit). Health Beliefs as a Predictor of Screening Behaviors among College Students. *Social Work in Public Health*.

**Smith, M., & Brownell, G.** (Under Review). College Students Attitudes about SCD carrier screening. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*.

**Smith, M.** (Under Review). College Students' attitudes toward people with Sickle Cell Disorders. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*.

Brownell, G., **Smith, M., & Moore, B.** (to be submitted December 2020) Myths, Facts & Fantasies: Immigration in the United States.

Openshaw, L., Mercado-Sierra, M., Nelson, D., **Smith, M., & Brownell, G.** (to be submitted Jan 2021). Conscience Clauses and Resolving Conflict: Unique Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work.

Mercado-Sierra, M., Brownell, G., & **Smith, M.** (to be submitted May 2021). Food insecurity among college students.

Hernandez A., & **Smith, M.** (to be submitted June 2021) Psychological Impact of Covid-19.

**Smith, M., & Hernandez A.** (to be submitted June 2021). Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors Regarding Covid-19.

Brownell, G., **Smith, M., & Hernandez, A.** (to be submitted July 2021). Public Concerns Regarding Undocumented Immigrants and Current U.S. Immigration Policies: Implications for Social Work Practice.

**Smith, M., Hernandez, A., & Brownell, G.** (to be submitted July 2021). Public perceptions of immigration: Implications for social work education, policy, & research.

## Research Grants & Awards

Pride Grant \$1000 (2019)

Collegiate Learning & Student Succeeding (CLASS) Award (2020)

## PRESENTATIONS

### International

**Smith, M.** (2013, June). *Challenges To Informed Reproductive Choices Among Sickle Cell Carriers*. Pathways 2013 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Los Angeles, CA.

### National

Openshaw, L., Mercado-Sierra, Brownell, G., M., **Smith, M.**, & Nelson, D. (2020, November). *Conscience Clauses and Resolving Conflict: Unique Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work*. Council for Social Work Education 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting. Virtual Meeting

**Smith, M.**, Brownell, G., & Hernandez, A. (2019, October). *Public Perceptions of Immigration: Implications for Social Work Education, Policy, and Research*. Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver CO.

**Smith, M.**, & Brownell, G. (2017, October). *College Students Knowledge about Sickle Cell Disease: Implications for Prevention*. Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Ruiz, E., Aguirre, R.T.P., & **Smith, M.** (2015, January). *Latino Suicide: Identifying and Comparing Risk Factors Among Adolescent Males and Females*. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Ruiz, E., Aguirre, R.T.P. & **Smith, M.** (2014, October). *Latino suicide: Identifying risk factors among young males*. Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

**Smith, M.** & Ruiz, E. (2014, May). *Knowledge and Awareness about Sickle Cell Disease: A Review of the Literature to Inform Prevention Development and Implementation*. Society for Prevention Research 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

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

**Smith, M.** (2013, May). *Reproductive Attitudes and Behaviors in People with Sickle Cell Disorders: A Qualitative Meta-Synthesis.* Society for Prevention Research, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA.

**Smith, M.,** & Black, B. (2011, October). *Dating characteristics: Influences on middle schoolers' dating violence victimization.* Council of Social Work Education, 55th Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

### **State & Local**

Brownell, G. **Smith, M.,** & Hernandez, A. (2019, October). *Public Perceptions of Immigration in the U.S.: Implications for Social Work Practice.* National Association for Social Workers Annual Conference, Galveston TX.

Brownell, G., **Smith, M.,** & Moore, B. (2018, October) *Immigration Myths, Facts, & Fantasies: Social Work Advocacy in the Trump Age.* National Association for Social Workers Annual Conference, Arlington TX

Brownell, G., **Smith, M.,** & Moore, B. (2017, October). *Myths, Facts, & Fantasies: Immigration in the U.S.* National Association for Social Workers Annual Conference, Galveston TX

**Smith, M.,** & Black, B. (2011, March). *Dating Characteristics Influencing Dating Violence Victimization among Middle School Students.* Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES). Arlington, TX.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**2013-2014 Graduate Research Assistant** (Dr. Maria Scannapieco, University of Texas at Arlington, faculty supervisor)

- Conducted literature reviews and manuscript preparation for projects related to:
- Trauma Informed Practice and Effectiveness of Native American/American Indian child welfare social services
- Youth in foster care transition to independent living program

- Co-authored publication

**2012-2015 Bilingual Educator/Trainer** (The Women's Center of Tarrant County Fort Worth, TX)

- Administered data collection (pretesting) of elementary, middle school, and high school students prior to presenting child abuse curriculum.

**2011-2012 Research Coordinator** (Dr. Regina Aguirre, University of Texas at Arlington, faculty supervisor)

- Participated in the development and implementation of a research project related to informed reproductive health research at the School of Social Work
- Provided coordination of activities related to academic publications and presentations
- First author on publication

<b>SERVICE</b>
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**University, College, & Department**

Dissertation Proposal Defense (Fall 2020) Graduate Council Representative  
 Dissertation Proposal Defense (Spring 2020) Graduate Council Representative  
 Academic Appeals Committee (2020-Current) Committee Member  
 School of Social Work (2020-Current) Curriculum Committee Member  
 Department of Nursing (2020) Search Committee Member  
 Faculty Senate (2019-Current) Faculty Senate Awards Committee Member  
 Faculty Judge (2018, 2019) Annual Research Symposium  
 Department of Nursing (2018-Current) Poverty Simulation Committee Member  
 School of Social Work (2018-Current) Admissions Committee Member  
 Aspire Project (2017-2018) providing oversight for SW interns in the Commerce ISD  
 School of Social Work (2017-Current) Field Interviews  
 School of Social Work (2017-Current) Scholarship Committee Chair  
 School of Social Work (2016-Current) Diversity Committee Member  
 School of Social Work (2016-2017) Curriculum Committee Member

**Professional Service**

Manuscript Reviewer (2020) for Ethnicity & Health Journal  
 Manuscript Reviewer (2020) for Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment  
 Abstract Reviewer (2018-2019) Social Work Distance Education Conference

Cultural Humility vs. Cultural Competence: Social Work Field Instructors Workshop (2018)  
Abstract Reviewer (2017) the 63<sup>rd</sup> Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting  
Field Supervisor (2016-2017) for field students requiring MSW supervision

### **Community Service**

Aspire Project (2017-2018) providing oversight for SW interns in the Commerce ISD  
Cultural Humility Training (2017) Buckner Foster Care & Adoption Agency

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**August 2019-Present MSW Program Director** *School of Social Work Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX*

- Provide advising for all MSW students
- Conduct new student orientations

**August 2016 – Present Assistant Professor** *School of Social Work Texas A & M University- Commerce, Commerce Texas*

- Teach graduate and undergraduate courses
- Provide supervision to students in field practicum

**August 2015- May 2016- Ad- Interim Assistant Professor** *School of Social Work, Texas A & M University- Commerce, Commerce Texas*

- Taught graduate and undergraduate courses
- Provided field supervision to field students

**January 2012-December 2015 Adjunct Instructor/Field Liaison** *School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington*

- Taught undergraduate and graduate courses
- Ensured that field students enjoyed quality placements in agencies and performed their assigned tasks satisfactorily.
- Made joint contact (phone or Skype) with student and field instructor by mid-semester. Assessed and monitored the quality of supervision provided to the student.
- Available to the field instructor and the student to help resolve issues that may occur during the course of the placement.
- Reviewed and signed the learning contract, midterm and final performance evaluations, and assigned course grade

- Developed corrective action plan for students having issues.

**08/2012-08/2015 PRN Educator/Trainer** The Women's Center of Tarrant County

- Facilitated the Play It Safe!™ child abuse prevention program to elementary, middle and high school students in English or Spanish that teaches children how to recognize, respond to, and report abuse.
- Worked autonomously connecting with children of all ages
- Communicated with counselors, principals and other school personnel about abuse disclosures or other concerns regarding the children.
- Reported outcries of abuse to CPS and/or police.
- Administer data collection (pretesting) of elementary, middle school, and high school students prior to presenting child abuse curriculum.
- Provided professional advice and training to new educators/trainers concerning the child abuse prevention program

**Summer 2011 MSW Admissions Counselor** School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington

- Recruitment of graduate students, including activities that generated prospects, applicants and enrollees. Managed students from prospect to applicant to enrollee.
- Organized and conducted information sessions/graduate forums for prospective students at the Fort Worth Center. Replied to phone calls, correspondence, and email from prospective students. Managed application process from receipt of application through evaluation and decision.
- Composed correspondence to initiate admissions inquires. Maintained and entered admission information into database, kept records and produced reports as needed. Generated letters of admission and/or rejection to students.
- Provided educational advising to admitted and current students. Served as a liaison to various departments and supported relations between the UT Arlington School of Social Work and the UT Arlington Fort Worth Center.

**January 2009-August 2009 Social Work Intern** Advocacy Department, Children's Medical Center, Dallas, TX

- Planned and organized Coalition meetings.
- Researched, wrote and gathered data from local agencies for local publication.
- Planned and organized legislative visits. Conducted research for community project regarding medical services available within specified zip codes.
- Facilitated a presentation of community project findings to Hospital Committee



**May 2008-August 2008 Social Work Intern** Collin County Children's Advocacy Center,  
Plano, TX

- Conducted needs assessment, case management, and documentation
- Worked directly with clients
- Assisted families in applying for public benefits and referrals to community resources
- Conducted home visits working with CPS
- Reviewed forensic interviews of children and observed civil and criminal trials
- Watched suspect interrogations and provided translations for interrogations
- Supervised court-ordered parent/child visits
- Worked in a multi-disciplinary environment
- Facilitated event planning, back to school fair, and collecting donations,

<b>PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS</b>
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Member of Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)