

EDUCATION

- Master of Social Work, Administration, San Diego State University, 2010
- Bachelor of Arts, Social Work, Minor in Gerontology, San Diego State University, 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, School of Social Work

Lecturer (January 2019- Present)

- Courses taught: Fall 2019 Gerontology 400A/B - Practicum course supporting students with 200 hours of internship working with older adults.

MSW Admissions Director (May-2019-Present)

- Oversee the MSW application review and notification process for the main SDSU campus and Imperial Valley Campus
 - Responding to inquiries related to the MSW program from prospective applicants
 - Conducting monthly information sessions for prospective candidates
 - Coordination of cohort orientations for all MSW programs
 - Creating and updating marketing materials related to the graduate programs

Graduate Advisor (August 2019-Present)

- Assist MSW students with academic planning-including the sequence of appropriate coursework and available resources to ensure academic success
- Provide students information about the grievance process
- Monitor students' progress and evaluate student eligibility and milestones
- Provide student referrals to resources
- Serve on the Student Affairs Committee and Scholarship Review Committee

SDSU RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Project Coordinator, San Diego/ Imperial Geriatric Education Center (August 2015-present)

- Responsible for managing all aspects of the day-to-day operation of the SDIGEC, a Nine year, \$7.15 million Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) funded Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program designed to develop the next generation of geriatric health workers in San Diego and Imperial County, with an initial focus on Alzheimer's and related dementias and the chronic conditions that impact memory loss
- Facilitate the SDIGEC Leadership Team & Partnership Council
- Monitor sub-agreements, provide support to community partners, and make recommendations to maximize Alzheimer's training in San Diego County
- Oversee media campaign, multidisciplinary student stipend program, community and workforce development training
- Provide annual and quarterly reports to funder, HRSA
- Supervise Program Assistant, Social Work/Gerontology Intern, and provide general supervision and oversight for administrative support staff
- Provided all Social Work students with telehealth training and coaching in Fall 2020 via CARES funding

Behavioral Health Education Training Academy (BHETA) Cultural Competency Academy

Coordinator (March 2012-August 2015)

- Coordinated all trainings for the Cultural Competency Academy, providing year-long intensive cultural competency training tracks that focus on enhancing cultural understanding and responsiveness of County of San Diego Behavioral Health Providers-including administrative support, direct services, and management staff

- Worked with community stakeholders and subject matter experts on the creation of culturally appropriate curricula with close attention to the unique needs of the cultural communities being covered in the training (e.g. Native American, Latino, African American, and LGBTIQ)
- Guided training program participants to apply their knowledge and skills with a practicum to create lasting change in their agency/program
- Member of the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Cultural Competency Resource Team (CCRT), Faith Based Council, and Trauma Informed Guide Team
- Wrote “eTraining to Make Cultural Shifts with a Focus on LGBTIQ Clients” for SDSU School of Social Work blog

BHETA Geriatric Training Coordinator (September 2010-August 2015)

- Coordinated and assisted in the development of two levels of Geriatric Certificate Training for county and county-contracted staff: an introductory level training program and an advanced level training program to support community behavioral health and improve the quality of care for older adults and their families
- Member of the San Diego County Older Adult Council
- Coordinated and assisted in the development of Aging Well trainings and e-learning on geriatric mental health for both providers and to the community 2010-2012.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE EXPERIENCE

NETWORK FOR SOCIAL WORK MANAGEMENT, San Diego Chapter
(January 2015-Present, member since 2011)

Mentoring Co-Coordinator

- Recruit potential mentees and upper & executive level Social Work managers as mentors annually
- Coordinate and facilitate annual mentoring orientation and graduation
- Assisted in the planning and coordination of the Annual Executive Summit for the past 3 years
- 2018 Conference program committee member
- Completed Mentoring Program April 2014, mentored by Alfredo Aguirre, MSW- Behavioral Health Director at County of San Diego

SDSU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI CHAPTER (June 2010-Present)

Leadership Team Member & School of Social Work Liaison

- Alumni Representative on the School of Social Work Advisory Board
- Manage email and social media to maintain communication, promote events, mentor recruitment, and share job & volunteer opportunities with Alumni members
- Experience in leading numerous event planning activities including: networking socials, large speaker events, research receptions, student workshops, comps study sessions, and faculty events

AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES, County of San Diego (September 2009-May 2010)

MSW Intern, Intergenerational Programming

- Provided support and coordination for older adult volunteers in the Workforce Academy for Youth (WAY) program including leadership in the development of a successful best practice designation
- Assisted in the planning for multiple Intergenerational Games events, coordinated participants/volunteers, facilitated game stations, and developed successful grant submission

EL DORADO CARE CENTER, El Cajon (September 2008-May 2009)

BSW Intern, Social Services

- Provided information & referral, biopsychosocial assessments, and advocacy for a diverse population in a skilled nursing facility
- Audited social service charts to ensure state regulations were met
- Developed and facilitated bi-weekly group reflective therapy and monthly resident outings for those with mental disorders

ARC OF SAN DIEGO (Summer 2008)

Counselor, Camp A Lot Program

- Provided supervision for adults and children with developmental disabilities at a residential camp
- Assessed for abuse and provided strengths-based encouragement to build self-esteem and confidence

CERTIFICATIONS

2018 Certificate in Management and Leadership, SDSU College of Extended Studies
2012 Training for Trainers Skills Development Certificate, Child Welfare Training Academy
2010 Certificate in Social Work Administration, San Diego State University, CA
2010 Ombudsman Certificate, Aging & Independence Services, San Diego, CA
2009 Completed the Multidisciplinary UCSD Team San Diego Program, UC San Diego, CA

PRESENTATIONS

2020 Co-presenter, Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Project, Gerontological Society of America Conference, virtual
2019 Co-Coordinated and hosted the first *Life After Graduation* event for SDSU School of Social Work undergraduates
2018 Guest Speaker, *How to Be Successful in Your MSW Program, Orientation, SDSU*
2018 Co-presenter, *Utilizing Web Based Tools to Improve Safety: The County of San Diego's Efforts to Protect Older and Vulnerable Adults*, CSUSM/San Diego Coalition for Compassionate Care Conference, California State University San Marcos
2018-present Guest Speaker, *Strengths based leadership*, Social Work 755, SDSU (Spring18 &19, Fall18)
2016 Poster Presentation *Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Project* Gerontological Society of America Conference, New Orleans, LA
2016 Presenter, *Developing a Workforce Responsive to the Growing Number of Individuals and Families Dealing with Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias*, Answers on Aging Annual Conference
2015 Presenter, *Aging Sensitivity*, UCSD Clinical Geriatrics Interprofessional Symposium
2014 Presenter, *Development of Culturally Responsive Public Behavioral Health Program Providers*, Network for Social Work Management Conference, Boston, MA; and National Association of Black Psychologists Conference, Indianapolis, IN
2014 Presenter, *Workforce Development*, Aging in America Conference, San Diego, CA
2010 Guest Speaker, Student engagement, Social Work 120, San Diego City College

OTHER RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2021 SDSU Gerontology Field Instructor
2021 Student Success Faculty Advisor: Healing the Healer Virtual Retreat
2020-Present Lead for Age Friendly University subcommittee in Big Ideas submission
2020-Present SDSU Curricular Redesign for Student Achievement awarded for Gerontology
2019 Panel speaker- Speech-Language-Hearing Awareness and Information Day (SAID) Interprofessional Panel, SDSU
2019 Co-developed Alumni Tutor Mentoring program
2018 Proposal reviewer and lead scheduler, NSMW National Conference
2017-Present Alumni Representative on the SDSU School of Social Work Advisory Board
2017-2019 SDSU, School of Social Work Student Mentor
2014-2018 SDSU, School of Social Work Field Instructor
2012-2015 Member of County of San Diego Behavioral Health Cultural Competency Resource Team
2011-2015 Member of the San Diego County Older Adult Council
2010 CHHS Graduate Student of the Year Award, San Diego State University
2009-2010 NASW Legislative Lobby Days Team Leader, Sacramento

2009-2010 President of the Social Action Committee, SDSU School of Social Work and CHHS
Student Council Representative