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### ***EDUCATION***

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work**

The University of Tennessee – 2001

#### **Master of Social Work**

The University of Denver – 1992

#### **Bachelor of Social Work**

The University of Southern Colorado – 1990

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### ***CURRENT APPOINTMENT***

Associate Professor, University of Kentucky  
College of Social Work

Member of the Graduate Faculty

Director, Graduate Certificate in Military Behavioral  
Health

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### **GRANTS AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: CURRENT RESEARCH:**

**Co-Investigator: Suicide Bereavement in Military Families (PI Cerel, J.).** Military Suicide Research Consortium, US Department of Defense, September, 2011 (\$479,832). Three-year study of the effects on suicide and traumatic exposure on veteran and non-veteran populations.

### **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: COMPLETED RESEARCH:**

**Program Evaluator: Fayette County Truancy Assessment Center (2010):** Evaluation of judicial initiatives and targeted case management services designed to reduce truancy. (Intramural College of Social Work Grant. \$3,000).

**Principal Investigator (2009):** Survey of Social Work Students and Faculty Regarding Political Debate and Open Academic Inquiry in the Classroom. (Dumez Faculty Development Grant. \$2,000).

**Program Evaluator: Drug Endangered Child Training Network (2007):** Evaluation of program designed to develop coordinated community responses to child endangerment caused by drug use and manufacture. Conduct research into the effects of caretaker drug use on children and families in the Commonwealth (\$7,000 university intramural summer research fellowship grant).

**Program Evaluator: Mayor's Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention:** Evaluator for four county-based substance abuse prevention efforts (evaluation budget \$20,000).

**National Quality Improvement Center on Privatization of Child Welfare:** Research consultant for Children's Bureau funded 5-year effort to assess and develop best practices in privatization of child welfare services.

**Adoption Support for Kentucky:** Evaluation of Cabinet for Health and Family Services program to support adoptive families and reduce adoption disruptions.

**The Impact of Organizational Support and Professional Development on Worker Performance and Retention:** A Qualitative study of factors related to worker intention to remain employed, with a focus on the effect of a graduate-level professional development program (\$5,000 College of Social Work internal grant).

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Flaherty, C., Cerel, J., Maple, M., Van de Venne, J., Moore, M., Flaherty, C., Brown, M., Brown, S.

Examining the effects of military cultural factors in experiences of bereavement in a sample of suicide and traumatic death exposed veterans. (in progress).

Sutphen, R., Ford, J., & Flaherty, C. Differential service provision for chronically truant youth referred a court-based intervention. (in progress).

## **PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REFEREED JOURNALS**

- Cerel, J., Maple, M., van de Venne, J, Moore, M , Flaherty, C, & Brown, M. (in press, 2015) Suicide exposure in the community: Prevalence and correlates in one US state. *Public Health Reports*
- Cerel, J., van de Venne, J., Moore, M., Maple, M., Flaherty, C., & Brown, M. M (2015). Veteran Exposure to Suicide: Prevalence and Correlates. *Journal of Affective Disorders*. DOI 10.1016/j.jad.2015.03.017
- Flaherty, C., Ely, G., Meyer-Adams, N., Baer, J. & Sutphen, R. (2013) Are Social Work Educators Bullies? Student perceptions of political discourse in the social work classroom. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work, 33(1)*. 59-74
- Ely, G. E., Flaherty, C., Akers, L. S., & Noland, T. B. (2012). Social work student attitudes toward the social work perspective on abortion. *Journal of Social Work Values & Ethics, 9 (2)*, 34-45.
- Flaherty, C., Ely, G. E., Akers, L. S., Dignan, M. & Noland, T. B. (2012). Social work student attitudes toward contraception and the HPV vaccine. *Social Work in Health Care. 51(4)*,361-381.
- Cook-Craig, P., Ely, G.E., Flaherty, C., Dignan, M. & White, C. (2012). Seeking help advice from social networks in low income urban neighborhoods. *American Journal of Health Behavior. 36(6)*, 723-735.
- Flaherty, C., Sutphen, R., & Ely G.E. (2012). Examining substance abuse in truant youth and their caregivers: Implications for practice. *Children & Schools, 34(4)*, 201-211.
- Meyer-Adams, N., Funge, S., Flaherty, C., Ely, G.E., & Baer, J. (2011) Facilitating CSWE's Social Justice Competency in Baccalaureate Social Work Courses. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work. 16(2)*, 55-73.
- Loeffler, D., Ely, G & Flaherty, C. (2010). Parenting on the tenure track: Exploring gender differences in perceptions of collegial and administrative support. *Academic Leadership: The Online Journal. Academic Leadership, 8(2)*, online, <http://www.academicleadership.org/>
- Ely, G. E., Flaherty, C. & Cuddeback, G. (2010). The relationship between depression and other psychosocial problems in a sample of adolescent pregnancy termination patients. *Child and Adolescent Social Work, 27(4)*, 269.

- Ely, G. E., Flaherty, C., Cook-Craig, P., Dignan, M., White, C. R., Good, S., & Deskins, S. (2010). A case study of health risk behaviors in a sample of residents in rural Appalachia. *Journal of Contemporary Rural Social Work*, 2, pp 32-44.
- Sutphen, R., Ford, J., & Flaherty, C. (2010). Truancy Interventions: A Review of the Research Literature *Research on Social Work Practice*, 20 (2), pp. 161-171.
- Allen, S., Flaherty, C., & Ely, G.E. (2010). Throwaway moms: Maternal incarceration and the criminalization of female poverty. *Affilia*, 25(2), pp160-172.
- Bryan, V., Flaherty, C., & Saunders, C. (2010). Supporting Adoptive Families: Participant Perceptions of a Statewide Peer Mentoring and Support Program. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 4 (1), 91-112.
- Ely, G.E., Nugent, W.R. & Flaherty, C. (2009). *The relationship between dating violence and psychosocial problems in a sample of adolescent pregnancy termination patients. Violence & Victims*, 24(5), 577-590.
- Flaherty, C., Collins-Camargo, C. & Lee, E (2008). Privatization of child welfare services: Lessons learned from experienced states regarding contract payment systems, contract management and ongoing oversight of privatized services. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 11(1).
- Flaherty, C. Collins-Camargo, C. & Lee, E. (2008). Privatization of child welfare services: Lessons learned from experienced states regarding site readiness assessment and planning.. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 30(7), 809-820.
- Collins-Camargo, C.; Ensign, K.; & Flaherty, C. (2008). The National Quality Improvement Center on the Privatization of Child Welfare Services: A program description. *Research on Social Work Practice*. 18(1), 72-81.
- Collins-Camargo, C., Hall, J., Flaherty, C., Ensign, K., Garstka, T., Yoder, B., & Metz, A. (2007). Knowledge development and transfer on public/ private partnerships in child welfare service provision: Using multi-site research to expand the evidence base. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 10(3), 14-31.
- Collins-Camargo, C, Flaherty, C. & Weeks, P. (2007). Partnership to improve the lives of children across

the spectrum of child welfare services: A land grant university's opportunity. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 10(1), 2-9.

Flaherty, C.W. & Patterson, D.A. (2003). Predicting child physical abuse recurrence: Comparison of a neural network to logistic regression. *Journal of Technology in Human Services*, 21(4), 93-111.

#### **BOOK CHAPTER:**

Ely, G. E., & Flaherty, C. (2009). *Intimate partner violence*. In J. Andrade (Ed.). *Handbook of Violence Risk Assessment and Treatment: New Approaches for Mental Health Professionals*. New York: Springer Publishing Company.

#### **TECHNICAL REPORTS:**

Bryan, V., Flaherty, C (2007). *Adoption Support for Kentucky: 2007 Evaluation*. Report to the Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Family Services.

Flaherty, C.W. (2006). *Privatization in child welfare: National forum summary report*. Report to the National Quality Improvement Center on Privatization in Child Welfare Services.

Flaherty, C.W., Weeks, P. L., & Morris-Mandel, F. V. (2007). *The impact of organizational support and professional development on worker performance and retention*. Report to the Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Family Services.

#### **REFEREED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Flaherty, C. & Rompf, B. (2011). *The baby boomers have arrived, again! Integrating geriatric content using brain-based research*. Paper presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> International Lilly Conference on College Teaching, Oxford, OH.

Ely, G. E. & Flaherty, C. (2011). *Social Work Student Attitudes towards the Social Work Perspective on Abortion in the United States*. Poster and Narrated Oral Poster presented at the 20th World Congress on Sexual Health Conference, Glasgow, Scotland.

Flaherty, C., Ely, G. & Meyer-Adams, N. (2010). *Are social work educators bullies? A survey of social work students*. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Portland, OR.

- Ely, G. E., & Flaherty, C. (2010). Strategies for enhancing social justice competencies in online policy practice courses." Electronic poster presented at the Council on Social Work, Annual Program Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Flaherty, C., Ely, G. & Cook-Craig, P. (2010). Developing a coordinated community response to drug-endangered children in rural areas: One state's experience. Paper presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, Presque Isle, ME.
- Flaherty, C. & Sutphen, R. (2010). *What works in truancy intervention: A review of the evidence*. Paper presented at the School Social Work Association of America, Annual Conference. St Louis, MO.
- Flaherty, C. & Ely, G. (2009). *Throwaway moms: Maternal incarceration and the criminalization of female poverty*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. San Antonio, TX.
- Flaherty, C., Ely, G. E., Cook-Craig, P., Dignan, M., White, C.R., Good, S., Deskins, S (2009). *A case study of health risk behaviors in a sample of residents in rural Appalachia*. Paper presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, Duluth, MN.
- Flaherty, C., Rompf, E, & Mills, E. (2008). *Keeping social workers safe in the field: Teaching situational awareness*. Presented to the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (KASWE) Spring Conference, Highland Heights, KY.
- Flaherty, C. & Bryan, V. (2007). *Promoting successful adoptions: Parents' perceptions of a statewide support group program*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- Cook, P. & Flaherty C. (2007). *Using network analysis to assess community response to drug endangered children: Preliminary findings of a multi-year evaluation*. Paper presented at Science & Response: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harm Reduction Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Flaherty, C. (2006). *Drug endangered children in Appalachia*. Workshop presented to The Tri-State Social Work Roundtable, Harrogate, TN.
- Flaherty, C., Mullins, J.L., Hopper, H., Ely, G. (2006). *Creating a Collaborative Community Response to Drug-Endangered Children: Successes and Challenges*. Paper presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, Bowling Green, KY.

Bolin, K.R., & Flaherty, C. (2004). *Patient Satisfaction in teaching vs. non-teaching primary care clinics*. Paper presented at the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians (USAFP) national conference, San Diego, CA.

Lindsay, T. J., Flaherty, C., Konshok, C.H., Wheaton, M.L., & Isler, W.C. (2004). *Prevalence and correlates of postpartum depression in a military community sample*. Paper presented at the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians (USAFP) national conference, San Diego, CA.

Flaherty, C. (2003). *The resident research process: Connecting questions to competencies*. Tabletop presentation. 24<sup>th</sup> Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine, Chicago, IL.

Flaherty, C. & Patterson, D.A. (2001). *Artificial neural network vs. logistic regression for the prediction of child physical abuse recurrences*. Paper presented at the sixth international conference of the Human Services Information Technology Applications (HUSITA), Charleston, S.C.

Flaherty, C., & Cuddeback, G. (2001). *Correlates of child physical abuse among U.S. Air Force families*. Paper presented at the ninth annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Washington, D.C.

Meyer-Adams, N., Wilson, E.E., Washington, T.A., & Flaherty, C. (2000). *Using bibliotherapy with children experiencing parental loss*. Paper presented at the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare, Nashville TN.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

Flaherty, C., Dotson, A., & Olsen, T. (2014). *Relevance of military culture in the provision of mental health services to military and veteran populations*. Web-based continuing education workshop for human service providers.

Flaherty, C., Rompf, E., & Mills, E. (2008). *Keeping social workers safe in the field: Teaching situational awareness*. Required workshop for all University of Kentucky social work majors.

Jones, B. & Flaherty, C. (2007). *Is the child's mother around to give more information? Techniques for valuing fathers in social service agencies*. Continuing education workshop for human service providers.

Flaherty, C. (2007). *Family Diversity: Implications for the classroom*. Presented to the Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education & Elementary Education Student-Teacher Spring Seminars, University of Kentucky.

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

**SW 580** Responding to Military and Veteran Populations

**SW 450** Research Methods in Social Work

**SW 650** Research Methods in Social Work

**SW 722** Psychopathology for Social work Practice

**SW 750** Social Work Research Design & Implementation I

**SW 751** Social Work Research Design & Implementation II

**SW 395** Independent Study

**SW 787** Doctoral Teaching Practicum

**SW 735** Integrative Seminar

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:**

Defended:

*Obtaining genuine family involvement: Unpacking the system of care values and principles.* Deborah Cohen. College of Social Work.

*Success on their own terms: Youths' Perspectives on what it means to be successful in foster care.* Justin "Jay" Miller. University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work

*A holistic view examination of the impact of child maltreatment on child behavioral outcomes: A longitudinal multilevel analysis.* April Murphy. University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work.

*Fathering Involvement among Low-Income Non-custodial Fathers who do not pay child support,* Caroline Reid, College of Social Work.

*The victim schema model: A longitudinal study of social-cognitive processing, emotional distress, and childhood peer victimization.* Paul Rosen, Department of Psychology. Outside Examiner



*Racial differences in representation and treatment in child welfare.* Lisa Johnson. University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work.

In Progress:

*Exploring the Possible Affective Benefits of Behaving Aggressively,* Chris Garris, Department of Psychology. Outside Examiner

*Do School Social Workers and Teachers Identify Themselves as Instrumental in the Fight Against Bullying? Do They Feel Prepared to Tackle the Job?* Sharon Simmons, College of Social Work

*Examining the Cumulative Effects of Victimization on Psychological Distress.* Amanda Dishon-Brown. University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work.

Understanding associations between fathers' childhood traumatic events and their involvement with their children. Qiili Hao. University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

College of Social Work

**Admissions Committee** – Member 2007 – 2014t – Co-chair 2008 – 2011

**Undergraduate Reform Committee** – Member - 2007 – present

**Strategic Planning** – Member 2010 – 2012

**Doctoral Committee** – Member 2010 - present

**College Recruitment and Retention Committee** – Member 2007 – present

**Research Committee** – Member 2005 – 2007; Chair 2006 – 2007

**Curriculum Committee** – Member 2005 – 2007; Fall 2008 – Spring 2009; 2014 – present.

University

**University of Kentucky Non-Medical Institutional Review Board** – Member 2006 – present

**Commonwealth Collaborative:** Clearinghouse for University Research and Service Activities to Improve the Welfare of Children in Kentucky (\$10,000 university intramural grant). <http://www.uky.edu/SocialWork/chwc/>

### Community

**Project Healing Waters:** a nation-wide outreach program dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. Member -volunteer, September 2014 - present

**Sunflower Kids:** Member, Board of Directors for Supervised Visitation Agency. July 2007 – present

**Judge for the Central Kentucky Regional Science and Engineering Fair** – 2008, 2009-present

### **PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **Major, United States Air Force**

**Director, Behavioral Science** – July 2001 to April 2005

Family Medicine Residency Program, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Designed and implemented curricula pertaining to psychosocial aspects of primary care for 24 family practice residents. Directed resident research program: Provided consultation to residents regarding research methodology, data analysis, and evaluation of the scientific literature. Provided direct mental health co-therapy and consultation service for patients treated by residents and staff physicians. Member of the teaching faculty and practicing psychotherapist with responsibilities including psychiatry department liaison.

**Assistant Professor of Family Medicine,** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences – October 2004 – April 2005.

Taught psychosocial aspects of primary care to medical students from USUHS and civilian medical schools through small-group lectures during their Family Medicine rotation.

**Chair, Eglin Air Force Base Regional Hospital Institutional Review Board (2002-2005).**

Provided initial and ongoing review of all biomedical and behavioral research protocols to ensure adequate human subjects protections in accordance with federal regulations.

**Doctoral Student** – July 1998 to July 2001

United States Air Force sponsored fellowship for doctoral degree in social work, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**Chief, Social Services Division** – June 1996 to July 1998

Naval Consolidated Brig Miramar, Naval Air Station Miramar. The NAVCONBRIG is a 400-bed facility that provides confinement and rehabilitation services for pretrial and court-martialed offenders from all services. Directed and supervised Social Services staff. Provided direct mental health treatment services including violent offender treatment and aftercare services.

**Family Advocacy Officer** – February 1993 to June 1996

28<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Hospital, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. Directed base Family Advocacy Program. Provided clinical and outreach services for the Family Advocacy Program. Supervised social work, nursing, and administrative staff. Program mission is the prevention and treatment of family violence.

**Clinical Social Worker** – February 1993 to June 1996

28<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Hospital. Provided clinical social work services to eligible beneficiaries. Directed the Gambling Intervention Program.

**Psychiatric Technician** – 1985 to 1992

US Air Force Academy Hospital. Administered psychological and neuropsychological testing. Provided administrative support to the mental health clinic.

**VOLUNTEER WORK**

Certified Mediator for Anderson County, Tennessee Criminal Court (1999 – 2001).

**LICENSE**

Licensed Certified Social Worker, Private Independent Practice (CSW-PIP) – South Dakota 1993 to 2006.

**BOARD CERTIFICATION**

American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work. Board Certified Diplomate 1998 to 2006.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Council on Social Work Education

Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators

National Rural Social Work Caucus

## **AWARDS**

**Air Force Meritorious Service Medal** – 1998, First oak leaf cluster, 2005.

**Air Force Commendation Award** – 1989. First oak leaf cluster 1996.