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EDUCATION

Ph. D., Social Work, University of Kentucky, Fall 2012

Dissertation:

Human Capital, Mental Health, Substance Use, and Social Support among Low-Income Women

M.S.W., Social Work, University of Kentucky, Spring 1997

B.S., Social Work, Radford University, Summer 1995

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7/14-present **Lecturer Faculty**, University of Kentucky College of Social Work

1/13-present **Drugs and Alcohol Project Director**, University of Kentucky College of Social Work

This position's major responsibility is to direct and coordinate three federally-funded evaluation studies to evaluate enhanced substance abuse treatment services for women. Responsibilities include primary data collection, data management, writing bi-annual reports for federal funding agencies, ensuring data quality, and collaboration with the Principal Investigator in the execution of the goals of each evaluation project. Preparing and writing study reports as well as publications, presentations, and monthly reports are major responsibilities of the position. Hiring and training employees as well as daily supervision of employees is another responsibility.

8/10–5/14 **Adjunct Faculty**, University of Kentucky College of Social Work

8/12-12/12 **Program Coordinator**, University of Kentucky College of Social Work

This position's major responsibility was to collect data to evaluate enhanced substance abuse treatment services for women. This position was responsible for data collection through structured interviews with women in residential substance abuse treatment. A large component of this position was data management including maintenance of confidentiality. Additionally, close collaboration with the Principal Investigator in the execution of the goals of several evaluation projects was a major responsibility of the position. Writing and preparing study reports as well as publications, presentations, and monthly reports was also a major responsibility of the position. Hiring, training, and supervising employees were other responsibilities.

- 8/12-12/12 **Needs Assessment Project Mentor**, University of Kentucky College of Social Work
 This position provided mentorship and management of day-to-day operations related to the collection of existing data relevant to a community needs assessment conducted with agencies funded by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Department of Social Services. Duties involved instruction of undergraduate and graduate students in tasks necessary to complete a community needs assessment including data collection, storage, and analysis; conducting ethical research; delineation and assignment of project responsibilities; coaching on professional interviewing techniques; linking classroom learning with application of skills in the community; and evaluation of student skills.
- 1/08-7/12 **Program Coordinator, Successful Transitions Program**, University of Kentucky College of Social Work, Training Resource Center
 This position was contracted by the state and required adherence to state and federal statutes and policies as well as University policies. This position provided support services to enrolled students who received KTAP (welfare). Program coordination included overseeing a program budget, arranging and/or presenting workshops 4 times per semester, coordinating services with state case managers, recruitment of participants, networking with other university programs, referring participants to campus and community resources as needed. Knowledge of ethical social work practice methods and community resources, as well as relationships with community partners, and the ability to promote the program were all integral parts of this position. Program funding was withdrawn by the federal government in July 2012 which led to the position being eliminated.
- 11/01-12/07 **Case Manager/Social Worker, Sr.**, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Department of Social Services, Family Care Center, Lexington, Kentucky
 This position provided services for young mothers who were KTAP (welfare) recipients and attending college. The position was contracted by the state and required adherence to city, state, and federal statutes, guidelines, and laws. This position also required a thorough knowledge of social work ethics, theories, and practice. Therapy was a part of the position as well as knowledge of community agencies and community partners. Supervision of area college practicum students was a benefit of the position.
- 8/98-11/01 **Family Therapist**, Family Preservation Program, Comprehensive Care Center, Lexington, Kentucky
 Duties included assessment and individual diagnosis of families, in-home therapy with families and children, advocating for families and children,

connecting families with community services, and completing treatment plans, participating in supervision, and networking with fellow employees.

8/97-8/98 **Clinical Research Assistant**, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas
Clinical Research Assistant on a federally funded schizophrenia outcomes research project. Duties included: Administering the SCID (Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV) and using clinical judgment to determine subject eligibility for participation in the project. In addition, administered the research instruments once a person was determined to be eligible; traveled through the state of Arkansas for 6 and 12 month follow-up interviews; contacted multiple collaterals by phone; recruited potential subjects through medical record review and contact with clinicians and other professionals; attended meetings for planning progress; and completed medical record reviews. Additionally, wrote the Suicide Prevention Protocol for the project.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

8/14: Attended New Faculty Orientation, University of Kentucky
8/13-12/14: Provided group and individual practicum supervision for University of Kentucky College of Social Work MSW students
8/08–11/12: Doctoral student in the University of Kentucky’s College of Social Work
2/11: Attended Grant Acquisition Workshop - University of Kentucky
3/11: Attended Content Analysis Methodology Lecture by Dr. Daniel Hopkins, Harvard University – University of Kentucky
4/11: Judge - Undergraduate Social Work Students’ Research Poster Presentations
8/10: University-wide TA Orientation with Microteaching
8/10: College of Social Work TA/Adjunct Faculty Orientation
12/97: Attended Time Management Seminar
5/96: Attended Case Management Seminar at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio
10/95: Certified Pre- and Post-Test HIV Counselor through HIV Counseling, Testing, and Partner Notification Workshop
6/95-8/95: Compiled literature review concerning Native American people and alcoholism for the University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research
1/90-6/90: Employed by the National Institutes of Health, Pharmacology Grant Review Office, Bethesda, Maryland
1/88-6/90: Employed as needed by Silver Spring Presbyterian Church as an Office Assistant, Silver Spring, Maryland

TEACHING

7/1/14: Faculty appointment – Lecturer Title Series, University of Kentucky College of Social Work

8/10–5/14: Adjunct Faculty member, University of Kentucky College of Social Work

Classes Taught – University of Kentucky:

Fall 2010: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
Spring 2011: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
SW 322 (Social Work and Social Welfare) – Guest Speaker
Fall 2011: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
Spring 2012: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
Fall 2012: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
Spring 2013: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
SW 785 (Proseminar in Social Work Research) – Guest Speaker
Fall 2013: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
Spring 2014: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
Fall 2014: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
SW 422 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment II)
SW 435 (Foundations of Professional Ethics in Social Work)
Spring 2015: SW 222 (Development of Social Welfare)
SW 422 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment II)
-Two sections taught at the same time; one in Lexington
and one in Hazard
-Course taught via ITV (Interactive Video) for Hazard
students
SW 435 (Foundations of Professional Ethics in Social Work)

TEACHING OBSERVATIONS

4/7/15: Observed TA, Jing Fang's, SW 124 class and provided support and suggestions

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS CONDUCTED

September 2011: Tricks of the Trade for LIHEAP Volunteers: Respect, Empathy,
and Active Listening

March 2013: Community Resources for Low-Income Students
(Presented to clinicians at the University of Kentucky Counseling Center)

FIRST-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

- Leukefeld, S. (2011, March/April). Incivility and self-doubt in the social work classroom: A survivor's tale. *Social Work Today*. Web Exclusive. Retrieved from: http://www.socialworktoday.com/archive/exc_041911.shtml
- Leukefeld, S. (2011). Using internet-based videos as pedagogical tools in the social work policy classroom. *Advances in Social Work, 12* (2), 318-328.
- Leukefeld, S., & Staton-Tindall, M. Human capital and social support as protective factors for mental health problems among homeless, substance abusing women. Submitted, *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, June 1, 2011.
- Leukefeld, S. TANF's Failure: How Current Social Welfare Policy Restricts Human Capital Acquisition among Vulnerable Women in the U.S. Submitted, *Families in Society*, September 2011.
- Leukefeld, S. TANF's failure: How current social welfare policy restricts human capital acquisition among vulnerable women in the U.S. Submitted, *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, November 2011
- Leukefeld Biermann, S. & Staton-Tindall, M. Human capital and social support as protective factors for mental health problems among homeless, substance abusing women. Submitted, *Journal of Community Psychology*, May 2014.
- Leukefeld Biermann, S. (2014). Well-Being: Promoting Well-Being in Adolescence. In T. Gullotta & M. Bloom (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Primary Prevention and Health Promotion, 2nd Edition* (pp. 1575-1582). New York, NY: Springer-Verlag.

PUBLICATIONS

- Leukefeld, C.G, and Leukefeld, S. (1999). Primary socialization theory and a bio/psycho/social/spiritual practice model for substance use. *Substance Use & Misuse, 34* (7), 983-991.

PRESENTATIONS

- Leukefeld, S., Otis, M. D., Staton-Tindall, M., Delaney, M., Carlton, E. L., Ramlow, B., & Leukefeld, C. Educational Attainment and Barriers to Self-Sufficiency Among TANF Recipients: An Exploratory Study. Submitted, 15th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference. April 2010.
- Leukefeld, S., & Staton-Tindall, M. Human capital and social support: Correlates of mental health among women substance abusers. Presented, 6th Annual Spring Conference of the University of Kentucky's Center for Clinical and Translational Science. March 2011.

Leukefeld Biermann, S., Staton-Tindall, M., & Yates, C. Risk behaviors among IV drug-using and non-IV drug-using pregnant and post-partum women in residential treatment. Presented, 8th Annual Spring Conference of the University of Kentucky's Center for Clinical and Translational Science. April 2013.

Leukefeld Biermann, S., Staton-Tindall, M., Yates, C., James, J., & Harrod, M. Differences in drug use, mental health, and physical health among rural and urban criminal offenders in residential substance abuse treatment & recovery. Presented, 9th Annual Spring Conference of the University of Kentucky's Center for Clinical and Translational Science, March 2014.

JOURNALS

Reviewer, *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*, 2014.

SERVICE

- 6/14: Participated in Undergraduate Orientation Session with the COSW Undergraduate Advisor as faculty representative to answer questions from incoming students and their families
- 11/14: Participated in recruitment of gifted high school students during UK's Kentucky Collegians Day

COMMITTEES

- 2014: College of Social Work Retention Committee member
- 2014: Screening Committee member (Student Affairs Officer II: Graduate Advisor & College Recruiter staff positions)

AWARDS

- 1998: International Who's Who of Professional Management
- 1996: Alpha Delta Mu National Social Work Honor Society, Alpha Gamma chapter, University of Kentucky
- 1990-1995: Full tuition scholarships based on GPA, awarded by University of Kentucky College of Medicine
- 1994: Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, Radford University
- 1994-1995: National Dean's List
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