

Curriculum Vitae

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Purpose:

Enrich the field of Social Work through scholarly contributions, creative and effective leadership, and the use of innovative approaches in developing future social work professionals

Scholarly Activities:

- Author and Co-Author, 2013-18
 - Cox, T., Hsiao, S.C., & Pringle-Hornsby, E. (2018 – in press). From zero to 7,000: Creating a social work field placement program from the campus to the clouds. In Maiden, P. (Ed.). *The transformation of social work education through virtual learning*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing: London.
 - Villareal-Sosa, L, Cox, T., & Alvarez, M. (Eds.) (2016) *School Social Work: National Perspectives on Practice in Schools*. Oxford University Press: New York.
 - Lindsey, B., Smith, K., Cox, T, Kunkel, R., & Alvarez, M. (2016). The school social work contribution to meeting common core standards. In M.S. Kelly, J.C. Raines, S. Stone, & A. Frey (Eds.), *School Social Work: An Evidence-Informed Framework for Practice* (pp. 276-285). New York: Oxford University Press.
 - Guynes, E., Jackson, M., Mercer, S., & Cox, T. (2014). Perspectives on poverty. *Principal, March/April 2014*, p. 8-11.
 - Cox, T. (2013). Improving Educational Outcomes for Children and Youth in Foster Care. *Children & Schools Journal*, 35(1), 59-62.
 - Cox, T.L. (2013). The Challenges of Homelessness. *Principal Leadership*, 13(6), 12-17.
 - Walkley, M., & Cox, T. L. (2013). Building Trauma-Informed Schools and Communities. *Children & Schools*, 35(2), 123-126.
 - Wind, L.H., & Cox, T. (2011). *New Field Instructor Online Certification Course*. Unpublished online training. School of Social Work, University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Retrieved from <http://sowkserv4.usc.edu:8080/Training/>.
 - Cox, T. (2009). School Social Worker Confidentiality, Consent, and Notification. Unpublished manuscript developed for the California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) website, www.cassw.net.
 - Blonsky, H.M., Cox, T., & Pennekamp, M. (2007). Comprehensive Student Learning Support Services: A California Educator's Toolkit. California Association of School Social Workers: Pleasant Hill, CA.
 - Cox, T. (1997). *Social Worker Perceptions of School Social Work* (master's thesis). California State University, Long Beach: Long Beach, CA.
- Editorial Board member for NASW's *Children & Schools Journal* (2016 – present)
- Editor, Trends & Resources, *NASW Children & Schools Journal* (2012 – 2016)
 - Edited 37 scholarly article submissions
- Grant Writing and Program Leadership

- Principal Investigator, CSWE Policy Practice in Field Education Initiative, collaborative project between departments and faculty tracks in USC School of Social Work (2016-2017)
- Co-Investigator, CHAMP (Children's Health and Maintenance Project) collaborative project between USC School of Social Work, USC Ostrow School of Dentistry, and First 5, LA (2012 – 2015)
- Organized and/or collaborated on the writing of four federal counseling grants offered through the Dept. of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (2003-2010)
- Wrote and received grants from the Target Foundation (2007, 2009)
- Project Director, Community Connections Grant (C²), Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (2003-2007)
- Wrote and received grant from the California Community Foundation (1997)
- Co-Creator, Field Practicum Syllabi for SOWK 586a, 586b, & 686a (2011-2013)
 - Collaborated with Clinical Associate Professor Dr. Elizabeth Phillips, Ph.D., USC School of Social Work
 - First syllabi for Field Practica within School and one of the first nationally
 - In progress: syllabi creation for SOWK 686b
- Assisted in Writing and Editing Bi-Annual Report for Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC) Program Re-Accreditation (2012)
 - Assisted USC PPSC Coordinator Prof. Steve Hydon in re-accreditation of PPSC program for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
 - Collaboration between USC's School of Social Work and Rossier School of Education

Field Education Leadership and Service:

- Assistant Dean of Field Education, VAC (2017-present)/Asst. Director, VAC Field (2015-2017)
 - In charge of field department operations for 2000 VAC students
 - HR supervisor for 60 adjunct VAC field faculty members
 - Oversee four-member VAC Field Office staff
 - HR supervisor for VAC Field Office Manager
 - Administrative lead for student review meetings, data reporting, and on-time placements
 - Coordinated online field evaluation conversion for 1132 VAC students (2015-16)
- Assistant Director of Field Education, Ground programs (2013 – 2015)
 - In charge of field department operations for 1100 ground students
 - Coordinated online field evaluation conversion for 530 ground students (2013-14)
- Lead, COBI Fellowship in Social Innovation (2015-2017)
 - Led team in developing Fellowship parameters, vetting candidates, and executing program
 - Led first two cohorts of 16 students each through eight Saturday sessions, one Washington, D.C. immersion, and 32 block placements
- Administrative Lead, University Consortium of Children & Families (UCCF)
 - Supervised UCCF Field Coordinator for new public child welfare initiative combining intern placements within child protective services and a community-based organization
 - Worked with Assessment and Accountability Board to create, implement, and collect evaluative measures designed to analyze effectiveness of initiative
 - Collaborated with the Dept. of Child & Family Services (DCFS), SHIELDS for Families, and USC Child Welfare Training Center on implementation of program
- Lead Instructor, SOWK 586a and 686a Field Practicum
 - Co-wrote narrative for Lead Instructor position for SOWK 586a/b & 686a/b (Aug., 2012)
 - Managed launch of online Learning Agreement and Evaluation for foundation students
- Co-Developed Innovative Field Placements (2010-2015)

- First “Teaching Institution” created with SHIELDS for the Family Training Coordinator Kimberly Medvin and Clinical Associate Professor, Field Education Darlene Woo for 20-25 students from both on-ground and Virtual Academic Center (2012)
- Developed Teaching Institutions GIS Map (2012)
- Consulted on grant proposal for Children’s Health and Maintenance Project (CHAMP), a collaborative First5/LA grant with the USC Ostrow School of Dentistry (2011-present)
 - Co-developed and reviewed forms for program infrastructure, successfully completed IRB course and HIPAA courses, secured external field instructor
- Consulted with USC School of Social Work Advancement Office on creation of the Hutto-Patterson Social Work Field Fellows Program in Community Health in collaboration with Ostrow School of Dentistry (2013-14)
- Consulted on grant proposal for Veterans’ Employment Related Assistance Program (VEAP), a collaborative Department of Defense grant with Community Career Development, Inc.
 - This program will utilize interns from the Military and Veterans Services sub-concentration and was funded on Sept. 5, 2012
- Organized 35 external field instructors (EFIs) for 56 Foundation and Concentration year placements (2011-present)
- Co-organized with Prof. Steve Hydon 20 Foundation Year students as first two cohorts since 2000 to be eligible to earn PPSC (2012-13 & 2013-14)
- Collaborated with the John Milner Professor in Child Welfare Jacquelyn McCroskey and community consultants on the development of Magnolia Place Collaborative internships
 - Seven Foundation Year students experienced a group training and joint supervision model amongst the Collaborative’s partner agencies (2011-2012)
- Co-developed juvenile justice internships at Los Angeles Juvenile Court in Sylmar to work with the Office of the Public Defender and panel attorneys
 - This program has the potential to be created in 19 other Los Angeles County courthouses
- Developed Field Education Department Data Systems (2011-present)
 - Created monthly Field Education Placement Report highlighting students in placement for all four on-ground Academic Centers with year-to-year comparisons (2011-present)
 - Organized USC MSW Student Field Evaluation in online (Qualtrics) format
 - 487 students logged on to complete survey
 - Results tabulated for presentations at Field Faculty and All Faculty meetings
 - Reviewed/analyzed student evaluation results for SOWK 587a and 587b, Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice (2011-2012)
 - Committee work on behalf of Curriculum Council
 - Report included quantitative and qualitative results of Field classroom course
- Trained in evidenced-based interventions (EBIs) and became facilitator for USC School of Social Work Field Education EBI Training program for MSW students (2010-present)
 - Led circle groups in 12 different Motivational Interviewing trainings (2010-present)
 - Led circle groups in three Problem-Solving Therapy trainings for MSW students (2012)
- Presentation on Strengths-Based Leadership to Field Education Dept. Faculty (7-2012)
 - “Leadership in the Field...” with Asst. Prof. Suh Chen Hsiao
- Consulted with USC Information Technology Dept. on conversion of existing Field Education Database to new Salesforce Database (2012-13)
 - Co-developed online outreach lead forms for agencies and new field instructors interested in MSW internships
- Internship Placement Development, Coordination, and Liaisoning
 - Developed 69 Foundation Year placements where students were placed (2010-present)

- Developed 83 Concentration Year placements; students were placed at 57 of those placements (2010-2015)
- Co-developed 49 Non-Traditional Social Work placements with Office of Career and Alumni Services; 32 were utilized as placements (2011-2015)
- Helped place 2,126 Foundation Year students in internship placements (2010-2015)
- Placed 224 UPC COPA students in second year macro internships (2010-2015)
- Placed 73 UPC Social Work & Business in a Global Society (SW&B) students in second-year macro and micro internships (2013-2015)
- Field Faculty Liaison for 215 Foundation and Concentration Year students (2010-2015)

Faculty Committee and Student Caucus Involvement

- Co-Chair, Sexual Harassment Task Force, Steering Committee (2017-2018)
- Field Faculty Lead, Community, Organization, & Business Innovations (2014-2015)
- Co-Chair, Foundation Year Placement Committee (2010-2015)
- UPC Field Coordinator, COPA Concentration (2010-2013)
- Field Representative, Practice Sequence (2010-2012)
- SOWK 587a/b Curriculum Review Subcommittee (2011-12)
- Curriculum Council Field Representative, (2012-2014)
 - Committee member, Targeted Curriculum Review Committee (2013-14)
- Application Review Committees, On-Ground and VAC (2010-present)
- Co-Organizer, Good Neighbor's Campaign, USC School of Social Work (2011)
- Co-Advisor, Men in Social Work Caucus (2011-present)

Community Service Activities

- Committee Member: CASSW Region-LA (2005-present), helping to organize workshops on:
 - "Cutting", "School Social Work Advocacy", "Using Drama to Facilitate Healing", "Innovative Programs Addressing Attendance Issues", "Dropout Prevention"
- Co-Chair and/or Committee Member: CSULB Community Issues Forum (2004-2010)
- Committee Member: DCFS Team Decision Making (TDM) Collaborative (2008-2009)

Presentations, 2002-2017

- On more than 32 different social work topics ranging from attendance improvement, Common Core, law and ethics, to solution-focused counseling and violence prevention, among others.
 - Sixty-one presentations to university students, Field Faculty, Public School Personnel, and Community Professionals
 - Eighteen presentations to LBUSD constituent groups

Training

- Completed more than 5,400 hours of training in child abuse and domestic violence prevention, school social work training hours, continuing education units (CEUs) to renew LCSW, supervised therapeutic activities to meet LCSW requirements, new field instructor training, supervised intern hours to satisfy CSULB MSW requirements, and training in child welfare.

Education

- Ed.D in Organizational Change and Leadership, (2015-2018 anticipated graduation) USC Rossier School of Education
- Master's of Social Work (1993-1997) California State University, Long Beach
 - Concentration: Children, Youth, and Families
 - Thesis nominated for Thesis of the Year
 - Named Outstanding Graduate
 - Dean's List for 4.0 GPA
 - Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC) earned
- B.A. in Journalism, Minor in Business (1985-1989) Southern Methodist University
 - Broadcast News internship for *ABC News Nightline* in Washington, D.C.

- Business internship for Carnation Company
- High School Diploma (1981-1985) Duncanville High School, Duncanville, Texas

Employment History:

University of Southern California (USC), School of Social Work (7/2010 – present)

- Assistant Dean of Field Education (2017-present)
- Assistant Director of Field Education (2013-2017)
- Clinical Associate Professor, Field Education (2013-present)
 - Teach Integrative Seminar & Social Work Leadership courses
- Vice Chair, Social Change & Innovation Department (2014-present)
- Social Work & Business Concentration Field Coordinator (2013-2015)
- COPA Concentration Field Coordinator, UPC Campus (2010-13)
- Responsibilities:
 - Teach Integrative Seminar & Social Work Leadership courses
 - Coordinate field placement process for COPA and SW&B Concentration students
- Key Achievements:
 - Student evaluations consistently higher than university, college, and department averages
 - Co-Chair of Foundation Year Placement Committee (2010-13)
 - Co-Lead Instructor for Field Practica SW 586a/b and SW 686a/b
 - Consultant to re-accreditation process for school social work program, 2011-2013
 - Co-Coordinated four COPA Brown Bag presentations, 2010-12
 - Co-Coordinated COPA Immersion, 2011-12 & 2012-13
 - Co-Coordinated SW&B Immersion, 2013-14
 - Co-Developed Non-Traditional Social Work internship placements
 - Active in developing more than 210 new SW&B, COPA and Foundation Year agencies for MSW internships (2010-present)

California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) (1/2007 – 6/2010)

- Part-time faculty, Saturday and evening courses
 - Taught 11 courses for graduates and undergraduates on Communities and Institutions, Generic Social Work Practice, Group Intervention, and Social Work Administration
- Key Achievements:
 - Perfect student evaluations in two courses
 - “Excellent” annual evaluations of contributions by Department Director

Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) (8/1998 – 6/2010)

- Lead School Social Worker, Office of School Social Work Services (2004-2010)
- School Social Worker (1998-2003)
- Responsibilities:
 - Provided school social work services to LBUSD elementary school children and families
- Key Achievements:
 - Crisis Response Team member (2000-2010)
 - Grant writer and director for federal counseling grant, “C²: Community Connections” (2003-2007)
 - MSW Intern Field Instructor for 23 interns (2000-2010)
 - National conference presentations on Crisis Intervention and School Social Work Advocacy (2003, 2007)

Practice of Love Counseling Agency (2003 – 2007)

- Child and Family Therapist
- Responsibilities:
 - Provided therapeutic counseling services for children, youth and families

- Key Achievements:
 - Successful termination and/or transfer of 74% of cases

YMCA of Greater Long Beach (1997-1998)

- Director, Stevenson-YMCA Community School
- Responsibilities:
 - Created grant-funded program built on collaborations between the university, school district, community agencies, and parents that provided before-school recreation for students, involvement opportunities and workshops for parents, after-school programming for students, and teacher-led clubs that enhanced academic subjects
- Key Achievements:
 - Created Community School during first year of program
 - Presented program at Community School forum, Fordham University, New York (1998)

Carson Child Guidance, Carson, CA (1995-1996)

- Intern through CSULB and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) partnership
- Responsibilities:
 - Provided School Social Work Services to students and families at two schools, Leapwood E.S. and Curtiss M.S.
- Key Achievements:
 - Provided in-class, individual, and group crisis intervention services after on-campus murder of armored vehicle officer
 - Ran two substance abuse groups for identified students

Orange County Health Care Agency, Children and Youth Services (1994-1995)

- Intern through CSULB and Orange County Mental Health Agency partnership
- Responsibilities:
 - Provided counseling services to referred youth from local schools
- Key Achievements:
 - Wrote three AB 3632 reports qualifying youth for more intensive support services

Ettie Lee Homes for Youth (1991-1997)

- Foster Care Social Worker (1997)
- Lead Recreation Specialist (1991-1997)
- Line Staff (1991)
- Responsibilities:
 - Provided structure and recreational activities for youth ages six to 18 in group homes
 - Provided training, resources, and support to foster parents
 - Provided case management and counseling services to foster children
- Key Achievements:
 - Developed outdoor recreation enrichment program focusing on adventure and teamwork
 - Intervened in racially charged foster parent/social worker conflict and developed positive relationship with foster mother and the children in her care

Awards

- “Abuse Prevention Award” recipient, (December, 2013) from End Abuse, Long Beach
- Named “Social Worker of the Year” (March, 2010) by NASW-CA, Region I, Long Beach Unit
- Honored by Long Beach Pupil Personnel Association in 2007 for mentorship of LBUSD student

Professional License, Credentials or Certifications

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW): Oct. 2003 to present
- Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC): Aug. 1997 to 2012

Board of Directors Involvement and Professional Memberships

President

- California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) 2011-2014

Past President

- California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) 2014-present

Board Member

- Standards & Practice Chair: School Social Work Association of America (2013-present)
- Legislative Chair: CASSW (2007-2011)
- Treasurer (2016-present) and CEU Coordinator (2007-2015): End Abuse, Long Beach (Domestic Violence Prevention Council)

Member

- National Association of Social Work (NASW)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW)
- School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA)

Training

Completed:

- 90 hours of child abuse and domestic violence prevention training (1998-2010)
- 345 school social work training hours to renew Pupil Personnel Services Credential (1997-2010)
- 108 continuing education units (CEUs) to renew LCSW three times (2003-2010)
- 3200 hours of supervised therapeutic activities to meet LCSW requirements (2000-2003)
- 1040 supervised intern hours to satisfy CSULB MSW requirements (1994-1996)
- 400 hours of training in child welfare at Ettie Lee Homes for Youth (1991-1997)

Presentations

Topics/Areas of Expertise:

- 40 Developmental Assets
- Attendance
- Bullying
- Child Abuse Reporting
- Collaboration Between Teachers and Support Staff
- Common Core
- Confidentiality
- COPA/Non-Traditional Social Work
- Crisis Intervention
- Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
- Ecological Systems Theory
- Effective School Supervision
- Families in Crisis
- Field Education
- Grant Writing
- Grief and Loss
- Group Process
- Homelessness
- Interagency Collaboration

- Law and Ethics
- Motivation
- Positive Classroom Management
- Praising Children
- Raising Emotionally Healthy Children
- School Social Work Services
- Self-Care
- Social Work as a Career
- Solution-Focused Counseling,
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention
- Violence Prevention

Presentations, 2002 – 2014:

School Administrators, School Support Staff, and Community Professionals

- *“Field Instruction with MSW Interns: Expectations, Realities, and Best Practices.”* Co-presentation with USC Clinical Asst. Prof. Rosemary Alamo, Kaiser Permanente – Orange, Clinical Services Division (July 2013 & 2014).
- *“Expanding Social Work in LA County, California, & the Nation: A Non-Traditional Approach.”* East Los Angeles Rotary Club: Tamayo’s Restaurant (November, 2011)
- *“1st and 2nd Year MSW Intern Expectations.”* LAUSD Field Instructor’s Year-End Field Instructor’s Meeting: LAUSD Local District 5 Headquarters (June, 2011).
- *“Self-Care for the Social Worker.”* Community Partnership Collaboration: Social Workers from L.A. County’s South Bay Region (Jan., 2010). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Worker.
- *“Helping Families and Staff Deal with Loss.”* LBUSD: Therapists in the Mobility Therapy Unit (MTU), California Children’s Services. Co-led with LBUSD School Social Worker.
- *“Effective School Supervision.”* LBUSD: Keller E.S. Administrators, Playground Supervisors, & Cafeteria Supervisors (April, 2009)
- *“Educating Homeless Youth.”* End Abuse, Long Beach: Therapists, Social Workers, Police Officers, & other Social Service Professionals (March, 2009). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Worker and City of Long Beach *ChildPlay* Director, Multi-Service Center.
- *“The Roles of School Social Workers.”* LBUSD Board of Education: LBUSD Board Building (March, 2005-08). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Workers.
- *“Being Visible, Viable, and Virtually Impossible to Do Without.”* School Social Work Association of America: Orlando, Fla. (April, 2007) & California Association of School Social Workers State Conference: Long Beach (Oct., 2007) & California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance (April, 2008). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Workers.
- *“Crisis Intervention: The Ripple Effect. Lessons Learned & Implications for Prevention.”* School Social Work Association of America National Conference: Boston, MA (2003). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Workers.
- *“Assisting Students at Risk for Suicide.”* LBUSD: Middle School Site-Based Crisis Teams at Long Beach Water Dept. (2002). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Workers.
- *“Child Abuse Reporting: What Mandated Reporters (Like You) Need to Know.”* LBUSD: Teachers, Administrators, Counselors, Psychologists, School Social Workers, & Nurses (2002). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Workers.

K-12 Students

- *“Teachers’ and Students’ Roles in Preventing and Reducing the Impact of Exposure to Violence on Children.”* Co-presenter for national Defending Childhood Initiative webinar with Dr. Marleen Wong at Community Health Advocates School, LAUSD (October, 2012).

- “*Social Work as a Career.*” LBUSD Middle School Students: Robinson K-8 School (January, 2010); Jefferson Middle School (2008, 2006, 2005).

Parents

- “*Attendance Laws & Responsibilities.*” LBUSD Superintendent’s Parent Forum (Oct., 2009). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Workers & Counselors.
- “*Utilizing School Social Work Services.*” LBUSD: Whittier E.S., Coffee with the Principal (Oct., 2006)
- “*Motivating Your Child to Succeed.*” LBUSD: Parent Institutes VII, VIII, and IX (April, 2002-04); Lowell E.S. (May, 2002); CORAL After-School Program, Willard E.S. (June, 2002).

Teachers

- “*Raising Emotionally Healthy Children: The Five Critical Needs of Children.*” (Addressed Dr. Gerald Newmark’s book by the same title) LBUSD: Head Start (February, 2010). Co-led with MSW Intern.
- “*Attendance Laws & Responsibilities.*” LBUSD: Head Start (February, 2010).
- “*Long Beach Families in Crisis.*” LBUSD: Head Start (September, 2009). Co-led with Director of DCFS’ Lakewood Office.
- “*CHAMPS: A Proactive and Positive Approach to Classroom Management.*” LBUSD: Burbank E.S. (June, 2009). Co-led with Burbank Teacher.
- “*Being Confident about Confidentiality.*” LBUSD: Burbank E.S. (April, 2009). Co-led with Burbank School Counselor.
- “*A Focus on Solutions: The Road Less Trampled.*” LBUSD: Tucker E.S. (March, 2004); Garfield E.S. and Hudson K-8 (April, 2004). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Workers.

University Students

- “*Common Core Standards & School Social Workers: Where Do We Fit In.*” ABC Unified School District presentation to social work interns, ABC District Office (April 18 and Oct. 8, 2014).
- “*Leadership and Teamwork: Knowing and Maximizing Our Team’s Strengths.*” Dean’s Leaders/Merit Scholars, USC Faculty Club (May, 2014).
- “*Law and Ethics in Schools.*” CSULB School Social Work/PPSC Students: CSULB (April, 2012, 2013, & 2014)
- “*School Social Work Organizations and Associations.*” USC School of Social Work video presentation for Virtual Academic Center, SOWK 614 (May, 2012).
- “*The Effects of Poverty, Language and Culture on Education.*” LBUSD School Psychology Interns: Student Support Services Administrative Offices (Oct. 20, 2011)
- “*Show Me the Money: Learning How to Write Grants.*” LBUSD School Social Work Interns: Riley E.S. (January, 2010). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Worker.
- “*40 Developmental Assets.*” LBUSD School Social Work Interns (Nov., 2005-09). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Worker.
- “*Crisis Intervention in Schools.*” California State University, Long Beach: Masters-Level Social Work PPSC Students (Nov., 2009).
- “*Ecological Systems Theory: Understanding the Interactions Between Person and Environment.*” California State University, Fullerton: Masters-Level Social Work Students (August, 2009).
- “*A Focus on Solutions: The Road Less Trampled.*” LBUSD: Riley E.S., MSW Interns (Nov., 2008). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Worker.
- “*Suicide Prevention & Intervention.*” California State University, Long Beach: Masters-Level Social Work Students (June, 2007). Co-led with LBUSD School Social Workers.

Community Service Activities

- SPARK mentor for three 8th-grade students at from Inner City Educational Foundation (ICEF) schools (2011-12)
- Group leader: NASW-CA Legislative Lobby Days (2009-2010, 2012)
- Committee Member: CASSW Region-LA (2005-present), helping to organize workshops on:
 - “Cutting”, “School Social Work Advocacy”, “Using Drama to Facilitate Healing”, “Innovative Programs Addressing Attendance Issues”, “Dropout Prevention”
- Co-Chair and/or Committee Member: CSULB Community Issues Forum (2004-2010)
- Committee Member: DCFS Team Decision Making (TDM) Collaborative (2008-2009)
- Read-In Participant (11 times), LBUSD Head Start and Gant, International, Roosevelt, and Tucker elementary schools (2002-2010)

Interests and Other Relevant Information

- Served as facilitator at 2014 L.A. Times Festival of Books for panel focusing on severe mental illness called “Living with Mental Illness: Support and Survival.
- Featured on LBUSD Cable Channel, “School Social Work Service in LBUSD,” a 30-minute televised dialogue on the role of School Social Workers. The program aired on a rotating schedule on cable in Long Beach from 2007 to 2010.