

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

MSW, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y. May 1985

B.A., State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y. Major in Communication. May 1982.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Clinical Assistant Professor, August 2002-Present  
University at Buffalo, School of Social Work. Buffalo, New York.

Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor, August 2001-May 2002  
University at Buffalo, School of Social Work. Buffalo, New York.

Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, 1996-2000  
University at Buffalo, School of Social Work. Buffalo, New York.

Academic Director, 2006-2010  
University at Buffalo, Undergraduate Education – Civic Engagement Learning Academy.  
Buffalo, New York.

Faculty Council Fellow, 2010-2017  
University at Buffalo, Undergraduate Education – Civic Engagement Learning Academy.  
Buffalo, New York.

### PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Motorola, Inc., Elma, NY 1996 - 2001  
▪ Manager - Employee Assistance Program

- Health Management Systems of America, Buffalo, NY 1993 - 1996
- Clinical Coordinator- Employee Assistance Program, United States Postal Service, Western New York District
- Children's Hospital of Buffalo 1992-1993
- Social Worker - Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY  
Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Arthur W. Buchanan Foundation, Buffalo, NY 1992 -1993
- Executive Director - Aurora House
- Southern Erie Clinical Services, Buffalo, NY 1988 - 1992
- Supervisor - Clinical and Administrative, Erie County Medical Center: Division of Chemical Dependency
- Child & Family Services, Buffalo, NY 1987 -1991
- Clinical Consultant, Employee Assistance Program (part time)
- Erie County Health Department, Buffalo, NY 1987 -1988
- Medical Social Worker
- Southern Erie Clinical Services, Buffalo, NY 1986 -1987
- Substance Abuse Counselor, Erie County Medical Center: Division of Chemical Dependency
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinic, Buffalo, NY 1985 -1986
- Social Worker

## **AWARDS**

Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year, School of Social Work, University at Buffalo (2018)  
Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year, School of Social Work, University at Buffalo (2021)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

National Association of Social Workers  
New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
New York State R-Number Certification

## **PRESENTATIONS (invited)**

National Transplant Financial Coordinators Conference, Minneapolis, MN. *“How matters: Using Motivational Interviewing to guide conversations with patients to promote decision-making, strengthen personal motivation and enhance commitment and compliance”*, (October 2019)

Erie County Medical Center, Regional Transplantation and Kidney Care Center of Excellence, Buffalo, NY. *“Motivational Interviewing with Chronic Kidney Disease”* (June 2018)

Kidney Foundation of Western New York, Renal Profession Education Update Conference, Buffalo, NY. *Motivational Interviewing in Health Care: helping patients change behavior and fostering compliance* (May, 2018)

Erie County Medical Center, Mental Health Month Education Series, Buffalo, NY. *“Bridging Research to Practice: Critical thinking about addiction treatment – Implications for practitioners and everyone else”* (May 2018)

Erie County Medical Center, Social Work Continuing Education Services, Buffalo, NY. *“Motivational Interviewing Applications in Behavioral Health Practice”* (October 2016)

Erie County Bar Association, Erie Institute of Law, Buffalo, NY. *“Motivational interviewing for lawyers”* (June 2016)

University at Buffalo, School of Social Work Alumni Association, Buffalo, NY. *“Helping clients change behavior across practice settings”* (2016)

Western New York School Nurses Association, Buffalo, NY. *“Motivational Interviewing applications to school nursing practice. (2012)*

Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., Buffalo, NY. *Introduction to the key concepts and spirit of Motivational Interviewing”* (2011)

New York State School Social Workers Association. *“Motivational Interviewing Applications: preparing young people to change behavior”* (2011)

Crisis Services Outreach Program, Buffalo, NY. *“Introduction to the key concepts and spirit of Motivational Interviewing”* (2011)

Catholic Medical Partners, Buffalo, NY. *“Motivational Interviewing: Implications for nursing practice and providing services to difficult patients”* (2011)

University at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine, Buffalo, NY. *“Motivational Interviewing: applications for dental medicine”* (2011)

New Directions Youth and Family Services, Buffalo, NY. *“Motivational Interviewing: Moving from ambivalence to change talk”* (2008)

Sobota, P., & Syms, C. (2008). *“The court and defendant working together – Motivational interviewing: Applications to drug court”* New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals Tenth Annual Conference and Exhibit

New Directions Youth and Family Services, Buffalo, NY. *“Introduction to the key concepts and spirit of Motivational Interviewing”* (2007)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University at Buffalo, School of Social Work**

**1996-Present**

*Courses Taught:*

- Interventions I
  - Interventions II
  - Interventions with Families
  - Perspectives on Trauma and Human Rights: Contemporary Theory, Research, Policy, and Practice (fully online)
  - Motivational Interviewing and Assessment
  - Professional Development Seminar
  - Theories of Organizational Behavior and Development
  - Mental Health and Disability Social Work
  - Integrative Seminar in Health, Mental Health, and Disability
  - Social Services to Children, Youth, and Families
  - Nature and Treatment of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems
  - Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (1 credit)
  - Core Concepts in Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling (1 credit)
- Field Liaison for student internships (2001- 2013)

**University at Buffalo, Division of Undergraduate Education    2006-2010**

*Course Master Syllabus Development and Courses Taught:*

- Civic Engagement Seminar I
- Civic Engagement Seminar II

## **SERVICE**

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

University at Buffalo, Faculty Senate (2020-Present)

University at Buffalo Plagiarism Adjudication Committee (2019-Present)

University at Buffalo, Masters in Public Health Program. Guest lecturer in Dr. Lucia Leone's course: *Motivational Interviewing in Health Behavior Change* (November 2016, November 2017, November 2018)

UB Students in Recovery Task Force, Member (2015-2017)

Marshall Scholarship Review Committee (2013), Mock interviewer, 2013.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Review Committee (2010-13)

School of Social Work Decanal Review Committee (Dean) (2010)

Civic Engagement Learning Academy, Faculty Advisor. (2010- 2017)

Civic Engagement Learning Academy, Academic Director, (2006-10)

### **UB SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICE**

UBSSW Dean's Budget Advisory Committee (Summer 2020- Spring 2021)

Faculty Committee Member of HAPPE UBSSE technology blog (February 2020- January 2021)

UBSSW Trauma-Informed Teaching Survey: developed, administered and delivered faculty survey to assess capacity and perceptions related to teaching in trauma-informed curriculum. (2018-19)

Co-host and committee member of inSocialWork Podcast Series. 2010-Present

Full-Time Host and Interviewer, InSocialWork Podcast Series. May 2021 to Present

UBSSW inSocialWork Podcast Interviewer:

- Dr. Donna Jeffrey: Making Whiteness Strange: Exploring anti-racist social work education. (May 2021)
- Stephanie Stodolka: Bridging the Gap Between Education and Social Work: TIC in a School Setting. (November 2020)

- Dr. Michael Kelly: How "Grand" Are the Grand Challenges?: A Critical Discussion on the Evidence Supporting Social Work's Grand Challenges Initiative (August 2018)
- Drs. Rebecca Mirick & Ashley Davis: Only liberal views welcome?: Experiences of conservative students in BSW education (May 2019)

Academic Advisor (2001-Present) approx. 34 students/yr.

Committee on Students Ad Hoc sub-committee to review and clarify Ethical Violation Procedures (Spring 2019)

Committee on Students Ad Hoc sub-committee to review and clarify Technical Standards document (Fall 2019)

Personnel Committee Ad Hoc sub-committee to review and clarify Clinical Faculty promotion guidelines (Spring 2020)

Committee on Students, 2001-Present (Chair 2002)

MSW Curriculum Committee, 2012-present (Chair –Spring 2013, Spring 2021)

Professional Development Seminar Sequence Chair 2012-2020

Advanced Interventions Curriculum Chair 2019- Present

Sequence and Cluster Chairs Committee, 2002-present

Human Behavior in the Social Environment Sequence, Chair- 2006-2011

Interventions Sequence Curriculum Group, 2011-present

Advanced Interventions Curriculum Group, 2011-present

Trauma-Informed/Human Rights Seminar Curriculum Group, 2011-present

Interview Committee for new Student Affairs employee (Spring 2019)

UBSSW Orientation Curriculum Introduction Workshops (2), 2012

Personnel Committee, 2012

Academic Integrity Decanal Committee, Member 2012

Guest Speaker, Rho Kappa Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 2012

UBSSW MSW Program Admissions Committee, 2010-11

Student Impairment Ad-Hoc Committee, Member 2008

UBSSW Workshop Guest Speaker. *The Social Work Job Search*. 2008, 2009

UBSSW Continuing Education Program, Instructor. 1996-2013

*“Advanced Motivational Interviewing”*

*“Introduction to Motivational Interviewing”*

*“Introduction to Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling”*

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE/AGENCY-BASED TRAINING**

Rahama, Buffalo, NY. Two, 2-hour training sessions for direct-line and supervisory staff: *Motivational Interviewing applications for practice with Immigrant Persons affected by Intimate Partner Violence. April 2021*

Kaleida Health/Oishei Healthy Kids, Buffalo, NY. Five 3-hour training sessions for direct-line and supervisory staff: *Motivational interviewing applications for practice with children and families. June-August 2017*

Cazenovia Manor, Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Buffalo, NY. 3-hour training presentation: *Motivational Interviewing: applications in drug and alcohol recovery programs. October 2016*

Erie County Department of Social Services, Buffalo, NY. Four 3-hour training sessions for direct-line child welfare staff. *Introduction to the Spirit and Key Concepts of Motivational Interviewing: applications for child welfare practice. October/November 2014*

Social Work Education Consortium, Madison County, NY. Department of Social Services. 2-day training: *Advanced Motivational Interviewing: Applications for child welfare practice, adolescents, and supervisory support. July, 2014*

Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. Division of Child Psychiatry Residency Program. 3-session Grand Rounds: *Motivational Interviewing: Helping patients change behavior. May, 2014*

Social Work Education Consortium, Liverpool, NY. Department of Social Services. 2-day training: *Motivational Interviewing: Applications for child welfare practice. July, 2013*

Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY. Department of Social Work & Behavioral Sciences: *Motivational Interviewing: Applications to Hospital-Based Social Work Practice. 2013*

Mount Hope Family Center, Rochester, NY. *Introduction to the key concepts and spirit of Motivational Interviewing. 2013*

Erie County Department of Social Services, Buffalo, NY. Provided a 12-week Training of Supervisory Staff in Supervision for Motivational Interviewing as follow-up to previous training of direct-line staff in Child Welfare. 2012

Erie County Department of Social Services, Buffalo, NY. Three 3-hour training sessions for direct-line child welfare staff. *Motivational Interviewing: applications for child welfare practice. 2011*

Erie County Department of Social Services, Buffalo, NY. Three 3-hour training sessions for direct-line child welfare staff. *Motivational Interviewing: advanced applications for child welfare practice. 2011*

Erie County Department of Social Services, Buffalo, NY. Three 3-hour training sessions for direct-line child welfare staff. *Motivational Interviewing: applications for child welfare practice. 2010*

Child and Adolescent Treatment Services, Buffalo, NY. Three 3-hour training sessions for clinical staff. *Motivational Interviewing: Introduction and Application of Key Concepts. 2008*

### ***Community Board Service***

Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District, Springville, NY  
Board of Education 2005-10  
*President 2006, Vice-President 2005*

Healthy Community Alliance, Gowanda, NY.  
*Board Member* 2004-06