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EDUCATION

August 2012 The University of Texas at Austin
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

May 2001 Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
Master of Social Work

September 1997 Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
Bachelor of Art in Psychology

HIGHER EDUCATION

August 2020- Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Present *Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs and Associate Professor*

August 2018- Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
August 2020 *PhD Program Director*

In collaboration with the Dean and Academic Affairs, envisioned, planned, and executed the PhD in Social Work. This program was one of only three online PhD programs in social work in the United States. Led the university in adopting remote faculty positions to enhance recruitment of top scholars to teach in this program. Worked with geographically diverse teaching and research teams to leverage talents. Proposed, designed, implemented, and directed the first doctoral program. The mission of the doctoral program was to recruit and support under-represented students and to prepare students to serve within minority serving institutions. The design of the program and the recruitment tools utilized resulted in a cohort that was 36% more diverse than the national average and was comprised of a majority racially and ethnically minority students. The cohort also comprises geographically, educationally, and intellectually diverse students. Coordinates and oversees doctoral student research projects. Utilizes multi-site research collaborations to increase and enhance research.

- Founding director
- Created mission, vision, and curriculum
- Recruited geographically, ethnically/racially diverse inaugural cohort
- Designed online curriculum

- Recruited and hired PhD faculty
- Established teaching assistant funding to support cohort
- Oversaw successful SACS accreditation of program

February 2017-
August 2018

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
Director Worden School of Social Service

Director of the academic unit that housed the most diverse faculty and staff on campus. Led a program in which students represent extreme geographic diversity including all 50 states and internationally. Provided leadership within a Hispanic Serving Institution with a student population that is 72% Hispanic.

- Strategic planning
- Assessment and accreditation
- Budgeting and budget forecasting
- Faculty recruitment
- Oversight of both BSW and MSW (traditional and fully online) program
- Faculty leadership
- Marketing and communications
- Development of online PhD program
- Staff oversight
- Established research training and consultation for tenure track faculty
- Oversaw a school with three campuses including San Antonio, the Rio Grande Valley, and national online program
- During tenure doubled number of faculty and staff, incorporated remote faculty
- Faculty and staff evaluations and mentorship
- Leadership responsibility for 15 full-time faculty, 11 staff, and 63 adjunct faculty
- Managed external OPM partnership to support online education
- Established Directors advisory council
- Oversaw three program directors: MSW Program Director, BSW Program Director, and Field Director
- Oversaw social work portion of collaboration/grant to serve San Antonio Independent School District underperforming school with an interdisciplinary approach including education, social work, psychology, and communication disorders
- Oversaw hosting Social Work Distance Education Conference
- Fundraising and donor engagement in collaboration with university development office

August 2016-
February 2017

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
Interim Director Worden School of Social Service

- Strategic planning
- Assessment and Accreditation

- Budgeting and budget forecasting
- Faculty recruitment
- Oversight of both BSW and MSW Program
- Faculty Leadership
- Marketing and Communications

May 2014-
August 2016

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
MSW Program Director

- Facilitated MSW program with over 940 students. Increased enrollment by over 641 students
- Launched marketing plan including newsletter, social media, and blog
- Mentored new faculty
- Launched faculty writing group
- Launched intensive training initiative for adjunct faculty
- Student Advising
- Course design and curriculum mapping
- Hired, trained and supported over 50 adjunct faculty
- Supported students utilizing both traditional teaching modalities and online and hybrid education
- Supported three campuses: San Antonio, Rio Grande Valley, and online
- Coordinated Council on Social Work Education and Southern Association of Colleges Accreditation
- Program development for national online program
- Program launch for MSW in Rio Grande Valley

August 2019-
Present

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
Associate Professor

- Teaching (traditional, hybrid, asynchronous and synchronous online; MSW and PhD)
- Research
- Service

August 2013-
August 2019

Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
Assistant Professor

- Teaching (traditional, hybrid, asynchronous and synchronous online; MSW and PhD)
- Research
- Service

May 2011-
May 2013

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Lecturer

Social Work Methods I and II

- Created lectures teaching knowledge, skills, and values for generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities for MSW students.

Integrative Seminar I, II, and III

- Facilitated practice course designed to guide students in the development of competencies working with clients during their field practicum.

Social Problems and Social Welfare Policy Analysis

- Lead MSW student learning of the historical context of social problems and the policies created to address them. Guided students in building policy analysis skills. Taught students to critically evaluate research and statistics for evidence informed policy creation.

January 2011
May 2013

Fort Sam Houston Army Medical School – Fayetteville State University
Army Master of Social Work Program
Adjunct Faculty

Social Welfare Policy

- Facilitated MSW student understanding of the historical context of social problems and the policies created to address them.
- Guided students in building policy analysis skills.
- Taught students to critically evaluate research and statistics for evidence informed policy creation.

Macro Level Practice

- Created lectures aimed at macro work for masters level social workers
- Fostered social work values and ethics within military culture
- Built social work identity and professionalism for MSW students

Substance Abuse

- Facilitated understanding of substance misuse, abuse and dependence
- Increased awareness of the issue of substance abuse across settings and populations

Human Behavior in the Social Environment

- Guided students in applying theories of human behavior. Taught the integration of theory, research, and practice. Built student skills in critically evaluating research on human behavior.

September 2009-
May 2011

Texas State University-San Marcos
Lecturer
Connecting Policy to Practice (BSW)

- Developed syllabus for undergraduate course
- Created and delivered lectures on social welfare policy and policy practice
- Developed and graded exams and homework assignments
- Prepared class lecture notes and in-class assignments
- Utilized web-based course management software
- Coordinated and hosted guest lecturers including: A state senator, city mayor, legislative aides, and policy practitioners

January 2009-
May 2011

The University of Texas at Austin
Teaching Assistant with Dr. Jim Schwab

Data Analysis and Computers I and II, Doctoral level statistics course

- Utilized web-based classroom management software to teach statistics
- Assisted in crafting class assignments and assessments for doctoral statistics
- Performed descriptive and multivariate analysis
- Created student experiences that allowed them to evaluate published research and critique and replicate the statistics and research plan used

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

August 2019-
Present

Program Evaluator
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Subaward).
Award Amount 3.9M, Subaward Amount, \$198,880 with Family Service Association.

- Project LAUNCH- Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health. The purpose of LAUNCH is to promote the wellness of young children, from birth to 8 years of age by addressing the social, emotional, cognitive, physical and behavioral aspects of their development through effective and innovative early childhood mental health practices and services.

January 2019-
Present

Project Trainer
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Award amount: \$125,000

- Project Esperanza - Mental Health Awareness Training Grant
 - o Train school personnel within the Catholic School system of the Archdiocese of San Antonio utilizing evidence based Mental Health First Aid training and utilizing culturally competent and evidence-based approaches.

- August 2019-
Present
August 2019
Present
- Primary Investigator*, Post-traumatic Growth in the Addictions
Co-PI: Erika Hildebrandt
Co-Primary Investigator, Family Violence Prosecution Project
PI: Dr. Jileta Kubena. Research Contributor: Latoya Gaines Plunket
- September 2019
- Primary Investigator*, Recovery High School Needs Assessment
Co PIs: April Viverette, Nadia Morena, Rita Ruelas, Jennifer Vasquez
- November 2018-
Present
- Co-Primary Investigator*, Complementary and Alternative Trauma Treatment Perspectives from Sexual Assault Survivors, PI: Tiffany Ryan. Research Contributors: Erica Martinez, Erika Hildebrandt
- August 2016-
August 2018
- Project Assistant Director*
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Award amount: \$945,000, PIs – Drs. Cuevas and Biever
- The Our Lady of the Lake University SBIRT Competency and Dissemination Project, Our Lady of the Lake University
 - a collaborative project of the Psychology and Social Work programs. SBIRT curricula was integrated into programs at the bachelor, master, and doctoral level programs and in community-based organizations and public and Catholic schools that serve as practicum and field education placement sites for OLLU students.
- May 2012-
May 2016
- Research Affiliate*
Child and Family Research Institute, The University of Texas at Austin
- SB 44 Research Project- funded by Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)
 - Collaborated on design and implementation of a study examining the intersection of mental health and child welfare.
 - Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) curriculum development project- funded by DFPS
 - Created, implemented and evaluated visitation training curriculum for TDFPS child welfare administrators and supervisors.
 - Collaborated with TDFPS to identify training need and policy and program initiatives needing training modules
 - Analyzed qualitative data
 - Collected, and coded data
 - Facilitated focus groups
 - Collaborated on multidisciplinary research team

- Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Medical Evaluations Project-funded by Children's Advocacy Center of Texas
 - Analyzed qualitative data
 - Collected, and coded data
 - Facilitated focus groups
 - Collaborated on multidisciplinary research team

December 2012-
August 2013

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute, The University of Texas at San Antonio

- Studied the impact of housing policy as it relates to young adults who have aged out of the child welfare system.
- Worked with state and local community partners to evaluate and support policies and programs to support youth in foster and exiting foster care.

May 2010-
June 2012

Primary Investigator, Faculty Sponsor Dr. Sanna Thompson

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

Used participatory action research among homeless and aging out youth, funded by the Texas Network of Youth Services through a grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

- Analyzed data using both quantitative and qualitative techniques
- Collected, cleaned, coded, input, analyzed, and managed data
- Designed and conducted semi-structured interviews
- Generated hypotheses
- Interpreted qualitative and quantitative results
- Worked with institutional review board to satisfy criteria for protection of human subjects

January 2010-
June 2012

Co-Investigator with Dr. Sanna Thompson, Christine Gendron and Theresa Tod

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

Improving mental health supports for homeless and transitioning young adults, funded by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

- Collaborated on design and implementation of a statewide 8 site study
- Analyzed data using quantitative and qualitative methods
- Facilitated qualitative focus groups
- Designed quantitative and qualitative measures
- Utilized SPSS in data analysis
- Use descriptive and multivariate statistics

January 2009 –
May 2011

Research Assistant with Dr. Jim Schwab

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

Texas Rehabilitation Commission study

- Analyzed consumer feedback and drafted report

July 2008 –
August 2009

*Co-Investigator with Jodi Berger Cardoso, Faculty Sponsor
Dr. Yolanda Padilla
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin*

An exploratory study on kinship placement in Mexican immigrant families

- Developed qualitative and quantitative research design
- Facilitated focus groups with child welfare workers
- Designed and administered quantitative survey
- Transcribed and analyzed qualitative data using Grounded theory methodology
- Co-wrote manuscript describing findings
- Project was subsidized through faculty grant from the National Institute of Health and results and project reports were reported to the NIH

January 2007 –
August 2008

*Research Assistant with Drs. Dnika Travis and Jim Schwab
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin*

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services: Caseworker education reimbursement study

- Helped develop qualitative research methodology design proposal
- Conducted qualitative interviews of child welfare experts nationally
- Analyzed qualitative data
- Collaborated on writing a legislative report of findings

January 2008-
January 2009

*Co-Investigator with Dr. Sanna Thompson
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin*

Factors associated with substance use among homeless young adults

- Analyzed quantitative data to identify factors contributing to substance abuse among homeless young adults

January 2008-
January 2009

*Co-Investigator with Drs. Sanna Thompson and Amanda Barczyk
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin*

Homeless, street-involved emerging adults: Perceptions of substance use

- Analyzed qualitative data to identify perceptions of substance abuse among homeless emerging adults

FUNDING EXPERIENCE

August 2019

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Project Launch, \$198,880 with Family Service Association.

- September 2018 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Project Esperanza, \$125,000 with Drs. Cuevas, Biever, Maurer, Healy, and Lupita Goller.
- March 2015 Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Research Grant, submitted with Dr. Mo Cuevas. Reviewed but not funded.
- September 2015 Innovation in Social Work Education: The utilization of online education to expand expertise in working with Hispanic children and families, submitted with Dr. Mo Cuevas. Not funded.
- January 2014 Child and Family Research Institute: State Senate Bill 44 Needs Assessment: Alternatives to Relinquishment of Custody to Obtain Mental Health Services, \$ 20,000
- September 2014 Child and Family Research Institute: Child Protective Services, Visitation Curriculum, \$7,500
- September 2013 William T. Grant Foundation
- Proposal reviewed but not funded
- December 2012 MacArthur Foundation: How Housing Policies Impact Foster Youths' Success in College
- Proposal reviewed but not funded
- May 2010 Hogg Foundation for Mental Health: Dissertation research
- Private funding for dissertation research
- August 2008 United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Child and Families: Child welfare organization innovation study *School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin*
- Participated in writing and submitting federal grant
 - Proposal was reviewed but not funded
- January 2007 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services: Caseworker education reimbursement study *School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin*
- Collaborated in writing a funding proposal to Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
 - Project was funded- State funding

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Hildebrandt, E., Gomez, R.J., Shibikom, A. (In press). LAUNCH: A community intervention to mitigate the association between poverty and child welfare. *Child Welfare*.

- Ryan, T.N., & **Gomez, R.J.**, (2016). Trends in state budgets and child outcomes during and post child welfare class action litigation. *Children and Youth Services Review*. Available online 22 January 2016. [doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.01.017](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.01.017)
- Ryan, T.N., & **Gomez, R.J.** (2016). What Does it take to close a Comprehensive Child Welfare Systems Reform Lawsuit? A Case Study Approach. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance*, 41(30), 2330-3131.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Ryan, T.N., Norton, C., Jones, C., & Galan-Cisneros, P. (2015). Perceptions of learned helplessness among emerging adults aging out of foster care. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 32 (6), 507–516.
- Gomez, R.J.**, & Ryan, T.N. (2015). Speaking out: Examining the use of Participatory Action Research as a methodology used with homeless emerging adults. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 33 (2), 185-193
- Travis, D. J., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Mor Barak, M. E. (2011). Speaking up and stepping back: Examining the link between employee voice and job neglect. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33(10), 1831-1841
- Gomez, R.J.**, Thompson, S.J., & Barczyk, A. (2010). Factors associated with substance use among homeless young adults. *Substance Abuse*, 31(1), 24-34.
- Sanchez, K., **Gomez, R.J.** & Davis, K., (2010). Fostering connections and medical homes: Addressing health disparities among children in substitute care. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32 (2), 286-291.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Travis, D., Ayers-Lopez, & S. Schwab, J. (2010). In search of innovation: Child welfare recruitment and retention. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32 (5), 664-671.
- Thompson, S. J., Barczyk, A., **Gomez, R. J.**, Dreyer, L., & Popham, A. (2010). Homeless, street-involved emerging adults: Perceptions of substance use. *Journal of Adolescent Research*. 25 (2), 231-257.
- Berger Cardoso, J., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Padilla, Y. (2009). What happens when family resources are across the border? An exploratory study on kinship placement in Mexican immigrant families. *Child Welfare*, 88 (6), 67-84.

Book Chapters

- Gendron, C., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Thompson, S.J. (2012). Speaking up and Speaking out: Youth perspectives on homelessness and the transition to adulthood. In Thompson, S.J. (Eds.), *Homelessness, Poverty, and Unemployment*. New York: Nova Science Publishers.

Gomez, R. J., Berger-Cardoso, J., & Thompson, S. J. (2009). Kinship Care with Hispanic Children: Barriers and Obstacles to Policy and Practice Implementation. In *Child Welfare Issues and Perspectives*. Hauppauge, New York: Nova Science Publishers, pp. 1-16.

Legislative Reports

Faulkner, M., Gerlach, B., Marra, L., & **Gomez, R.J.,** & Schwab, J. (2014). *SB 44 Needs Assessment: Examining the relinquishment of children with serious emotional disturbance*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin, Child and Family Research Institute.

Travis, D., Schwab, J., Ayers-Lopez, S., & **Gomez, R. J.** (2008). *Texas Department of Family and Protective Services: Caseworker education reimbursement study*. Austin, Texas: Center for Social Work Research at the University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work, The Protective Services Training Institute at the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

White Papers

Viverette, A., Vasquez, J., Moreno, N., Ruelas, R., Gomez, R. J. (in press). Recovery high school needs assessment.

Gomez, R.J., & Galan Cisneros, P.A. (2017). *The use of technology to support client engagement*. Methodist Healthcare Ministries.

Gomez, R.J., & Ryan, T.N. (2015). *Moving toward a developmental framework for measuring and supporting competence*. Lutheran Social Services.

CURRICULAR GUIDE

CSWE (2020). Specialized practice with substance use, 2015 EPAS Curricular Guide Resource Series. Role: Steering Committee Co-Chair.

IN PROGRESS

Galan-Cisneros, P.A., Hildebrandt, E., Vasquez, J., Gomez, R. J. (in progress). The new normal that never happened: Faculty and students navigating through collective trauma

Hildebrandt, E., & **Gomez, R.J.** (in progress)/ Post-traumatic growth and substance use disorders.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Peer Reviewed)

Hildebrandt, E., & Gomez, R.J. (November, 2020). 12-step recovery as an opportunity for posttraumatic growth. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Virtual*.

- Gomez, R.J., Estreet, A., Begun, A., Bennett, J., & Rhoads, J. (November, 2020). Working collaboratively to address substance use. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting*, Virtual.
- Hildebrandt, E., & Gomez, R.J. (June, 2020). Posttraumatic growth and addiction recovery: *A narrative study exploring the role of spirituality. 37th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference*, London, Ontario, Canada.
- Gaines-Plunkett, L., Kubena, J.L., & **Gomez, R.J.** (March, 2020). State sanctioned offender programming and its implementation: Differences between small and large jurisdictions. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 57th Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX. (cancelled conference).
- Kemter, A., & **Gomez, R.J.** (January, 2020). Running Toward Recovery: An Exercise and Psychosocial Intervention for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and SUD. *Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Cuevas, M., Henderson, M., & Amodei, N. (January, 2020). Online SBIRT Training for MSW Students: Confidence and Utilization at 12-Months Post-Graduation. *Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- Kemter, A. & **Gomez, R.J.** (October, 2019). Running toward recovery. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting*, Denver, Colorado.
- Gomez, R.J.** & Ryan, T.N. (October, 2019). Leveraging nontraditional and holistic models to increase diversity in PhD education. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting*, Denver, Colorado.
- Reyes, M., **Gomez, R. J.**, Parga, J., Schwartz, S., Toner, J., & Ryan T. (April, 2019). Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Remote Faculty Engagement, Administration, and Pedagogy. *Social Work Distance Education Conference*, San Antonio, TX.
- Henderson, M., Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R. J.**, Amodei, N. (March, 2019). *Online SBIRT Training for MSW Students: Post-graduation. Texas Public Health Association's 2019 Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX.
- Gil, K.E., **Gomez, R.J.**, Rucker, D., Gonzalez, N., Blackmon, B., Hammer, L., Luke, C., & Sanchez, A. (July, 2018). Harnessing student leadership in building a center for students in recovery at a private Catholic university in central Texas. *Association for Recovery in Higher Education, 9th National Collegiate Recovery Conference*, Houston, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Cuevas, M., Gil, K., & Phoenix, K. (October, 2017). Harnessing technology to magnify the reach of SBIRT training. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting*, Dallas, Texas.
- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Squiabro, C. (October, 2017). Distance education and social work's social justice mission: Can we deliver? *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting*, Dallas, Texas.

- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Carlson E. (April, 2016). Innovative and authentic online learning practices in a MSW program. *Social Work Distance Education Conference*, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Cuevas, M., Fisher, A.E., Obenshain, J., & Ryan, T. (April, 2016). We are family! Supporting, developing, and empowering virtual adjunct faculty in an online environment. *Social Work Distance Education Conference*, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Cuevas, M., & **Gomez, R.J.** (March, 2016). Asynchronous role playing online: Making a program evaluation course more authentic. *Texas Distance Learning Association, Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, Texas.
- Cuevas, M., & **Gomez, R.J.** (February, 2016). Asynchronous role playing online: Making a program evaluation course more authentic. *FantasTech Conference*, Virtual.
- Narendorf, S., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Santa Maria, D. (January, 2016). Service histories, resources, and risk behaviors among homeless youth. *Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- Carlson, E., Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Gibson, K. (June, 2015). Asynchronous role playing online: Making a program evaluation course more authentic. *EdMedia: World Conference on Educational Media and Technology*, Montreal, Canada.
- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Gibson, K. (April, 2015). Do you have what it takes? Presenting an historic MSW program online. *Social Work Distance Education Conference*, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Cuevas, M., **Gomez, R.J.**, Gibson, K., & Carleson, E. (April, 2015). Composing collaboratively: A team approach to highly effective course (re) design. *Texas Distance Learning Association, Annual Meeting*, Dallas Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Gerlach, B., & Faulkner, M. (January, 2015). Visitation Matters: Assessing the Use of Evidence Based Practices in Child Welfare Visitation. *Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA*.
- Galan-Cisneros, P., Thompson, P., Medina, C., & **Gomez, R.J.** (October, 2014). Social Work Values: Enhancing Social Work Education through Socialization and Gate-keeping. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida*.
- Gomez, R.J.**, & Galan-Cisneros, P. (October, 2014). Just a Link Away: Engaging Social Work Students Through Social Media. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida*.
- Gomez, R.J.**, Ryan, T.N., Norton, C., & Jones, C. (April, 2014). Speaking out: The use of participatory action research methodology to research and combat learned helplessness

- among aged out youth. *National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau Office of Abuse and Neglect, New Orleans, LA.*
- Rivaux, S.L., Faulkner, M., Marra, L., **Gomez, R.J.**, & Gerlach, B. (January, 2014). Factors impacting effective use of medical evaluations in child abuse cases: Findings from a multi-site study. *Society for Social Work Research, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.*
- Gomez, R.J.**, Ryan, T.N., Norton, C., & Jones, C. (January, 2014). A comparison of competency between foster care and non-foster care emerging adults experiencing homelessness: Policy and practice recommendations. *Society for Social Work Research, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.*
- Berger Cardoso, J., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Dettlaff, A. (October, 2010). La Familia: Utilizing Family Resources Among Latino Immigrant Families in Child Welfare. *Council on Social Work Education, 56th Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.*
- Barczyk, A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Berger Cardoso, J., & Thompson, S. (2010, January). Homeless, street involved emerging adults: Perceptions of substance use. *Society for Social Work Research, 14th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.*
- Gomez, R. J.**, Berger Cardoso, J. & Davis, K. (2009, November). An analysis of U.S. kinship care policies: Implications for Latino immigrant families. *Council on Social Work Education, 55th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.*
- Sanchez, K., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Davis, K. (2009, November). Health disparities among children in foster care: Implications for curriculum, policy, and practice. *Council on Social Work Education, 55th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.*
- Berger Cardoso, J., **Gomez, R. J.** & Padilla, Y. (2009, November). International kinship placement of children in Mexican immigrant families in child welfare. *Council on Social Work Education, 55th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.*
- Berger Cardoso, J., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Padilla, Y (2009, August). What happens when family resources are across the border? An exploratory study on kinship placement within Mexican immigrant families in South Texas. *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), San Francisco, California.*
- Sanchez, K., **Gomez, R. J.**, & Davis, K. (2009, June). Health disparities among children in foster care: Implications for research, policy, and practice. *One Child Many Hands: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare, The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research, Philadelphia, PA.*
- Thompson, S., Barczyk, A., & **Gomez, R.J.** (2009, January). Social Estrangement Factors Associated with Alcohol or Drug Dependency among Homeless, Street-Involved Youth. *Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.*

Gomez, R. J., Berger Cardoso, J., & Aguillar, J. (2008, October). The Current State of Theory in Social Work Research and Practice. *Council on Social Work Education, 54th Annual Meeting, Social Work Policy and Practice: Linking Theory, Methods, Skills*, Philadelphia, PA.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Invited)

Gomez, R.J., Estreet, A., & Greathouse, T. (October 2019). Substance use curriculum guide. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting*, Denver, Colorado.

CLINICAL TRAININGS (Invited)

Gomez, R.J., & Kemter, A. (March 2020). Trauma stewardship: The ethics of self-care. 2020 *Social Work Continuing Education Conference in Ethics. Methodist Healthcare System Social Work Council*. San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (January, 2020) Applied trauma informed work with parents and children. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, TX

Gomez, R.J. (November, 2019) Trauma informed work with parents and children. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, TX

Gomez, R.J., & Cavazos, L. (October, 2019), Motivational interviewing: Harnessing motivation for change. *National Association of Social Workers, 43rd Annual Texas State Conference*, Galveston, TX.

Gomez, R.J. (September, 2019), Communication among interdisciplinary Teams. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (September, 2019), Documentation Do's and Don'ts. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (August, 2019), Cultural Competence and Cultural Humility. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (August, 2019), Documentation Do's and Don'ts. Methodist Health Care Ministries. Alice, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (June, 2019), Communicating with Empathy for Nurses. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (June, 2019), Communicating with Empathy for Providers. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J. (May 2019). Supporting post-traumatic growth: Adverse childhood experience (ACE) questionnaire. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas

- Gomez, R.J.** (May, 2019), Self-care for Nurses. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (May, 2019), Self-care for Providers. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (March 12, 2019), Facilitation Skills for Parent Education. Methodist Health Care Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J., & Healy, D., Solorzano, B.,**(October 11, 2018), Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Certification. *National Association of Social Workers, 4ndth Annual Texas State Conference*, Arlington, TX.
- Gomez, R.J.** (July 11-12th, 2018), Motivational Interviewing: Harnessing Motivation for Behavior Change. Connections Individual and Family Services. New Braunfels, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (July 9th, 2018), Motivational Interviewing: Harnessing Motivation for Behavior Change. Our Lady of the Lake University, Worden School of Social Service CEU Series. San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (January 12, 2018), Using Motivation Interviewing to Empower Women on their Journey through Recovery from Domestic Violence. The Gatehouse. Grapevine, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (November 15, 2017), Essentials of Motivational Interviewing for Dental Providers. Methodist HealthCare Ministries. San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J., Solorzano, B., & Healy, D.** (October 6, 2017), Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Certification. *National Association of Social Workers, 41st Annual Texas State Conference, Social Workers Stand Up*, Galveston, TX.
- Gomez, R.J.** (October 5, 2017), Motivation Interviewing Tools for Integrated Care. Wesley Nurses Forum. San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (October 4, 2017), Motivation Interviewing Tools for Integrated Care. Wesley Nurses Forum. San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (August 31, 2017). SBIRT and Essential Motivational Interviewing for Medical Providers. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J.** (July 27, 2017). Screening for Problem Alcohol Use: Integrating the CAGE in Primary Care. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.
- Gomez, R.J., Galan-Cisneros, P.** (July 27, 2017). The 50 Minute Session: Boundaries in Clinical Work. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

Phoenix, K.E., Solorzano, B., Healy, D., & **Gomez, R.J.** (October 17, 2016). SBIRT Core Training. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J., (August 11, 2016). Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for Nurses and Health Educators. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J., (June 8, 2016). Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment. Center for Health Care Services, San Antonio, Texas.

Healy, D., & **Gomez, R.J.**, (May 31, 2016). Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment: Working with Teens and Families. San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Gomez, R.J., (May 19, 2016). Co-Occurring Issues: Medication and the Clinician's Role. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio Texas.

Gomez, R.J., (March 18, 2015). Addiction and Recovery: An Introductory Guide for Clinicians. Center for Health Care Services, San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J., (January 4, 2016). Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment: Understanding the Social Worker's Role. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J., (January 5, 2016). Addictions Treatment and Recovery: What Every Clinician Should Know. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

Gomez, R.J., (January 6, 2016). Addictions Treatment and Recovery: What Every Clinician Should Know. Methodist Health Care Ministries, San Antonio, Texas.

UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS

Gil, K.E., **Gomez, R.J.**, Grinnan, C. (May 2018). Best practices in online education. *14th Annual Technology Showcase. Together we Rise.* Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Ryan, T.N., & **Gomez, R.J.** (March, 2014). Life Course Developmental Theory and the Impact of Policies and Programs on Development for Youth in Foster Care
Society for Adolescent Research Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.

Barczyk, A., **Gomez, R.J.**, Berger Cardoso, J., & Thompson, S. (March, 2010). Homeless, Street-Involved Emerging Adults: Perceptions of Substance Use. *Center for Health Promotion Research and Disease Prevention in Underserved Populations.* Austin, TX.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

September 2015- RJ Gomez and Associates

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| Present | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation and training for non-profit and corporate entities • Online learning academy offering professional continuing education • Legal- mitigation and expert witness |
| October 2014-
August 2016 | <p>Center for Health Care Services
<i>LCSW-Clinical Supervisor, Contract</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated group supervision for three groups of LCSW candidates. • Relational supervision with interactional reflection is used. In accordance with NASW best practice standards in social work supervision and the Association of Social Work Boards guidelines for supervision, reflection, analysis, and contextual attributes of case situations are processed. Methods used include: formal case assessments and presentations, written assignments, and current research. Supervision encourages and models self-awareness, professional development, professional contributions, professional engagement, and professional consultation. |
| January 2010-
February 2015 | <p>The Educative Institute
<i>Clinical Therapist</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided individual and family counseling in an outpatient setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complex trauma Abandonment Relational attachment Substance and process addiction recovery |
| January 2010-
January 2011 | <p>Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
<i>Contract Writer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote monthly newsletter to inform child advocates • Researched topics on child welfare and offer expert tips on advocacy |
| January 2004-
January 2007 | <p>Texas Family Services, San Antonio, Texas
<i>Clinical Therapist</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided short-term individual and family counseling in an outpatient setting • Prepared social studies and adoption readiness studies through a contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services • Coordinated contracts with private insurance, Tricare, and Medicaid |
| May 2001-
May 2005 | <p>San Marcos Treatment Center, San Marcos, Texas
<i>Clinical Therapist</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated adolescent psychotherapy groups, individual, and family therapy for both male and female clients • Developed individual treatment plans • Conducted utilization reviews with private and state insurance |

- January 2001-
January 2002 Casa Esperanza, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
Contract Therapist
- Coordinated psycho-educational relationship based parenting program
 - Supervised undergraduate interns assisting in the program
- May 1997-
August 2007 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
San Marcos, Texas and San Antonio, Texas
Permanent Managing Conservator and Initial Assessment: Child Protective Services Caseworker II
- Obtained and maintained foster and residential placements
 - Conducted child and family interviews to assess the risk of abuse and neglect on children, while reinforcing and building on family strengths

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2020 Council on Social Work Education, Distinguished Recent Contributions to Social Work Education.
- 2017 Center for Digital Education, 2017 Top 30 Technologists, Transformers, and Trailblazers.
- 2017 Council on Social Work Education, Program Directors Academy.
- 2016 Professional In Residence, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Center City, Minnesota.
- 2015 Agnes M. (Lehman) Gloyna Award for Technological Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- 2015 TxDLA Award for Outstanding Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Distance Learning by an Organization (program award).
- 2009-2010 P.E.O. Scholars Award, Austin Chapter Nominee.
- 2009-2010 Robert Carl Nesbitt Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2009 Professional Development Award- Office of Graduate Studies
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2008-2009 Louis E. DeMoll Endowed Presidential Scholarship
The University of Texas at Austin.

- 2008 Professional Development Award- Office of Graduate Studies
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2007-2008 Preemptive Recruitment Fellowship
The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2001 Academic Excellence – College of Health Professions
Texas State University.
- 2000 Third Place for creating College Preparation and Scholarship for Foster
Care Youth program – Listening to the Voices of Children and Families:
Innovative Practices for the 21st Century, Annual Social Work Contest,
Texas State University Center for Children and Families.
- 2000 Certificate of Appreciation – Successful Facilitation of the Nurturing
Program.
- 2000 Scholarly Achievement – Department of Social Work
Walter Richter Institute of Social Work Research, Texas State University.
- 2000 Third Place for Infant Mental Health Research – Listening to the Voices of
Children and Families: Innovative Practices for the 21st Century
Annual Social Work Contest
Texas State University Center for Children and Families.
- 1999 Intern Award- San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Assessment Council
- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Associates Forum
- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Academic Regulations Appeals
Committee
- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Search Committee-Graduate School
Associate Dean
- August 2019- August 2020 Our Lady of the Lake University, Faculty Affairs Committee. Co-chair.

August 2018-2020	Our Lady of the Lake University, Strategic Planning Lead, Initiative to Jan provide social work services to student population.
August 2018-August 2020	Our Lady of the Lake University, Faculty Affairs Committee.
August 2017-December 2019	Our Lady of the Lake University, Center for Students in Recovery Council Chair.
August 2017-August 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Strategic Planning Committee Team Lead, Alternative Academic Delivery Models.
August 2017-2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Search Chair, Director Woolfolk July School of Communication Sciences and Disorders.
August 2016-August 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Provost Council.
April 2016-August 2020	Our Lady of the Lake University, Information Technology Services Advisory Council.
September 2014-April 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Online Learning Council.
September 2014-January 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Institutional Review Board.
November 2015-August 2016	Our Lady of the Lake University, Academic Program Review Task Force.

SCHOOL SERVICE

August 2020-Present	Virginia Commonwealth University, MSW Steering Committee
August 2020-Present	Virginia Commonwealth University, Academic Program Committee
August 2020-Present	Virginia Commonwealth University, Dean's Cabinet
August 2020-Present	Virginia Commonwealth University, Climate Survey Work Group
August 2020-Present	Virginia Commonwealth University, Curriculum Work Group

August 2018- August 2020	Our Lady of the Lake University, Chair, PhD Committee.
August 2018- May 2019	Our Lady of the Lake University, Member, Worden Director Search.
August 2018- August 2019	Our Lady of the Lake University, Member, Worden Faculty Search.
June 2018- September 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Chair, Worden Faculty Search (PhD faculty).
August 2017- August 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Chair, Worden Faculty Search Committee (4 positions).
September 2015- August 2016	Our Lady of the Lake University, Mentor: Worden Graduate Scholars.
September 2015- August 2016	Our Lady of the Lake University, Clinical Concentration Work Group.
August 2016- August 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Worden BSW Committee.
July 2014- August 2020	Our Lady of the Lake University, Worden Leadership Team.
July 2014- August 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, Field Education Committee.
September 2014- August 2016	Our Lady of the Lake University, Phi Alpha Faculty Sponsor.
September 2013- August 2018	Our Lady of the Lake University, MSW Task Force Chair 2014-2016.
September 2013- August 2016	Our Lady of the Lake University, MSW Admissions Committee Chair 2014-2016.
September 2013- September 2014	Our Lady of the Lake University, BSW Faculty Advisor.
September 2014- August 2016	Our Lady of the Lake University, MSW Faculty Advisor.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- April 2020-
Present (3 year term) Council on Social Work Education
Minority Fellowship Program, Doctoral Fellowship Application Reader
- January 2020-
Present (3 year term) Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal
Editorial Board Member
- August 2020-
December 2020 Journal of Social Work Education
Guest Reviewer, COVID 19 Special Issue
- January 2019-
July 2020 Council on Social Work Education
Substance Use Curriculum Guide Co-Chair
- August 2017-
Present Council on Social Work Education
Addictions Track Chair
- August 2017-
August 2019 Council on Social Work Education
Social Work CAS Advisory Board
- August 2016-
Present Emerging Adulthood
Reviewer
 - Review articles submitted to peer reviewed journal and provide written feedback for the editor and author
- September 2015-
Present Journal of Family Social Work
Reviewer
 - Review articles submitted to peer reviewed journal and provide written feedback for the editor and author
- September 2013-
Present The Journal of Addiction, Recovery, & Aftercare
Member Peer Review Board
 - Review articles submitted to peer reviewed journal and provide written feedback for the editor and author
- July 2013-
August 2016 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Visitation
Workgroup
Participant
 - State level workgroup tasked with exploring and recommending ways to assess parent/child visitation for children in the temporary managing conservatorship of Child Protective Services
- August 2012-
Present Children and Youth Services Review
Reviewer
 - Review articles submitted to peer reviewed journal and provide

written feedback for the editor and author

- January 2010-
Present
- Department of Health and Human Services,
Administration on Children, Youth, and Families
Grant Application Reviewer
- Review federal grant applications
- February 2010-
February 2010
- NASW/Texas 34th Annual State Conference
Reviewer
- Reviewed presentation abstracts and provided written feedback regarding appropriate fit for the conference
- February 2010-
May 2012
- Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research
Doctoral Student Reviewer
- Reviewed articles submitted to peer reviewed journal under the direction and with mentorship from the editor Mark Frasier
- September 2009-
Present
- Substance Abuse
Reviewer
- Review articles submitted to peer reviewed journal and provide written feedback for the editor and author
- July 2009-
July 2009
- Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting
Reviewer
- Reviewed presentation abstracts and provided written feedback regarding appropriate fit for the conference

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- August 2018-
May 2020
- Bexar County Health Collaborative
Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee
Member
- The CHN assessment seeks to support Bexar County partners in moving from knowing about local health needs and outcomes to changing those outcomes.
- February 2015-
October 2018
- Change1
Board of Directors Member
- Change 1 is a volunteer program that is dedicated to creating independence and self-sufficiency within foster youth. We do this by engaging the community to support those that are transitioning out of foster care through education, advocacy, and fundraising.
- August 2013-
February 2015
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services State Workgroup on Parent/Child Visitation Assessment

- January 2009-
December 2019 Foster Care Alumni of America
Ally Member
- Professional member providing support and advocacy for young adults who have aged out of foster care
- December 2008-
December 2012 Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Dare to Love Program, San Antonio, TX
Board Member
- Assisted with fundraising and community awareness for the non-profit organization
 - Provided material needs for children involved with the child welfare system
- August 2005-
August 2005 Rudder Middle School, San Antonio, Texas
Parent Educator
- Provided Psycho-educational training for parents regarding kids and stress

DISSERTATION OVERSIGHT:

Amy Kemter, Psychological outcomes and perceived benefits from an organized running group for individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use disorder. Role: Outside Member

Theresa Bruce-Galan, Pedagogy of a spiritually sensitive social work practice: Exploring the relationship between trauma, hope, and holistic healing as mediated by the spirituality of recovery. Role: Outside Member

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND LICENSURE

Member, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
Member, Group for Advancement of Doctoral Education
Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Member, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
Member, Psi Chi
Member, Alpha Chi Chapter of Phi Alpha
National Association of Social Workers
Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Texas
Board Approved Supervisor, State of Texas

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

May 2016, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Professional in Residence, Center City, Minnesota.
2017-2018, Council on Social Work Education, Program Directors Academy.
2017, Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT), motivational interviewing.