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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 with Clinical Concentration

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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

August 2020- Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
Present *Associate Professor*

August 2013- Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
August 2021 *Associate Professor (tenured 2019; Assistant Professor 2013-2019)*

December 2012- *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*
August 2013 *Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute, The University of Texas
at San Antonio*

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

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*

February 2017- Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
August 2018 *Director Worden School of Social Service*

August 2016- Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
February 2017 *Interim Director Worden School of Social Service*

May 2014-
August 2016 Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
MSW Program Director

AFFILIATIONS

September 2020-
Present Principal Investigator
Child Welfare and Technology Collaborative, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Buffalo, University of Pittsburgh, University of Texas at Austin

August May 2012-
May 2016 *Research Affiliate*
Child and Family Research Institute, The University of Texas at Austin

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

August 2020-
Present *Principal Investigator*
Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services
Award Amount \$435, 000 annually
● Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program (CWSP)

August 2019-
August 2020 *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-
August 2020 *Project Trainer*
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Award amount: \$125,000
● Project Esperanza - Mental Health Awareness Training Grant

August 2019-
Present *Primary Investigator, Post-traumatic Growth in the Addictions*
Co-PI: Erika Hildebrandt

September 2019-
August 2020 *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
- 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)
 - Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) curriculum development project- funded by DFPS
 - Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas Medical Evaluations Project- funded by Children’s Advocacy Center of Texas
- 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
- 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
- January 2009 –
May 2011 *Research Assistant with Dr. Jim Schwab*
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
Texas Rehabilitation Commission study
- 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, 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

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

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

FUNDING EXPERIENCE

August 2020

Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services
Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program (CWSP), \$435, 000 annually

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.

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

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***PUBLICATIONS**

* notes a student author

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Viverette, A.C.*, Vasquez, J.A.*, Gomez, R.J., Moreno, N.*, Ruelas, R.* (In press). In their own words: A phenomenological examination of post-treatment education among youth in recovery from a substance use disorder. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*.

Galan-Cisneros*, P.A., Hilderbrandt, E.*, Vasquez, J.A.*, Gomez, R.J. (In press). The new normal that never happened. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*.

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 takes 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. (2020). 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

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Peer Reviewed)

Galan-Cisneros*, P.A., Hilderbrandt, E.*, Vasquez, J.A.*, Gomez, R.J. (November, 2021). A workshop on trauma informed self-care for racial, economic, and environmental justice. *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.*

Martinez, E.*, Hildebrandt, E.*, **Gomez, R.J.**, Ryan, T.N., Boeder Harris, M., & Einolf, C. (January, 2021). Examining the use of the words healing and healed among sexual assault survivors: Perceptions and preferences. *Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Virtual.*

Coronado, R.* Viverette, A.*, **Gomez, R.J.**, Cuevas, M.C., Healy, D., & Henderson, M., O'Donnell, K. Increasing access: Addressing the gap in mental health services and equity for youth in the Latinx community. *Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Virtual.*

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. Virtual*

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, 4th 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

Viverette, A.C.,* Vasquez, J.*, Moreno, N.*, Ruelas, R.* & **Gomez, R.J.** (January, 2021), Is a recovery high school the solution: A qualitative study. Society for Social Work Research, Virtual

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- Present	RJ Gomez and Associates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consultation and training for non-profit, government and corporate entities ● Clinical supervision ● Online learning academy offering professional continuing education ● Legal- mitigation and expert assessment
October 2014- August 2016	Center for Health Care Services <i>LCSW-Clinical Supervisor; Contract</i>
January 2010- February 2015	The Educative Institute <i>Clinical Therapist</i>
January 2010- January 2011	Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) <i>Contract Writer</i>
January 2004- January 2007	Texas Family Services, San Antonio, Texas <i>Clinical Therapist</i>
May 2001- May 2005	San Marcos Treatment Center, San Marcos, Texas <i>Clinical Therapist</i>
January 2001- January 2002	Casa Esperanza, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas <i>Therapist</i>
May 1997- August 2007	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services San Marcos, Texas and San Antonio, Texas

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.
- 2008-2009 Louis E. DeMoll Endowed Presidential Scholarship
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.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Graduate Education and Training Leadership Committee
- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Academic Calendar Committee
- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Assessment Council
- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Associates Forum
- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, SEMSS Connection Forum
- August 2020- Present Virginia Commonwealth University, Graduate Dean’s Advisory Council
- August 2020- March 2021 Virginia Commonwealth University, Academic Regulations Appeals Committee
- August 2020- February 2021 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- Our Lady of the Lake University, BSW Faculty Advisor.
September 2014

September 2014- Our Lady of the Lake University, MSW Faculty Advisor.
August 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

April 2020- Council on Social Work Education
Present (3 year term) Minority Fellowship Program, Doctoral Fellowship Application Reader

January 2020- Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal
Present (3 year term) Editorial Board Member

December 2020- Journal of Social Work Education
Present Ad hoc Reviewer

August 2020- Journal of Social Work Education
December 2020 Guest Reviewer, COVID 19 Special Issue

January 2019- Council on Social Work Education
July 2020 Substance Use Curriculum Guide Co-Chair

August 2017- Council on Social Work Education
2022 Addictions Track Chair

August 2017- Council on Social Work Education
August 2019 Social Work CAS Advisory Board

August 2016- Emerging Adulthood
Present Ad hoc Reviewer

September 2015- Journal of Family Social Work
Present Ad hoc Reviewer

September 2013- The Journal of Addiction, Recovery, & Aftercare
Present Member Peer Review Board

July 2013- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Visitation
August 2016 Workgroup
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 Adhoc Reviewer
January 2010- Present	Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families Grant Application Reviewer
February 2010- February 2010	NASW/Texas 34 th Annual State Conference <i>Reviewer</i>
February 2010- May 2012	Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research Doctoral Student Reviewer
September 2009- Present	Substance Abuse Adhoc Reviewer
July 2009- July 2009	Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Reviewer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

August 2018- May 2020	Bexar County Health Collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee <i>Member</i>
February 2015- October 2018	Change1 <i>Board of Directors Member.</i>
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 <i>Ally Member</i>
December 2008- December 2012	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Dare to Love Program, San Antonio, TX <i>Board Member</i>
August 2005- August 2005	Rudder Middle School, San Antonio, Texas <i>Parent Educator</i>

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 2020

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 2020

Erika Juliet Hildebrandt, Integrative medicine for sexual assault recovery: A transcendental social justic mixed methods study of survivors' perceptions and experiences. Role: Outside Member 2021

Jennifer Alissa Vasquez, The impact of the Neuro-Affective Relational Model (NARM) on professional quality of life among NARM trained trauma therapists. Role: Outside Member 2021

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.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Social Work Today, Vol 21, No. 2, P. 10: Addictions Advisor: [How the Pandemic is Affecting Those With Substance Use Disorders](#)
- Texas Public Radio, March, 27, 2020: ['The Disease Does Not Stop': San Antonio Students Take Addiction Recovery Online](#)
- Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Aug. 8, 2019: [A Long, Tough Road from Foster Care to Ph.D. Studies](#)

- Recovery Campus, March 7, 2020: [**Our Lady of the Lake University Center for Students in Recovery**](#)
- Social Work Today, June 12, 2020: [**CSWE Recognizes 2020 Award Recipients**](#)
- Government Technology, Sept. 7, 2017: [**Top 30 Education Technology Leaders Honored**](#)
- San Antonio Express-News, March 16, 2018: [**OLLU to debut online doctorate social work program**](#)
- Business.com, April 6, 2020: [**Social Workers for Business? How They're Helping the Private Sector**](#)