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EDUCATION

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

Master of Social Work, May 2005; GPA: 4.0

Phi Kappa Phi; Scholarship; Certificate in School Social Work

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology/Sociology; May 1998; GPA: 3.64

Honors: Academic All-Star - New England Small College Athletic Conference; Nominated for Phi Beta Kappa.

TEACHING AND PRACTICE SPECIALIZATION

- Child and adolescent psychotherapy, including play therapy
- Trauma-informed care and trauma-focused treatment
- Field education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**August 2020-
Present**

Associate Professor in Teaching

**July 2018-
July 2020**

Associate Professor in Teaching, Office of Field Education

**July 2011-
June 2018**

Assistant Professor in Teaching, Office of Field Education

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, Richmond, VA

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Classroom Teaching

- SLWK 604 Online - Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups I, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
- SLWK 605 Online - Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups II, Spring 2021
- SLWK 604 – Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and

Groups I, Fall 2011

- SLWK 703 – Mental, Emotional, & Behavioral Disorders, Summer 2012
- SLWK 393 – Field Instruction Service-Learning/Seminar, Spring 2014, Fall 2014
- SLWK 791-902 – Evidence Informed Practice for Children, Adolescents, and Their Families, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Teaching in the Field

- Serve as a liaison between the School of Social Work, community agencies, and students for 60-100 students in the BSW and MSW programs.
- Facilitate individualized learning for students appropriate to their level of development and the competencies of their curricular level.
- Evaluate student development and mastery of the competencies through review of written assignments and verbal presentation of learning throughout the practicum.
- Create remedial action plans when student performance problems arise.
- Mediate between field instructors and students when problems in the supervisory relationship arise.

Field Department Development and Initiatives

- Coordinate, develop, and facilitate field instructor training.
- Develop and facilitate student orientations to field.
- Find and develop new field placements.

Course Development

- SLWK 393 (Redesign) - Field Preparation Skills Lab
- Field Seminar for BSW Seniors
- SLWK 742 – Core Concepts in Child and Adolescent Trauma
- SLWK 791-902 – Evidence Informed Practice for Children, Adolescents, and Their Families

Inclusive Teaching Initiatives

- VCU SSW Inclusive Teaching Fellowship, AY 2021
- CTLE Institute for Inclusive Teaching Faculty Learning Community, AY 2018

**June 2005 –
July 2011**

**Mental Health Clinician,
CHILDSAVERS GUIDANCE CLINIC, Richmond, VA**

- Served as a full-time therapist utilizing play, art, sand, and talk therapy for caseload of approximately 30 children and adolescents ages two to 18.

- Conducted family therapy sessions as well as parenting skills training for client's guardians.
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments, make DSM-IV diagnoses, and design treatment plans.
- Facilitated a group for children ages eight to 13 who are transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing at a local community organization.
- Co-facilitated a group for children transitioning from elementary to middle school.

**October 2008 –
October 2010** **Licensed Clinical Social Worker,**
THE MERIDIAN GROUP, Chesterfield, VA

- Provided outpatient psychotherapy to children, adolescents, and their families ages three to 18.

**October 2002 –
July 2003** **Educational Specialist,**
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL
EDUCATION PLANNING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE,
Malden, MA

- Worked with team to create and promote policies regarding special education in Massachusetts.
- Served as liaison to the state Special Education Advisory Committee and as the state Transition Specialist.

**October 2000 –
October 2002** **Grants and Student Programs Coordinator,**
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAFE SCHOOLS
PROGRAM FOR GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENTS, Malden, MA

- Coordinated three grant programs to maintain Gay/Straight Alliances and improve school climates.
- Co-facilitated awareness trainings for faculty and students on the issues faced by GLBT youth, the state anti-discrimination law, creating safer schools for everyone, and integrating GLBT inclusive curricula.
- Assisted in the design and implementation of annual regional conferences for faculty and students.
- Collaborated with state and community-based organizations to help meet the needs of GLBT youth.

**October 1999 –
October 2000** **Program Coordinator and Office Manager,**
GAY LESBIAN AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK
(GLSEN/BOSTON), Boston, MA

- Coordinated awareness trainings and conferences for the Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students.

- Updated K-8 and High School annotated bibliographies of GLBT inclusive books and videos.
- Recruited and supervised interns and volunteers.
- Maintained the membership database, two email lists, and bank accounts.

**October 1998 –
August 1999**

**Assistant Teacher,
MANVILLE SCHOOL, Boston, MA**

- Developed and facilitated academic lessons at a special education school for emotionally disturbed students.
- Implemented behavior management plans and participated in meetings with teachers, clinicians, and specialists.
- Organized and attended diversity training workshops as a member of the Intercultural Perspectives Committee.

VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

**August 2004 –
May 2005**

**Child Therapist Intern,
CHILDSAVERS GUIDANCE CLINIC, Richmond, VA**

- Served as a therapist utilizing play and verbal therapy for children and adolescents ranging in age from six to 15.
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments, make DSM-IV diagnoses, and design treatment plans.
- Applied psychodynamic and cognitive/behavioral theories and techniques to assessment and intervention.

**September 2003 –
May 2004**

**School Social Work Intern,
HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Richmond, VA**

- Served as a school social work intern for Lakeside Elementary School and Wilder Middle School.
- Participated as a member of these schools' child study committees.
- Conducted social history interviews and reports utilizing various assessment tools.
- Co-facilitated seven small counseling groups for elementary students.
- Provided psychoeducational counseling to an individual student on a weekly basis.

Summer 2004

**Community Development Volunteer,
I-TO-I, San Jose, Costa Rica**

- Assisted in the daily activities at a community day care center for children ages 2 to 6 who are living in poverty.
- Designed and implemented English lessons to the two older classes.
- Became a certified TEFL instructor (Teaching English as a Foreign

Language).

- Attended a week of intensive Spanish language lessons.

January 2004

International Social Work Volunteer,
VCU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, Accra, Ghana

- Worked with a team of volunteers to paint buildings for three programs that assist local street children.
- Learned about international social work organizations.
- Toured the marginalized and poverty-stricken areas around the capital.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Kinnebrew, A., Farmer E.Z., Wright, L., & O-Pries, N. (October, 2015). *Creating a community network to enhance trauma-informed practices in child welfare agencies*. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 61st Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

RECENT TRAININGS

Fraser, D., Carpenter, J., & **Kinnebrew, A.** (December, 2019). *Tools for mastery: The new learning plan and student evaluation*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

Kinnebrew, A., Fraser, D., & Carpenter, J. (December, 2018). *Effective Field Supervision: Fostering Reflection and Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

Kinnebrew, A. & Clark Johnson, Stevara. (August, 2017). *Advanced field instructor training: Case method using "Slippery Boundaries."* Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

VCU SSW Field Education Department. (August, 2015). *New field instructors' orientation*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

Kinnebrew, A., Aldredge, P., & Fraser, D. (February, 2015). *Facilitating self-awareness and critical thinking in field placement*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA. (Event was cancelled due to inclement weather)

Kinnebrew, A., Fraser, D., & Carter, C. (November, 2014). *VCU School of Social Work curriculum: Theoretical perspectives*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

Kinnebrew, A. & Fraser, D. (October, 2014). *Tools for mastery: The new learning plan and student evaluation*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

Kinnebrew, A., Fraser, D., Odera, S., & Carter, C. (April, 2014). *VCU School of Social Work curriculum: Theoretical perspectives*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

Aldredge, P. & **Kinnebrew, A.** (November, 2013). *Movement towards mastery: The student evaluation*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

Aldredge, P. & **Kinnebrew, A.** (September, 2013). *The supervisory hour: Theory and practice integration*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

VCU SSW Field Education Department. (August, 2013). *Field instructor's opening meeting and new field instructor orientation*. Field Instructor Training, Richmond, VA.

SERVICE SCHOOL

- SLWK 393 Redesign/BSW Field Redesign Work Group, Chair, 2018 - Present
- Programs Committee, 2014 - 2020, 2021 - Present
- Governance & Operations Committee, 2020-2021
- MSW Program Committee, 2011 – 2019, 2021 - Present
- Academic Standards Committee, 2011 - 2014
- Grade and readmission review ad hoc committees, 2012, 2013 (chair), 2016, 2017, 2018
- Workplace Relations Workgroup, 2015 – 2016
- Curriculum Transformation Steering Committee, 2015 – Present
- Field Liaison Search Committee, 2012, 2016, 218
- Field Coordinator Search Committee, 2017

UNIVERSITY

- Burnside Watstein Award Selection Review Committee, Chair, Fall 2019

COMMUNITY

- Trauma Informed Community Network (TICN), Richmond, VA - Member, 2013-2020
- Trauma Informed Workforce Development Committee, Richmond, VA - Founder and Co-chair, 2013-2019

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Licensed Clinical Social Worker**, Commonwealth of Virginia. License by the Board of Social Work of the Commonwealth of Virginia issued on October 9, 2007.
- **Managing and Adapting Practice (MAP) Instructor Status License** June 28, 2016 - June 2018 (MAP Direct Service training completed May of 2016)
- Council on Social Work Education
- The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors
- Society for Social Work Research