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### **EDUCATION**

- Graduated 2004. Master of Social Work (MSW). University of Vermont, Burlington VT.
- Graduated 2000. Bachelor of Arts (BA), Goddard College, Plainfield VT.
- 9/1995-12/1997. Liberal arts course work, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

A dedicated and dependable team player with a positive attitude, enthusiasm for contributing both to the big picture and attending to details, and a passion for sharing my knowledge with and learning from others.

- Exceptional organizational, documentation, facilitation and interpersonal communication skills, including group facilitation
- Ability to work through challenging situations from a strengths-based perspective
- Empathy and compassion in working with others
- Offers and uses support well

### **ACADEMIC/TEACHING POSITIONS**

- **Field Education Coordinator/Lecturer, University of Vermont** **Fall 2020-present**

Development and maintenance of social work field education internship sites. Internship placement for all enrolled social work students (100+) at undergraduate (BSW) and graduate (FMSW/SPMSW) levels. Provide leadership and ongoing support for Faculty Field Liaison team. Facilitate new Field Instructor/Supervisor and student field orientations. Development and facilitation of CEU professional development events for Field Instructors and Supervisors. Data collection and program evaluation. Also taught/teaching SWSS 212 (graduate-level Social Work Practice I) and SWSS 163 (undergraduate-level Theory & Integration Seminar). Other tasks include academic advising for 14-24 graduate/ undergraduate students; MSW program application review; off-site MSW field supervision to field students as needed; with Program Chair, development of Community Advisory Board; other duties as requested.

- **Lecturer, University of Vermont (full-time)** **Fall 2019-Fall 2020**  
Taught/teaching SWSS 212/213 (graduate-level Social Work Practice I and II) and SWSS 163 (undergraduate-level Theory & Integration Seminar); will develop and teach a pilot version of undergraduate SWSS 002 (Foundations of Social Work) for Summer 2020. Other tasks include academic advising for 27-31 students; providing off-site MSW field supervision to assigned field students; assisting Field Education Coordinator with various tasks including field site development, creating a historical field grid and liaison team support; and internship placement for AY 2020-2021 CMSW students; other duties as

requested.

- **Lecturer II, University of Vermont (part-time)** **Fall 2010-Spr 2019**  
**Department of Social Work, Burlington VT** **Spring 2008**  
 Taught SWSS 166: Issues and Policy in Social Welfare II, Spring 2008  
 Taught SWSS 171/172: BSW Field Experience Seminar
- **Faculty Field Liaison, University of Vermont (part-time)** **Fall 2010-Spr 2019**  
**Department of Social Work, Burlington VT**  
 Support BSW undergrad and/or Foundation year MSW students and their Field Instructors at students' social work field placements during the school year; conduct several site visits per semester; facilitate mid- and end-of-year evaluations; offer feedback on all Field assignments, including learning agreements and process records; provide general support to field instructors and students in placements, develop and implement curricula for three student liaison seminars per semester.
- **Interim BSW Program Coordinator** **12/2013-5/2014**  
**Department of Social Work, University of Vermont, Burlington VT**  
 Manage enrollment for UVM's Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program. Duties include meeting with new/potential BSW students, developing program plans and assigning academic advisors for each student; hearing and responding to course registration waiver/exceptions requests from students; facilitating BSW Program Committee meetings and end-of-semester Student Progress review meetings with BSW faculty; working with faculty, coordinators, Chair, and staff to develop cohesive BSW course schedule; timely revision and editing of BSW Program Bulletin and Catalogue Materials for publication; and reviewing faculty requests for graduate/research assistantships and assigning GA/RA support accordingly.
- **Adjunct Faculty, Community College of Vermont** **F 2009-Su 2018**  
**Winooski VT**  
 Taught Introduction to the Study of Community (Fall 2009)  
 Taught Global Social Problems (Fall 2011)  
 Taught Introduction to Sociology (Spring semester 2010-2013, Summer semesters 2014-2018)
- **Adjunct Faculty, Champlain College** **F 2008**  
**Burlington VT**  
 Taught Introduction to Sociology to support faculty out on unexpected medical leave. Substitute taught several sessions of Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2009).

## **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE**

- **Services Director** **11/2015-7/2019**

**Vermont CARES, Burlington VT**

Develop, coordinate and implement services for people living with HIV, including financial assistance programs, social events, nutrition programs, transportation assistance and housing. Research, write and report on all services-related grants. Evaluate the effectiveness and direction of all services activities via analysis of client surveys, demographic data collection and trends in emergency assistance and client care needs. Provide ongoing training, supervision and evaluation for all medical case managers. Serve as the primary contact for the Services program, both for collaborating agencies and for new client intakes, and function also as point of contact for all client grievances. Participate in statewide coalitions and committees related to HIV care. Provide supervision for graduate level social work interns.

- **SafeSpace Coordinator/Program Advocate** **9/2011-11/2015**

**Pride Center of Vermont, Burlington VT**

Help ensure that high-quality, safe and confidential support services are provided to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and HIV-affected (LGBTQ+) survivors of domestic, sexual and hate violence and discrimination. Deliver all SafeSpace public speaking/education/trainings to various audiences, including law enforcement, service providers, college classes, etc. Includes generating research-based training curricula on a variety of topics including cultural awareness/competence in working with diverse populations, as well as program planning and management, grant reporting, and other coordination duties as needed. Separately, program planning, development and coordination of social, educational and support events for LGBTQ and Allied Families Program as well as planning, development and implementation of longer-term Training Contact System (TCS) for LGBT Elders SafeSpaces Network Program. Supervision of undergraduate and/or graduate interns and community volunteers.

- **Offender Re-Entry Housing Specialist** **10/2006-10/2011**

**Burlington Housing Authority, Burlington VT**

Provided individualized strengths-based, trauma-informed and gender-specific housing and support services to women exiting Vermont correctional facilities as well as homeless and/or marginally housed women in the community under Vermont Department of Corrections supervision. Specific duties included assisting participants with securing and maintaining permanent housing and housing subsidies, community resources, employment and entitlement assistance as needed; realization of short- and long-term goals; and collaborating with other agencies on participants' behalf. Other tasks included landlord outreach; assisting with development and implementation of program policy; macro-level advocacy for and on behalf of program participants; facilitating housing readiness and life skills classes for program participants; data tracking system maintenance and enhancement; principal report-writer for all quarterly and year-end program reports; student oversight and supervision; recording accurate, objective case notes; and supervising of University of Vermont Social Work interns (undergraduate BSW and both Foundation and Concentration Year MSW students).

- **Case Manager** **6/2004-9/2006**  
**Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS), Burlington VT**  
Provided individualized support for single homeless individuals and members of homeless and marginally housed families, helping to coordinate services and acting as client advocate in a variety of settings. Specific duties included assisting with acquisition of permanent housing and entitlements, as well as mental health, substance abuse, educational and/or vocational services as needed; financial planning and credit repair; service plan development; assisting clients determine and realize short- and long-term goals; collaborating with other service providers on clients' behalf; outreach, risk assessment, verbal de-escalation and supportive counseling for clients in crisis; intake and orientation to COTS services; and maintenance of clear, accurate and objective client records.
- **Crisis Clinician** **2/2004-4/2005**  
**First Call for Children & Families, Howard Center, Burlington VT**  
Provided clinical mental health support services for Chittenden County children/adolescents and their families via a 24-hour crisis hotline service and face-to-face interviews and assessments. Duties included risk assessment for suicide/self-harming behavior; safety planning; verbal de-escalation and supportive counseling; referrals to inpatient stabilization at hospital/hospital diversion programs; concise and accurate report-writing for client records; and frequent collaboration with other Baird staff members as well as service providers at local schools, hospitals, mental health providers, and police stations.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Sienkewicz, J. (2021 Jan). Social Justice Theory and Practice for Social Work: Critical and Philosophical Perspectives [book review of *Social Justice Theory and Practice for Social Work: Critical and Philosophical Perspectives* by Lynelle Watts and David Hodgson]. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 30(1), pp. 120-121.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

- Fall 2012-present: Member, United Academics (UVM Faculty Union); Spring 2020-present, Elected Delegate for Delegates' Assembly representing UVM's College of Education & Social Services (CESS) faculty; Spring 2017-Spring 2019, Elected Delegate for Delegates' Assembly representing Part-Time Faculty; Fall 2017-Fall 2018, Bargaining Team member negotiating 2018-2021 Part-Time Collective Bargaining Agreement
- 2003-2019: Member, National Association of Social Workers, Vermont Chapter.
- 10/2014-11/2015: Core trainer team member for Vermont Victim Assistance Academy for session related to power, privilege and oppression; 11/2013-9/2014: Advisory Committee member for Vermont Victim Assistance Academy Curriculum Revision.
- 7/2013-11/2015: Trainer, NCAVP (National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs) National Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

Transgender, & Queer (LGBTQ) Cultural Competency, Office of Violence Against Women.

- 11/2004-10/2007: Board of Directors, Friends of Burlington Gardens; Burlington, VT.
- Spring 2005: Interviewer, Hunger in America 2005 National Survey (sponsored by America's Second Harvest), Burlington, VT.

## **COMMENDATIONS**

- 5/2021: University of Vermont Graduate Student Senate Excellence in Teaching Award
- 9/2018: Community College of Vermont 10-year service award
- 3/2015: Field Instructor of the Year, University of Vermont Department of Social Work, given to “a social worker in a community agency for distinguished service as an educator in preparing students in the field for social work practice.”
- 2/2015: Keynote speaker, Leading for Change (Lyndon State College Student Leadership Conference, Lyndonville VT)
- 9/2013: Community College of Vermont 5-year service award
- 5/2012: Nominee 2013 Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award at University of Vermont.
- 3/2009: Profiled in National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Vermont Chapter newsletter *New Horizons*.
- 10/2008: State of Vermont Agency of Human Services Secretary's Community Award, Burlington District. One of five staff members specifically named in agency award for “extraordinary contributions to the health and well-being of Vermonters”.
- 12/2007: Award for “Outstanding Contribution to Restorative Re-Entry in Vermont,” awarded by Vermont Department of Corrections, Waterbury, VT.

## **REFERENCES**

- Available upon request.