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Education

MSW 1981 University of Southern Mississippi
BS 1979 University of Southern Mississippi

Professional Employment

1997-Present Assistant Professor of Social Work, Mississippi State University – Meridian Campus

1999-Present Coordinator of Field Education, Mississippi State University – Meridian Campus, Social Work Program

1994-1997 Adjunct Professor – Field Instructor, Mississippi State University – Meridian Campus, Social Work Program

Develop and coordinate activities of Field Education for senior level students; field liaison between field settings and students; select and evaluate field instruction settings; plan, implement, and evaluate student and Field Instructors performances; Academic Advisor to students A-L; Faculty Advisor for the Association of Student Social Workers; Course Instructor; and Faculty Advisor for Iota Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society (Established and Chartered Chapter at Meridian Campus).

1997 Adult Career Specialist, Meridian Community College-Meridian, MS

Informed potential students about Adult Basic Education, General Education Degree, and Career Choices.

1996-1997 Treatment Foster Care Specialist, Mississippi Children’s Home Society-Jackson, MS

Organized and recruited families for the first, Treatment Foster Care Program for Mississippi Children’s Home Society in the Meridian Area. Provided specialized

Professional Employment (cont)

therapeutic foster parent education and support for families; determined family needs and networked with other community agencies(i.e., Department of Human Services Family and Children Services) to secure the necessary services for assigned foster parents and children.

1985-1996 Director of Social Services, Laurel Wood Center-Meridian, MS

Administered and developed policies for social service department; coordinated and administered in-service, workshops and seminars for social service and nursing staff, community and area professionals. Provided field practicum instruction/supervision to undergraduate social work students from Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus and Jackson State University.

1981-1985 Partial Hospitalization Coordinator/Social Adjustment Case Worker
Weems Community Mental Health Center/Whitfield State Hospital, Meridian, MS

Coordinated activities for Day Treatment Program; provided daily group therapy sessions for clients; provided family and client counseling re: mental health issues and available resources.

Academic Experience

1997-Present Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus, Social Work
2000 Field Instructor, Social Work Graduate Student, University of Alabama
1999 Field Instructor, Social Work Graduate Student, Jackson State University
1994-1997 Adjunct Professor Mississippi State University -Meridian Campus, Social Work
1994-1997 Field Instructor, Undergraduate students; Mississippi State University -
Meridian Campus and Jackson State University Social Work Programs

Courses Taught

Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare
Social Welfare Policy
Social Work Practice with Large Groups, Communities and Organizations
Human Behavior in the Social Environment
Child Welfare Services
Social Work in Health Care Settings
Social Work and the Law
Social Work with the Aged
Social Work Field Practicum/Seminar

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Carr, R. (2007). Risks in Field Placement: Navigating the Hazards. 36th Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, November 2007, Oxford, MS.

Carr, R. (2006). How Can Field Instruction be utilized as an Integral Part of Crisis Intervention and Disaster Response. 35th Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, October 2006, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Carr, R. (2005). Field Placement and Criminal Background Checks. 34th Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Tunica, MS, October 2005.

Carr, R. (2005). Getting Your CE Proposal Approved. MS Chapter of NASW Annual Program Meeting. March 2005, Jackson, MS.

Carr, R. (2003). HIPAA and the Field Placement. 32nd Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, October 2003, Greenville, MS

Carr, R. (2002). Triple Jeopardy: Being African American, Female, and Old. 2002 Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Chapter of National Association of Social Workers. March 2002, Jackson, MS.

Carr, R. (2002) Agency Field Instructors as Educators. 31st Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference. October 2002, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Carr, R. (2001). Risks in Field Placement. 30th Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference. October 2001, Biloxi, MS.

Carr, R. (2000). Social Workers Role in the New Millennium. 73rd Annual Forum of Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare. September 2000, Philadelphia, MS.

Presentations Invited

Carr, R. (2007). Critical Thinking: Ethical Behavior for Professionals. November 2007, Wellness Therapy Institute, Meridian, MS.

Carr, R. (2007) Critical Thinking: Planning for Personal and Professional Safety. Oakland Heights Elementary School, Meridian, MS.

Carr, R. (2007). How to Discipline a Child without Using Corporal Punishment. Foster/Adoptive Parent In-service Training. Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth. August 2007, Meridian, MS.

Presentations Invited (cont)

Carr, R. (2006). Transition in the Lives of Foster Children. Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Social Service. May 2006. Philadelphia, MS.

Carr, R. (2005). Compliance, Self Control: Factors that Influence Our Behavior in Caring for the Elderly. Neshoba County General Hospital-Senior Life. October 2005, Philadelphia, MS.

Carr, R. (2004). The Patient Chart: It is a Legal Document. Neshoba County General Hospital- Senior Life. February 2004, Philadelphia, MS

Carr, R. (2004). Grandparents! You Can't Live with Them and You Can't Live without Them. Lauderdale County Project Homestead. May 2004, Meridian, MS,

Carr, R. (2004). Suicide and the Elderly: Warning Signs and Helping Points. Neshoba County General Hospital-Senior Life. July 2004, Philadelphia, MS,

Carr, R. (2004). Stress and the Helping Profession. Sumter County Opportunity, Inc, Head Start. November 2004, Livingston, Alabama.

Carr, R. (2004). Effective Parenting and Child Development. Toomsaba Head Start. December 2004. Toomsaba, MS

Carr, R. (2001). Fostering Positive Behavior in Adolescents. Dubose Institute. March 2001, Meridian, MS.

Carr, R. (2001). Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work Practice. Starkville Chapter of NASW Program Unit Monthly Brown Bag Series. February 2001, Starkville, MS.

Carr, R. (2000). Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work Practice. Dubose Institute. March 2000, Meridian, MS.

Workshops Developed

Carr, R. (2007) Critical Issues in Field Instruction: Field Instructors Fall Orientation Workshop. November 2007. Mississippi State University-Campus, Meridian, MS.

Carr, R. (2007). Critical Issues in Field Instruction: Integrating Theory into Field Placement. Field Instructors Fall Workshop: Mississippi Valley State University. November 2007, Itta Bena, MS.

Carr, R. (2004). The Basics of Field Instruction: Why Use Field Instruction? Field Instructors Spring/Summer Workshop. June 2004, Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus, Meridian, MS.

Workshops Developed (cont)

Carr, R. (2003). Multi-County Community Service Action Agency, Inc. Fall Training Seminars. Ethics, Time Management, Critical Thinking, and Self Awareness in Social Work Practice. July 2003, August 2003, September 2003, October 2003, and November 2003. Meridian, MS.

Community Service Grants

Carr, R. & Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus Association of Student Social Workers (2005). Wal-Mart Community Service Grant. March 2005. Funded \$500.00

Carr, R. & Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus Association of Student Social Workers (2004). Wal-Mart Community Service Grant. October 2004. Funded \$500.00

Carr, R. & Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus Association of Student Social Workers (2003). Wal-Mart Community Service Grant. June 2003. Funded \$500.00

Carr, R. & Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus Association of Student Social Workers (1999-2000). Mississippi Health Advocacy Program/Kellogg Foundation. Medicaid Managed Care Recipient Survey. Funded \$3,500.

Awards and Distinctions

Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus Meridian Fall/Spring Commencement Ceremony
Mace Bearer 2006, 2005.

Mississippi State University –President’s Commission on the Status of Women, Outstanding
Woman of the Year Nominee, March, 2005

Appreciation for Outstanding Leadership and Guidance, Social Work Class, May 2004

Meridian Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa 2002 College Teacher of the Year Award, 2002

Mississippi State University Alumni Association 2002 Faculty of the Year Award Nominee, 2002

Lauderdale County Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter Community Service Award, 2002

Lauderdale County Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter Community Service Award, 2001

Plaque of Appreciation and Dedication, Social Work Class, May 2001

Community Outreach

Carr, R. (2008). Social Welfare Policy II Class. March is Social Work Month. Feeding the Hungry/LOVE’S
Kitchen. WTOK Television. March 2008

Carr, R. and Porter, J. (October 2007,) Live at Five. Wellness Therapy Institute. WTOK Television Studios,
Meridian, MS. Public Service Announcement.

Professional Association Service

Workshop Convener, Council on Social Work Education, Destin, FL March 5-7, 2008.
Council on Social Work Education, Ron Federico Memorial Lecture Submissions Reviewer, March 2008.
Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and /Marriage and Family Therapist
LCSW Supervisor, 2006-2008
Mississippi Chapter of NASW Committee on Nomination and Leadership NASW, 2005
Co-Chair of Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference-Continuing Education Committee,
2005
Reviewer and Evaluator of Annual Influencing State Policy National Contest, 2002-2007
Mississippi Chapter of NASW Social Work Licensure Task Force Member, 2002-2005
Chair of Mississippi Chapter of NASW Continuing Education Committee, 2000-2005
Chair of Mississippi Field Consortium. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, 2000
Mississippi Chapter of NASW Area V Program Chair, 1998-2000

University Committees

Chair of Search Committee for Assistant Professor of History MSU-Meridian Campus, 2007
Title IV E Coordinator MSU Meridian Campus Social Work Program, 2005-2003
Bachelor of Science Interdisciplinary Studies Committee MSU Meridian- Campus, 2005-2000
Search Committee Member for Assistant Professor of Psychology, 2003
Chair of Search Committee for History Professor, 2000
Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus Scholarship Committee, 2000-present
Faculty Advisor for the Association of Student Social Workers, 2000-present
Faculty Advisor for the Iota Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, 2000-present
Member of Search Committee Dean of Meridian Campus, 2001
Member of Search Committee for Chair of the Division of Business MSU-Meridian Campus, 2002-2003
Member of Social Work Advisory Board MSU Meridian Campus, 2000-present
Chair of Social Work Program Admission Committee, 2000-present

Professional Affiliations

National Association of Social Workers
Mississippi Chapter of National Association of Social Workers
Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference
Academy of Certified Social Workers
Council on Social Work Education
Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Programs Directors
Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare
MSU Faculty and Profession Women's Association, 2003-2004

Licensure and Certifications

Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW) 881583906
Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) C0478
Board of Examiners LCSW Supervisor

Professional Development

Certificate of Completion – The Center for Teaching and Learning Technology Boot Camp May 2007.

Community Service

Lauderdale County School District, Drop Out Prevention Team, 2007-present
Meridian Public School District: Framing the Future Steering Committee/High School Redesign
Lauderdale County Domestic Violence/Care Lodge Board Member, 2002-2006
East Miss Business Development Corporation Education Committee Member, 2000
Domestic Violence Shelter Co-Coordinator of Annual Domestic Violence Conference, 1997-present
Meridian/Lauderdale County Mental Health Association Board Member, 1996-present