

## Vitae

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### **Education**

PhD	2001	University of Alabama
MSW	1992	University of Alabama
BA	1989	University of North Carolina
AA	1987	Peace College, Raleigh

### **Current Position**

Associate Professor, Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus

### **Academic Experience**

2008-Current	Associate Professor, Mississippi State University, Meridian Campus
2001-2007	Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University, Meridian Campus
1996-2001	Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Alabama
2000-2001	Adjunct Instructor, University of Alabama

### **Professional Outreach**

2008	President and Founder, Mississippi Heart Gallery
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### **Honors/Awards/Nominations**

Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus, Service Recognition Award, 2007  
Unsung Hero Award, Meridian, Mississippi, 2007  
Mississippi State University-Outstanding Women of the Year Nominee, 2007  
Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educator of the Year Award, 2006  
Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus, Faculty Research Award, 2005  
Who's Who Among America's University Teachers, 2005  
Library of Congress Inductee Member, 2002  
Mississippi State University Alumni Association Faculty Award Nomination, 2002  
Dr. Leslie J. Shellhase Endowed Scholarship Award Recipient, 2001  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society  
Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society Member, 2001  
University of Alabama Pinnacle Honor Society, 1999

## **Refereed Publications**

- Swindell, M (2007). Professional behavior in the classroom. *The New Social Worker*, Fall 2007/Winter 2008.
- Swindell, M. & Watson, J. (2007). Ethical delegates in the social work classroom: A Creative pedagogical approach. *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 4(2).
- Swindell, M. & Watson, J. (2006). Teaching ethics through self-reflective journaling *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 3(2). 4-12.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Elective self-amputation: A New practice area for social work. *The New Social Worker*, 13(1), 9 -11.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Mothering children or soldiers: Advancing paradigms of the women's movement in former Yugoslavia. *Social Work and Society*, 3(2), 236 - 243.
- Swindell, M. (2004). Social work developments in Lithuania. *Social Work and Society*, 2(2), 189 - 198.
- Swindell, M. & Pryce, J. (2003). Self-disclosure stress: Trauma as an example of an intervening variable in research with lesbian women. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*, 15(1), 95 – 108.

## **Dissertation**

- Swindell, M. (2001). Individual differences in cognitive stress associated with self-disclosure. Dissertation Abstracts International, DAI-A 62/03, (UMI No. 3008566), Ann Arbor, MI: UMI Proquest Publishing.

## **Published Book Reviews**

- Swindell, M. (2006). [Review of the book *Ellie: A Story of profound loss and abuse*]. *The New Social Worker*, 14(2).
- Swindell, M. (2006). [Review of the book *The Socially skilled child molester*]. *The New Social Worker*, 14(2).
- Swindell, M. (2005). [Review of the book *Days in the lives of social workers*]. White Hat Publishing.
- Swindell, M. (2005). [Review of the book *More days in the lives of social workers*]. White Hat Publishing.
- Swindell, M. (2005). [Review of the book *The Research process in the social services: Myths and realities*]. Brooks/Cole Publishing.
- Swindell, M. (2001). [Review of the book *Psychological experiences for the culture centered classroom*]. Wadsworth Publishing.

## **Unpublished Research/Technical Reports**

- Swindell, M. (2004). A proposal submitted to Dr. Harold Nichols for a program of graduate study leading to a Masters of Social Work degree. Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus.

## **Published Book Chapters**

- Swindell, M. (2007). Do unto others. Life lessons learned as a medical social worker. In L. Grobman's *Days in the lives of Social Workers*. Harrisburg, PA: White Hat Publications
- Swindell, M. & Pryce, J. (2003). Self-Disclosure Stress: Trauma as an example of an intervening variable in research with lesbian women, *15*(1), 95 – 108. Reprinted in Research Methods with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Populations. Bill Meezan & James Martin, Editors. New York, New York: Haworth Press.

## **Published Conference Proceedings**

- Swindell, M. (2006). Body integrity identity disorder: Understanding selective self-amputation. Proceedings of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Caregiver well-being after Hurricane Katrina. Proceedings of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Paintings of God: Abused children, spirituality, and art therapy. Proceedings of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Spiritual strength after the storm: Responding to the needs of Hurricane Katrina Survivors. Proceedings of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Angels in America: The success of the Heart Gallery Project. Proceedings of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Improving writing skills: Ideas for students. Proceedings of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Spirituality within the lesbian community: Transitions through paradigms, dichotomies, and into reality. Proceedings of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Spirituality, religion, and quality of life of foster care and adoptive children. Proceedings of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Lesbians, gays, and lifestyle: Comedy and tragedy. Proceedings of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.
- Swindell, M. (2002). Coming together to make a difference. Proceedings of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference.

## **Published Newspaper Articles**

- Swindell, M. (2007, March). Mississippi State University-Meridian and National Association of Social Workers celebrate National Social Work Month. *The Meridian Star*.
- Swindell, M. (2004, March 01). Social work and poverty. *The Meridian Star*.
- Swindell, M. (2004, March 08). Social workers: A Voice for the voiceless. *The Meridian Star*.

### **Published Newspaper Articles**

- Swindell, M. (2004, March 15). Saluting MSU-Meridian Department of Social Work during National Professional Social Work Month. *The Meridian Star*.
- Swindell, M. (2004, March 22). The power of social work: Pass it on. *The Meridian Star*.
- Swindell, M. (2003, July 22). The power of social work: pass it on. *The Meridian Star*.
- Swindell, M. (2003, July 15). SW 3013 HBSE: Helping students figure out their moms, dads, sisters, spouses, and basically life. *The Meridian Star*.

### **Research and Teaching Grants**

- Swindell, M. & Wozny, D. (2006). Integrating ethical thinking and developmental theory into adult counseling intervention programs. Learning Community Grant, Mississippi State University. \$2500. Spring 2007.
- Swindell, M. & Wozny, D. (2006). Building Suicide Prevention/Intervention Skills across Various At-Risk Populations: A Learning Community Linked Course among Counseling and Social Work Students. Learning Community Grant, Mississippi State University. \$2500. Fall 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2005) Child Abuse during Foster Care and Adoptive Placements: Spirituality, Religiosity, and Quality of Life. Principal Investigator, James W. Criss Trust Fund Award. \$3400. 2004 - 2005.
- Swindell, M. (2004). The Relationship between Young Adulthood Sexual Permissiveness and Religiosity. Principal Investigator, James W. Criss Trust Fund Award. \$ 3400. 2003 – 2004.

### **Community Outreach**

- Swindell, M. (March 13, 2008). Social Work Program at MSU-Meridian. Live at Five. Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (June 26, 2006). What Social Workers Do and Educational Opportunities at MSU-Meridian, WTOK Television Studios. Live at Five. Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (June 28, 2006). Mississippi State University-Meridian. Introducing Day Classes in the Social Work Program, WTOK Television Studios. Live at Five. Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (September, 2002). What Social Workers Do, WTOK Television Studios. Live at Five. Meridian, MS
- Swindell, M. (March 2004). Children, Youth and Families Public Service Announcement.
- Swindell, M. (March 2004). Adolescents and Education Public Service Announcement.
- Swindell, M. (March 2004). ATOD Public Service Announcement.
- Swindell, M. (March 2004). Aging Public Service Announcement.

## **Selected Presentations**

- Swindell, M. (2006). Body Integrity Identity Disorder: Understanding Selective Self-Amputation. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, October 19, 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Caregiver Well-Being After Hurricane Katrina. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, October 19, 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Spiritual Strength After the Storm: Responding to the Needs of Hurricane Katrina Survivors. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, October 19, 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Paintings of God: Abused Children, Spirituality, and Art Therapy. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, October 19, 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Angels in America: The Success of the Heart Gallery Project. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, October 20, 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Improving Writing Skills: Ideas for Students. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, October 20, 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Introducing Body Integrity Identity Disorder. Social Work Mental Health Association of Wake County Conference, August 5, 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Spirituality and Children of Abuse. NC East Regional Family and Children Services Conference, July 21, 2006.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Spirituality in Grief Counseling. Expressive Therapy Institute, Meridian, MS, December 7, 2005
- Swindell, M. (2005). Spirituality within the Lesbian Community: Transitions through Paradigms, Dichotomies, and into Reality, Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, Tunica, MS, October 6, 2005.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Spirituality, Religiosity, and Quality of Life of Foster Care And Adoptive Children, Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, Tunica, MS. October 6, 2005.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Lesbian, Gays, and Lifestyle: Comedy and Tragedy. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, Tunica, MS, October 6, 2005.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Spirituality, Children, and Abuse: Reclaiming Resilience. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Symposium for Children's Rights, Charlotte, NC, July 22, 2005,
- Swindell, M. (2005). The Many Faces of Social Work. Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare, Mississippi State University – Meridian, MS, April 8, 2005.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Spirituality and the Mentally Ill Offender: When the Caged Bird Does Not Sing. Annual Program Meeting of the National Association of Social Workers – Mississippi Chapter. March 3, 2005. Jackson, MS
- Swindell, M. (2005). Practice Precision: Time Management Training for Hard-Working Social Workers. Annual Program Meeting of the National Association of Social Workers – Mississippi Chapter, Jackson, MS, February 2005.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Child Accepted, Child Rejected: 2004 Child and Family Services Review Findings. 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Program Meetings of Council on Social Work Education. NY, NY, February, 2005.

### **Selected Presentations (cont)**

- Swindell, M. (2005.) Seniors, Spirituality, and Shadow Work: Innovations in Gerontological Social Work Practice. 3rd Annual National Gerontological Social Work Conference, NY, NY, February, 2005.
- Swindell, M. (2004). Rural Military Families: Challenges and Change. University of Alabama Rural Health Conference, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, April, 2004.
- Swindell, M. (2004). The Power of the Shadow: Social Work and Our Dark Side, National Association of Social Workers 2004 Annual Meeting. Jackson, MS, March, 2004
- Swindell, M. (2004). Aging Anxiety: Perspectives from Middle Aged Lesbian Women on Aging and Death. Presentation at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Gerontological Social Work Conference, Anaheim, CA, February, 2004.
- Swindell, M. (2003). Teaching Spirituality in the Context of Strengths Assessment. Presentation at 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, Greenville, MS, October, 2003.
- Swindell, M. (2003). The Patriotic Social Worker: Getting Back to Basics. Presentation at 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference. Greenville, Mississippi, October, 2003.
- Swindell, M., Pryce, D. & Pryce, J. (2002). The National Guard Family Program: Opportunities for Social Work. Presentation at 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference. Tuscaloosa, AL, October, 2002.
- Swindell, M. (2002). Stress, Trepidation, and Outright Fear! Keys to Help You Survive, Master and Enjoy Your Field Placement Experience. Presentation at 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference. Tuscaloosa, AL, October, 2002.
- Swindell, M. (2002). Snow-Skiing Through Stress: Stress Management Exploration For Social Workers. Presentation at 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Educators Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, October, 2002.
- Swindell, M. (2002). Burnout and Self Care for Social Workers. Invited Presentation at National Association of Social Workers 2002 Annual Meeting. Jackson, MS, March, 2002.
- Swindell, M. (2002). Care-giving and Employment: Can You Do Both and Still Find Time for Yourself and Your Family? Presentation at National Association of Social Workers Annual Meeting, Jackson, MS, March, 2002.
- Swindell, M. (2001). Coming Together in the Market Place: Social Worker as The Shop Keeper, Client as Consumer. Presentation at 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Conference. Biloxi, MS, October, 2001.
- Swindell, M. (2001). Responsibility: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and What This Means to Social Work Educators, Students, and Practitioners. Presentation at 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama Mississippi Social Work Conference. Biloxi, MS, October, 2001.
- Swindell, M., & Higginbotham, J. (2001). Reasons for Delaying Treatment for STDs: Perspectives from Rural Alabama. Presentation at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rural Health Conference, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, April, 2001.
- Swindell, M. (2001). Racial and Gender Differences in Attitudes toward STDs and Rural Health Development Services. Presentation at 4<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Alabama Graduate Student Research Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, April, 2001.

### **Selected Presentations (cont)**

- Swindell, M. (2000). Discrimination to the Second Power: Heterosexual and Homosexual Women in the Work Place. Presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Studies Conference *Representing Women*, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, March, 2000.
- Swindell, M. (2000). Lesbian Women in the Deep South: An Exploratory Quantitative study of 120 lesbians in a Small Southern Town. Presentation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual University of Alabama Graduate Student Research Exposition, Tuscaloosa, AL, March 2000.
- Swindell, M. (1999). Perceptions of Affective State of Happiness in the Lesbian Community. Presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Alabama Graduate Student Research Conference. Tuscaloosa, AL, March, 1999.
- Swindell, M. (1999). The Triple Minority: Southern Lesbian Women. Presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Alabama Graduate Student Research Conference. Tuscaloosa, AL, March, 1999.

### **Invited Presentations**

- Swindell, M. (2007). Social Work Programs that Work. Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare. April 19, 2007. Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Preventing Plagiarism in the Classroom: Introduction to TurnItIn.Com. MSU-Meridian, August, 2006. Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Prevention Efforts in Child abuse and neglect within Mississippi. East Mississippi Center for Educational Development, June 13, 2006, Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Abuse Interventions. Expressive Therapy Institute, May 7, 2006, Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2006). Social Work Practice and Case Manager Stress: Methods To Reduce and Alleviate. Multi-County Community Services Agency, April 28, 2006, Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Chahta Cares: Caregiving Among the Native American Peoples. Elderly Activity Center. National Caregivers Month, November 29, 2005, Choctaw, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Spirituality and Diversity in the Mental Health Setting, East Mississippi State Hospital. September 14, 2005, Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2005). Understanding Spirituality in the Mental Health Setting, East Mississippi State Hospital. September 14, 2005, Meridian, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2005). The Power of the Shadow: Working with Children, Youth and Families" Bettersworth Lecture Series, February 17, 2005. Piney Woods School, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2005). The Power of the Shadow: Working with Children, Youth and Families. Bettersworth Lecture Series, February 11, 2005, Holmes Community College - Goodman Campus, MS.
- Swindell, M. (2004). Recording Guidelines for Social Workers, Mississippi Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus, Meridian, MS, April, 2004
- Swindell, M. (2004). Elder Abuse Indicators. Project Homestead at Oakland Heights Gardens, Meridian, MS, April, 2004
- Swindell, M. (2003). Strengths-Based Social Work and Stress, Multi-County Community Service Agency, Meridian, MS, November, 2003.

## **Selected Presentations (cont)**

Swindell, M. (2003). Caregiver Opportunities among Native American Indians: Chahta Cares Family Caregiver Month, Elderly Activity Center, Choctaw, MS, November, 2003.

Swindell, M. (2002). Mastering Social Worker Stress, Presentation at Mississippi State University-Meridian for Community Health Professionals, Meridian, MS, February, 2002.

## **Workshops Developed**

Children Belong in Families: Foster Care and Adoptive Families Recruitment Conference. Statewide Title IV-E Conference May 2004. Primary developer.

## **Undergraduate Courses Taught**

Human Behavior and the Social Environment (I & II)

Social Work Research Methods

Social Work with At-Risk Populations

Death, Dying, and Bereavement

Deviant Behavior

Recording Guidelines for Social Workers

Social Welfare Policy

Forensic Social Work

Social Work and Criminal Justice

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **University Committees**

Faculty Advisory Committee for the Center for Teaching and Learning (2006)

Recruiting and Retention Task Force, 2003-2004

Division of Academic Affairs and Student Task Force Committee, 2003

Research Fellow, Mississippi State University, 2002 - 2006

Graduate Faculty Member, Mississippi State University, 2003 - 2006

Faculty and Professional Women's Organization

### **Meridian Campus Committees**

Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Meridian, 2004

Meridian Campus representative on the Grievance Panel Committee, 2003 – 2004

Faculty Advisor – Mississippi Meridian Student Association, 2001 – 2004, 2006

Member, Educational Leadership Search Committee, 2002, 2003

Member, Promotion and tenure document revision committee, Meridian Campus 2004, 2005

### **Arts and Sciences Division Committees**

Social Work Advisory Board-Mississippi-Meridian Campus, 2001 - 2006

Chair, English Search Committee, 2002

Member, Psychology Search Committee, 2004, 2005

### **Social Work Profession/Off-Campus Service**

National Association of Social Workers-Mississippi Chapter, Region V Representative

National Association of Social Workers

Council on Social Work Education

Library of Congress

Member, Research Committee, Social Work Educator's Consortium, 2003, 2004

Member, Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare, 2004-2006

Member, Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Planning Board, 2002 - 2006

### **Current Professional Affiliations**

National Association of Social Workers, Member

Council on Social Work Education, Member

National Association of Social Work-Mississippi Chapter

AL/MS Social Work Education Consortium

Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare

## **Consultantships**

Federal Reviewer, Child and Family Services Reviews, United States, 2005- 2007.  
Meridian Public School District, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant, Evaluation Coordinator, 2005-2006.  
Mississippi Alliance for Prevention. Evaluation Coordinator, 2002 - 2005.  
Mississippi Department of Social Services. Research/Data Analyst, 2004.

## **Professional Development/Academic Community Certificates**

Swindell, M. (2006). Course in the Protection of Human Research Subjects (CITI). On-Line Recertification for Research with Human Subjects. Completion Record # 338583. Mississippi State University.

Swindell, M. (2001). Certificate of Human Subjects Education. Mississippi State University

Swindell, M. (2003). Certificate of Human Subjects Education. Mississippi State University

Swindell, M. (2002). WEBCT Speciality Area Workshop. Certificate of Completion.

Swindell, M. (2002). WEBCT Custom Workshop. Certificate of Completion.

Swindell, M. (2001). National Institutes of Health, Human Participant Protections Education for Research. Completion Certificate.

## **Teaching Experience**

06/01-03/08 Assistant/Associate Professor

Social Work 3013. Human Behavior in the Social Environment.

A junior/senior level course designed for social work, psychology, and education students but also offered to outside disciplines as an elective. Using traditional lectures, I have designed progressively ambitious versions of this course to challenge students to produce high-quality writing that acknowledged diverse audiences and privileges ethical social work practice.

Social Work 3003. Social Work with Populations at Risk.

A junior/senior level course designed to introduce critical thinking and application toward populations at risk. I designed the course to focus on student's self-analysis and development regarding social work practice with gays, lesbians, AIDS survivors, populations of color, and the elderly. In-class discussions emphasize practice and intervention strategies.

Social Work 3213. Introduction to Social Work Research.

Junior/senior level course designed to introduce social work students to the basic concepts of social work research, statistics and statistical methods. In-class and computer lab activities were designed to assist students in the process of writing a research proposal.

Social Work 3113. Recording Guidelines for Social Workers  
Summer 2002

Junior Level class designed to introduce social work students to proper methods of documentation and to improve overall writing ability. Classroom discussions and activities focused on documentation of social work activity, continuity of services, payment from their party payers, quality control, statistical reporting, supervisory reviews, organizing the worker's thoughts, interdisciplinary communication, part of an eligibility record, teaching, research.

08/00-12/00 University of Alabama.

Teaching Assistant

SW 440. Practice with Individuals and Families. Instructed undergraduate students on necessary tools to understand and competently intervene while working with individuals and families at the beginning professional level. Formulated course structure and requirements, developed syllabus, composed all exams and term paper assignments, lectured and administered all grades.

05/00-08/00 Teaching Assistant Multimedia Center

Provide instruction in videotaping, editing, and formatting. Developed PowerPoint presentations for field orientation training to field supervisors and students.

01/00-05/00 Teaching Assistant

SW 210. Family and Child Welfare.

Developed undergraduate course requirements focusing on current situation in services for children. Formulated course structure and requirements, developed syllabus, composed all exams and term paper assignments, lectured and administered all grades.

08/99-12/99 Teaching Assistant

SW 539. Social Work Practice Lab. Instructed graduate students in practice techniques with individuals, families, small groups, organizations, and communities. Formulated course structure and requirements, developed syllabus, lectured and administered all grades.

08/98, 08/99 Adjunct Instructor

SW 579. Components of Social Work Practice. Instructed advanced standing MSW students in foundations for social work practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities, in preparation for second-year practice courses. Formulated course structure and requirements, developed syllabus, lectured and administered all grades.

## **Research Experience**

08/01-03/08 Assistant/Association Professor

Mississippi State University

Presently conducting research on professional practice issues related to the use of social work and social workers with regard to Spirituality, innovative social work concepts, voluntary self-mutilation, and longitudinal developments in foster care and adoption practices. Interests include secondary data analysis with a focus on foster care and adoptive children and teens from an ecological perspective. Currently in the process of article publication, program recruitment, national and international conference presentation, and grantsmanship. Currently, a federal consultant with the Children's Bureau for the Child and Family Services Review.

01/01- 05/01 University of Alabama, College of Community Health Science/School of Social Work

#### Research Assistant

Research responsibilities include comprehensive literature review examining STDs and Alabama County Health Departments, on-site data collection in rural Alabama counties focusing on county health departments, data entry, codebook development and statistical analysis.

Assisted Dr. Josephine Knox on a National Guard Family study. Transcribed over 70 hours of recorded interviews with National Guard Chiefs of Family Programs. Entered and analyzed survey data, using SPSS programs and presented findings at both regional and statewide conferences.

Assisted Dr. Lee Badger, School Of Social Work and Dr. Betsy Rand, Department Chair, Psychiatry and Neurology, in two separate studies on Primary Care Physicians in Alabama Detecting Mental Illness and second study of Higher Education Health Care Systems Application of PRIME-MD materials. Complete comprehensive literature reviews, entered and analyzed survey data, and was independently responsible for the study on Primary Care Physicians for one semester. Developed Powerpoint presentations on both studies which were presented at regional and statewide conferences.

#### **Clinical Experience**

08/92-12/98 Medical Social Worker for the following home health care agencies:

First American Home Health Care, Visiting Nurse Association  
Symphony Home Health and Stay-Home Health.

Managed caseload of 130 homebound patients in Orange, Osceola, and Polk Counties in Florida due to a lack of medical social workers. Provided home bound elderly persons, families, and vulnerable populations with the psychosocial support needed to cope with chronic, acute, or terminal illnesses, such as Alzheimer's, cancer, or AIDS. Under supervision, completed social assessments to determine needs for social service in a home health care setting, developed social treatment plans and provided needed services or assists patients in obtaining needed services, accepted referrals of patients from health care staff; interviewed patients upon admittance to home health care agency, obtained and evaluated information provided by patient and referral source; worked jointly with patients and/or patient's family towards meeting the need or resolution of the problems identified; interpreted available programs for patient and/or families; acted as resource specialist in a particular area; documented needs/plans in patient's medical record; and performed related work as required. Applied knowledge of principles, techniques and objectives of social work; individual and group behavior; human growth and development; family relationships; medical psych-social-economic factors affecting individuals and families; community organization and resources; basic hospital organization; laws and regulations common to medical social work in the State of Florida.