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EDUCATION

Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA.

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, 2006.

Dissertation: *Still here: Trauma, illness and coping in the lives of women with HIV/AIDS*.

Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY.

Master of Science in Social Work, 1996. Concentration in Clinical Practice and School-Based Services.

Brown University, Providence, RI.

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Women's Studies, 1992. Magna Cum Laude. Phi Beta Kappa.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Extension Professor, University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Hartford, CT. August 2013 - present.

Assistant Extension Professor, University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT. August 2006 - August 2013.

Adjunct Faculty, University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT. January 2005 - August 2006.

Teaching and Advising

SPTP 5318: Gender and Social Work: Feminist Theory and Practice, 2019 - present.

IGFP 5303: Advanced Practice with Individuals, Groups and Families across Settings and Populations, 2019 - present.

IGFP 5302: Advanced Practice with Individuals, Groups and Families: Theoretical Approaches, 2018 - present.

BASC 5362: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Micro and Macro Theories, 2017 - present.

SOWK 3801: Field Seminar II, 2021 - present.

SOWK 3800: Field Seminar I, 2020 - present.

IGFP 5340: Skills Laboratory with Individuals, Groups, and Families, 2018 - 2023.

CSWK 5303: Casework with Vulnerable and Resilient Populations, 2005 - 2018.

CSWK 5301: Casework Helping Process: The Work and Ending Phases, 2017.

CSWK 5340: Casework Advanced Standing Skills Laboratory, 2014 - 2017.

CSWK 5302: Casework Practice Approaches: Differential Applications, 2007 - 2017.

BASC 5361: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Micro Theories, 2006 - 2017.
Field Education Seminar I, II, III, and IV, 2005 - present.
Field Advisor to Casework and Individuals, Groups and Families students, 2005 - present.

Service to the School and Profession

Co-chair, Educational Policy Committee, 2021 – present.
Chair, Individuals, Groups and Families sequence, 2017 - present.
Coordinator, Individuals, Groups and Families Summer Block Program, 2017 - present.
Course lead, Advanced Practice with Individuals, Groups and Families across Settings and Populations, 2019 - present.
Course lead, Advanced Practice with Individuals, Groups and Families: Theoretical Approaches, 2018 - present.
Course lead, Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 2010 - present.
Member, Educational Review Committee, 2009 - present.
Member, MSW Program Director Search Committee, 2024.
Member, MSW Program Director Search Committee, 2023.
Co-chair, Future of Teaching and Learning Strategic Planning Sub-Committee, 2021 - 2022.
Co-Principal Investigator, Integrated Care across the Lifespan and Integrated Care across the Lifespan – Opioid/MAT, 2019 - 2022.
Member, Field Education Director Search Committee, 2021.
Member, Educational Policy Committee, 2013 - 2021.
Project Coordinator, Integrated Care across the Lifespan – Opioid/MAT, 2018 - 2019.
Doctoral dissertation examiner, 2019.
Member, Flexible Learning Committee, 2017 - 2018.
Member, BSW Faculty Search Committee, 2017 - 2018.
Member, Continuing Education Advisory Committee, 2014 - 2018.
Chair, Casework sequence, 2014 - 2017.
Coordinator, Casework Summer Block Program, 2006 - 2016.
Member, Casework Committee, 2005 - 2014.
Member, Field Education Committee, 2005-2014.

Adjunct Faculty, Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA. June 2004 - August 2006.

Designed and taught elective course on gender and psychological theory to master's-level students.

Thesis Advisor, Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA. September 2002 - July 2005.

Guided master's-level students through the process of writing both empirical and theoretical theses.

Teaching Assistant, Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA. July - August 2003.

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Facilitated discussion section for a required second-year master's-level psychological theory course, Comparative Psychodynamic Theories for Clinical Social Work Practice.

Field Instructor, New York University School of Social Work, New York, NY. September 2000 - April 2001.

Provided clinical and administrative supervision to master's-level social work students.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Staff Therapist, River Valley Counseling Center, Holyoke, MA. September 2002 - June 2007.

Provided individual therapy in English and Spanish to clients at a community-based mental health center.

Social Worker, Midwifery Care of Holyoke, Holyoke, MA. March 2003 - December 2004.

Provided assessments, crisis intervention, case management services and individual therapy to the patients of a women's health clinic, primarily adolescents and young adults.

Doctoral Intern, Smith College Counseling Service, Northampton, MA. September 2001 - May 2002.

Provided short-term and long-term individual therapy to undergraduate students of a women's college, of traditional and non-traditional age. Staffed on-call service, conducting crisis assessment and intervention.

Program Director, Community Counseling and Mediation, New York, NY. June 1999 - April 2001.

Administered Women at Risk, a mental health program for women infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Provided individual therapy to clients. Supervised staff therapists and social work interns. Conducted program outreach. Engaged in grant research activities.

Staff Therapist, Coney Island Hospital On-Site Program, Brooklyn, NY. February 1997 - June 1999.

Provided individual, group and family therapy to students at three public elementary schools in a school-based mental health program. Coordinated outreach and intakes at one school.

PUBLICATIONS

Tully, C. & Smith, E. (2014). Gay and lesbian persons. In A. Gitterman (Ed.), *Handbook of social work with vulnerable and resilient populations (3rd edition)*. NY: Columbia University Press.

Smith, E. (2011). Mood conditions. In A. Gitterman & N. Heller (Eds.), *Mental health and social problems: A social work perspective* (pp. 331-355). Abingdon: Routledge.

Letendre, J. & Smith, E. (2011). "It's murder out today:" Middle school girls speak out about factors contributing to girl fighting. *Children and Schools*, 33 (1), 47-57.

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Randolph-Frye, M., Dickson-Gomez, J., Abbott, M., Smith, E., & Weeks, M. (2010). Sexual risk-taking among high-risk urban women with and without histories of childhood sexual abuse: Mediating effects of contextual factors. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse, 19* (1), 43-61.

Werkmeister Rozas, L. & Smith, E. (2009). Being on this boat: The provision of culturally competent mental health services to people living with HIV/AIDS. *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services, 8* (2), 166-187.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Evaluator, Community Health Center Mental Health HIV/AIDS Service Component Project, Meriden, CT. April - September 2006.

Performed program evaluation of a SAMHSA-funded HIV mental health program. Conducted focus groups and individual interviews with program clients and staff to collect data regarding services offered, barriers to care, and issues of cultural responsiveness. Summarized findings in a report offering recommendations for improving the quality of program services.

Research Assistant, Casey Family Services Family Resource Center Evaluation Project, Smith College School for Social Work. September 2001 - August 2002.

Assisted in developing interview protocols for a study exploring the implementation of seven family support centers. Aided with data collection and data analysis.

PRESENTATIONS

Smith, E. *Understanding HIV risk*. Provided training to medical, dental, nursing, and pharmacy students at University of Connecticut Urban Services Track learning retreat. April 2009.

Smith, E. *Still here: Trauma, illness, and coping in the lives of women with HIV/AIDS*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. January 2008. Washington, DC.

Smith, E. *Still here: Trauma, illness, and coping in the lives of women with HIV/AIDS*. "Gender, Power and Violence" panel. Presented at the Crossroads II Conference: Community-based Collaborative Research for Social Justice. June 2007. Hartford, CT.

Smith, E. & Werkmeister Rozas, L. *Being on this boat: The provision of culturally competent mental health services to people living with HIV/AIDS*. "Challenges in HIV Prevention, Services, and Research" panel. Presented at the Crossroads II Conference: Community-based Collaborative Research for Social Justice. June 2007. Hartford, CT.

Smith, E. *Still here: Trauma, illness, and coping in the lives of women with HIV/AIDS*. Presented at the Southern Connecticut State University Sixteenth Annual Women's Studies Conference. October 2006. New Haven, CT.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Massachusetts License Number 111364.

Proficient in Spanish and French.

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Member, editorial board, *Smith College Studies in Social Work*. January 2016 - present.

Book review editor, *Smith College Studies in Social Work*. January 2016 - December 2019.