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## EDUCATION

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### **The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC**

Master's in Social Work

August 2004

Management and Community Practice concentration with a focus on adult mental health

### **Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC**

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude

May 1992

Psychology major with additional coursework in chemistry and applied music

Semester abroad in Venice: English, Italian art, interdisciplinary honors

## SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **UNC School of Social Work, Chapel Hill, NC**

Researcher, "Management Assistance Project"

July 2009 - present

- Write quarterly reports about trends and developments in child welfare, Work First, and Food and Nutrition Services programs in NC
- Work with multidisciplinary team to maintain comprehensive Management Assistance project website (<http://ssw.unc.edu/ma>)

### **UNC School of Social Work, Chapel Hill, NC**

Project Coordinator, "Supportive Housing Study"

January 2007 – June 2010

- Oversaw and managed the Asheville and Durham sites (and, briefly, the Guilford site) of multi-year state-funded research project analyzing the cost-effectiveness of supportive housing for persons who have been chronically homeless in NC
- Conducted detailed personal interviews of supportive housing residents
- Worked closely with homelessness service providers and housing leaders at each site
- Communicated with homeless service providers, medical providers, and other service providers to obtain medical records and calculate service costs
- Co-authored reports and updates

### **UNC School of Social Work, Chapel Hill, NC**

Researcher, "Work First Demonstration Grant Evaluation"

July 2007 – June 2008

- Reviewed and evaluated 52 grant-funded pilot initiatives designed to increase employment among Work First recipients
- Interviewed county social service directors and program managers to determine efficacy of initiatives
- Co-authored reports and updates

## **SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (continued)**

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**UNC School of Social Work**, Chapel Hill, NC

Project Coordinator,

January 2006 – January 2007

“Identification and Treatment of Inmates with Mental Illness and/or DD/MR in North Carolina Jails”

- Oversaw and managed twelve-month research project about mental health in jails in NC
- Conducted literature review and summarized findings; conducted telephone interviews; designed, organized, administered, and collected surveys; analyzed quantitative and qualitative data; co-authored project report
- Communicated with and collected data from 80 jails and numerous mental health consumer advocacy groups statewide
- Discussed study findings with consumer advocates and local government officials

**UNC School of Social Work**, Chapel Hill, NC

Project Coordinator, IDEAS for Mental Health – “Identifying What’s Working”

October 2004 – June 2005

- Oversaw and managed nine-month research project about public mental health care in NC
- Assisted with focus groups of mental health consumers; conducted face-to-face and telephone interviews; designed, administered, and collected surveys; analyzed quantitative and qualitative data; co-wrote three comprehensive project reports to be distributed statewide
- Coordinated communication and data gathering from 32 public mental health agencies statewide

## **OTHER SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**UNC School of Social Work**, Chapel Hill, NC

Program Assistant

October 2005 – Present

- Assist with coordination of activities for MCH Public Health Social Work Leadership Training Program
- Assist with organization and writing of grant proposals for continuing federal funding
- Track activities and accomplishments of project faculty, trainees, and alumni
- Develop and maintain project databases and Internet listserves
- Coordinate payment of trainee tuition, stipends, and reimbursements via university’s complex and multi-layered finance system

**UNC School of Social Work**, Chapel Hill, NC

Copy Editor for Marie Weil, Distinguished Professor of Community Practice

May 2003 – September 2004

- Edited book chapters, articles, and other work for content, form, accuracy, and syntax  
Work included *Handbook of Community Practice*, 2005, Sage

## **SOCIAL WORK FIELD EDUCATION EXPERIENCE**

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**Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County**, Chapel Hill, NC

Concentration Field Practicum: 24 hours per week

August 2003 - May 2004

- Handled one or two four-hour domestic violence hotline shifts per week
  - Provided emergency crisis counseling for victims of domestic violence, both in person and on phone
  - Helped clients apply for emergency protective orders and accompanied them to courthouse
  - Researched area resources and agencies to ensure proper client referrals
- Planned, coordinated, and conducted used cell phone drive which raised nearly \$1,000 for agency
- Researched, reported on current practices, future trends in transitional housing for victims of DV

## *SOCIAL WORK FIELD EDUCATION EXPERIENCE (continued)*

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### **Wright School, Durham, NC**

Foundation Field Practicum: 16 hours per week

September 2002 - April 2003

- Acted as community liaison for a child with SED at state-run residential school for children ages 6-12
  - Tracked child's behavioral and academic progress
  - Prepared weekly reports, including behavioral summaries and suggestions
  - Made numerous home visits to provide parent education and education
  - Took part in case management meetings at Wright School and in child's home community
  - Completed appropriate reports and paperwork in timely and efficient manner
- Conducted phone interviews of families of former students to obtain data for follow-up study.
- Designed, piloted an adapted behavioral test for children.

## *OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE*

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### **Freelance academic and copy editor**

2006 - present

- Academic editing clients include doctoral students at the UNC Schools of Social Work and Public Health
- Copy editing clients include Warren Wilson College and the Center for Craft, Creativity and Design

### **Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC**

Assistant to the Vice President for College Relations

October 1997 - July 2002

- Coordinated fund-raising events, meetings, and other activities for Development Office
- Trained, supervised and mentored student workers
- Served on College Judicial Board, Staff Forum, and Lyceum committees
- Accompanied students on spring break service trips

### **City of Asheville Parks and Recreation Department, Asheville, NC**

Assistant to ADA Coordinator/Contract Administrator

February 1995 - September 1997

- Researched, wrote and edited press releases, publications, reports, correspondence, etc.
- Helped coordinate and publicize city festivals Bele Chere and First Night Asheville

### **The Herald (daily newspaper), Rock Hill, SC**

Copy Editor

October 1992 – January 1994

- Edited local and wire copy, wrote headlines and designed national, local and front pages

### **The Surry Times (weekly newspaper, now defunct), Mount Airy, NC**

General Assignment Reporter

May – October 1992

- One of a two-person news team that produced weekly 20- to 28-page newspaper

### **Winston-Salem Journal (daily newspaper), Winston-Salem, NC**

City Desk Intern

Summer 1991

- General assignment news reporting, including features and some police reporting

### **The Dispatch (daily afternoon newspaper), Lexington, NC**

General Assignment Intern

Summer 1990

- Prolific feature and hard news reporting

*OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Old Gold and Black (Wake Forest University weekly student newspaper),** Winston-Salem, NC  
Staff Writer and/or Section Editor Fall 1988 – Spring 1992

**Wake Forest University Department of Chemistry,** Winston-Salem, NC  
Undergraduate Researcher Summer 1989

*SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS* \_\_\_\_\_

**Vaughn, J.,** Walsh, A., and Duncan, D.F. (2011, June). The cost effectiveness of housing support teams in North Carolina: Final report. [Report to the NC Department of Health and Human Services.] Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina School of Social Work. Available at <http://ssw.unc.edu/ma>; after entering site, click on Additional Information, then Papers & Reports.

Scheyett, A., **Vaughn, J.,** and Francis, A. M. (2010). Jail administrators' perceptions of the use of psychiatric advance directives in jails. *Psychiatric Services, 61*(4), 409-411. [doi:10.1176/appi.ps.61.4.409](https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.61.4.409)

Scheyett, A., **Vaughn, J.,** and Taylor, M. (2010). Experiences of consumers with mental illnesses and their families during and after incarceration in county jails: Lessons for policy change. *Journal of Policy Practice, 9*(1), 54-64.

Walsh, A., **Vaughn, J.,** and Duncan, D. F. (2009, October). The cost effectiveness of housing support teams: The first eighteen months. [Report to the NC Department of Health and Human Services.] Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina School of Social Work. Available at <http://ssw.unc.edu/ma>; after entering site, click on Additional Information, then Papers & Reports.

**Vaughn, J.,** Walsh, A., and Duncan, D.F. (2009, August). The cost effectiveness of permanent supportive housing in North Carolina: A service cost analysis of residents of Woodfin and Griffin Apartments in Asheville. [Report to the NC Department of Health and Human Services.] Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina School of Social Work. Available at <http://ssw.unc.edu/ma>; after entering site, click on Additional Information, then Papers & Reports.

Scheyett, A., **Vaughn, J.,** and Taylor, M. (2009). Screening and access to service for individuals with serious mental illnesses in jails. *Community Mental Health Journal, 45*(6), 439-336. [doi:10.1007/s10597-009-9204-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-009-9204-9)

Scheyett, A., **Vaughn, J.,** Taylor, M., and Parish, S. (2009). Are we there yet? Screening processes for intellectual and developmental disabilities in jail settings. *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, 47* (1), 13-23. [doi:10.1352/2009.47:13-23](https://doi.org/10.1352/2009.47:13-23)

**Vaughn, J.,** Walsh, A., and Duncan, D. F. (2008, December). The cost effectiveness of housing support teams: The experiences of persons enrolled in the first three months. [Report to the NC Department of Health and Human Services.] Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina School of Social Work. Available at <http://ssw.unc.edu/ma>; after entering site, click on Additional Information, then Papers & Reports.

Weigensberg, E.C., **Vaughn, J.,** Donlan, A., and Duncan, D. F. (2008, August). North Carolina Work First Demonstration Grant study: Promising strategies to obtain and retain employment. [Report to the NC Division of Social Services.] Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina School of Social Work. Available at <http://ssw.unc.edu/ma>; after entering site, click on Additional Information, then Papers & Reports.

Scheyett, A.M., and **Vaughn, J.** (2008, January). Identification and treatment of individuals with mental illness in North Carolina jails. Paper presentation at Society for Social Work and Research national conference, Washington, DC.

Rounds, K.A., Caye, J.S., **Vaughn, J.,** Ross-Sheriff, T., and Anderson, J. (2008). *Disaster preparedness for public health social workers, Part II: Bioterrorism.* (CD-ROM.) Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina School of Social Work.

## **SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS (continued)** \_\_\_\_\_

Walsh, A., Duncan, D.F., Selz-Campbell, L., and **Vaughn, J.** (2007). The cost effectiveness of supportive housing: A service cost analysis of Lennox Chase residents. [[Report to the NC Department of Health and Human Services.] Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina School of Social Work. Available at <http://ssw.unc.edu/ma>; after entering site, click on Additional Information, then Papers & Reports.

**Vaughn, J.**, and Scheyett, A.M. (2007). Identification and treatment of individuals with mental illness and mental retardation/developmental disability in North Carolina jails: A report to the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities. Raleigh: North Carolina Department of Administration. Available at <http://www.icdri.org/legal/report%20word%20setup.pdf> or

Edwards, E., **Vaughn, J.**, and Smith Rotabi, K. (2005). Child abuse investigation and treatment for deaf and hard of hearing children. *Social Policy Journal*, 4(3/4), 53-67. [doi:10.1300/J185v04n03\\_04](https://doi.org/10.1300/J185v04n03_04)

**Vaughn, J.**, Scheyett, A., Selz-Campbell, L., West, A., and McDaniel, L. (2005). Consumer and Family Advisory Committees in the North Carolina public mental health system: A report to the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities. Raleigh: North Carolina Department of Administration.

Scheyett, A., **Vaughn, J.**, Selz-Campbell, L., West, A., and McDaniel, L. (2005). State psychiatric hospital discharge processes and community transition services in the North Carolina public mental health system: A report to the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities. Raleigh: North Carolina Department of Administration.

Scheyett, A., **Vaughn, J.**, Selz-Campbell, L., West, A., and McDaniel, L. (2005). Human Rights Committees in the North Carolina public mental health system: A report to the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities. Raleigh: North Carolina Department of Administration.

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Homeless Connect**, Chapel Hill, NC  
Planning Committee Member

August – October 2007

- Participated in monthly meetings to organize a one-day outreach event for homeless individuals
- Recruited MSW students to volunteer services at event

**SHAC (Student Health Action Coalition)**, Chapel Hill, NC  
Social Work Student Clinician

August 2002 – December 2003

- Screened, counseled, and provided community resource referrals for patients at UNC student-run free health clinic one evening per month

**Interlace (Transitional housing program for domestic violence victims)**, Asheville, NC

Shop for Change Committee Member

September 1999 – December 2001

- Supervised advertising, media coverage of annual event for agency for battered women and children that raised more than \$10,000 each year
- Coordinated, oversaw printing for event's promotional newspaper insert in 2001

**Helpmate (Domestic violence shelter)**, Asheville, NC

Overnight Crisis Line Responder and Child-Care Provider

June 1994 - May 1997

- "Womanned" crisis line and handled emergency transport 2-3 evenings per month
- Coordinated activities for and supervised children of battered women during weekly support group

**Tri-County Sister Help (Domestic violence shelter)**, Rock Hill, SC

Volunteer

February 1993 - January 1994

- Handled crisis calls, transportation, and child care for average of 10 hours per week

## *SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY*

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### **School of Social Work Service Learning Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi**

Faculty participant

March 2008

### **Carolina Summer Reading Program**

Faculty facilitator

August 2007, August 2008

### **UNC Tar Heel Bus Tour**

Faculty participant

May 2007

### **Health Affairs Interdisciplinary Case Conference**

Faculty facilitator

February 2007

## *HONORS and AWARDS*

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### **Mortar Board (academic honor society), Wake Forest University**

May 1991

### **Christopher Giles Competitions in Musical Performance, Wake Forest University**

- First Place, Piano Division
- Honorable Mention, General Division

February 1992

February 1991

## *COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES*

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### **Duke Chapel Choir, Durham, NC**

Singer

September 2010 - present

### **Women's Voices (choral group), Chapel Hill, NC**

Singer

August 2005 - present

### **Chapel Hill Philharmonia (instrumental group), Chapel Hill, NC**

Percussionist

November 2006 - present

### **Triangle Wind Ensemble (instrumental group), Cary, NC**

Mallet percussionist

August 2004 - June 2011

### **Triangle Brass Band (instrumental group), Cary, NC**

Mallet percussionist

November 2006 - July 2008

### **Asheville Choral Society, Asheville, NC**

Singer

August 1994 - June 2002

Board Member and Communications/Publicity Chair

April 1997 - April 2000

### **Bele Chere Festival, Asheville, NC**

Board Member and Communications Committee Chair

January 1999 - August 2001

### **First Night Asheville**

Board Member and Communications Committee Chair

August 1998 - January 2001

## *HOBBIES and INTERESTS*

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- Walking and hiking
- Scrabble