

Denise G. Dewe

Education

Ph.D. Candidate - Social Work, University of Georgia
MSW - University of South Florida
BSW - University of West Florida

Academic appointments

- Field Advisor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
July 2007 – present

Faculty position in the Field Education Program with the School of Social Work (MSW & Ph.D.). Field education curriculum development. Facilitate field seminar and other courses within the SSW as needed. Plan and conduct orientation and training activities for students and field instructors. Identify potential field agencies and field instructors. Manage the Hartford Foundation Gerontology Leadership Practicum Partnership Program.

- Clinical Instructor, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
July 2004 – June 2007

Faculty position in the social work program (BSW & MSW), teaching three courses per semester. Responsible for syllabus construction, class instruction, course management, and curriculum development of course content. Utilized WebCT as part of learning experience. Field coordinator for BSW and MSW program 2005 to 2007. Responsible for editing/updating BSW Field Manual and development and writing of the MSW Field Manual. Recruited new placement opportunities for students. Develop and provide training to new field instructors.

- Adjunct Faculty, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
August 2002 – May 2004

Graduate student assistantship with the School of Social Work. Primary instructor of record for courses. Responsible for syllabus construction, class instruction, course management, and curriculum development of child welfare program. Utilized WebCT as part of learning experience.

- Research Assistant, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
August 2001 – August 2002

Graduate student assistantship with the School of Social Work. Application of research methods to social work practice. Conceptualization of the issue through data collection, analysis, interpretation and writing.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Ellett, A.J., Ellis, J., Westbrook, T. & Dews, D.G. (2007). A statewide qualitative study of 385 professionals: Toward a greater understanding of employee retention and turnover in child welfare. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 29(2), 264-281.

Professional Social Work Experience

- Medical Social Worker, Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, FL
July 1990 – July 2001 (full time 7 years, part time/PRN 4 years)

Professional medical social work position in a 750-bed non-profit medical/surgical hospital. Counsel patients and families on end-of-life decisions. Perform discharge planning, utilization review, peer review and serve as a social work preceptor. Consultant to Ethics Committee. Wrote a grant to provide indigent prescriptions. Manage Indigent Prescription Program. Member of Critical Care and Continuum of Care Committees, serve on JCAHO Preparation, Interdisciplinary Process, Quality Improvement, Interdisciplinary Grand Rounds and Cardiac Surgical Care teams.

- Case Manager, Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Largo, FL
November 1995 – April 1998

Professional medical social work position in a 60-bed rehabilitation hospital. Performed utilization review, discharge planning and insurance certification. Responsible for marketing of pediatric rehabilitation program and adult spinal cord injury program including seminar planning, presentations to physicians, hospitals and managed care providers. Spearheaded development of oncology program.

- Mental Health Technician, Horizon Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL
June 1988 – February 1989

Part-time, para-professional position in 200-bed psychiatric hospital. Worked directly with patients voluntarily and involuntarily placed in mental health hospital. Provided one to one counseling. Documented and charted goal attainment. This was a PRN position on weekends and holidays.

- Protective Investigator/Children, Youth and Families Counselor
State of Florida, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
October 1984 – July 1990
1984 - 1986 Gainesville, FL 1987 – 1990 Clearwater, FL

One year in child protective services; three years in foster care; two years in protective investigations. Conducted investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children. Coordinated community resources, individual and family

counseling, preparation of legal reports and court presentations. Certified as an expert witness. Trained guardians ad litem for Pinellas County court system. Supervised recruitment, training and licensing of foster parents. Recruitment included public relations, radio talk shows, development of brochures, and fundraising for recruitment efforts.

Professional Associations

National Association of Social Workers

University Committees

Department of Sociology and Social Work Publicity /Public Relations Committee
 Child Welfare Collaborative, IV-E Funded Program
 Department of Sociology and Social Work Assessment Committee
 Department of Sociology and Social Work Faculty Development Committee
 MSW Accreditation Committee, Social Work Program
 Phi Alpha Faculty Advisor

Community Activities

- Mountain Valleyfest Committee, Boone, NC. 2007.
- Mountain Pathways School Personnel Committee, Boone, NC. 2006 – 2007.
- Board Member, Mountain Pathways School, Boone, NC. 2005 – 2007.
- Chair of Fundraising Committee, Mountain Pathways School, Boone, NC. 2005 – 2007.
- Vice-President, University of Georgia, Family and Graduate Housing Council, Athens, GA. 2003-2004.
- President. University of Georgia, Family and Graduate Housing Council, Athens, GA. 2002-2003.
- University of Georgia Graduate and Professional Student Council, Athens, GA. 2002-2004.

Funded Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- Outstanding Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia, 2003.
- Judicial Perception of Public Child Welfare Workers. 2003. Dissertation Grant. Children's Bureau. Department of Health and Human Services. \$50,000.
- Indigent Prescription Program. FY2001. Morton Plant Mease Foundation, Clearwater, FL. \$15,000.
- Indigent Prescription Program. FY2000. Morton Plant Mease Foundation, Clearwater, FL. \$15,000.

Presentations

Dews, D. G. *New Field Instructors Workshop*. Appalachian State University, Department of Sociology and Social Work. August 2005, January 2006, August 2006, January 2007, & April 2007.

Dews, D. G. *Juvenile Judges: What Do They Really Think About Child Welfare Workers?* Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau Conference. April 2005. Boston, MA.

Dews, D. G. *End-of-Life and the Right to Die: A Social Worker's Role*. Poster presentation. Research Day 2001: Community as Classroom. April 2001. Tampa, FL.

Ellett, C. D.; Ellett, A. J.; Ellis, J.; Westbrook, T.; & Dews, D. *375 Child Welfare Professionals Interviewed: Factors Contributing to Retention and Turnover*. CSWE 2004 APM. Anaheim, CA.

Ellett, C. D.; Ellett, A. J.; Ellis, J.; Westbrook, T.; & Dews, D. *What Do Interviews with 398 Professionals Tell Us about Employee Retention and Turnover in Child Welfare?* Society of Social Work Research 2004 Conference. January 2004. New Orleans, LA.

Kittle, C. B., Gross, C., & Dews, D.G. *Spirituality and Religion in Field Instruction*. Appalachian State University, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Workshop for Field Instructors. January 2005. Boone, NC.

Vonk, E., Dews, D., Funk, R. & Simmons, A. *Thinking about Pursuing a PhD?*. October 11, 2003. GA NASW Annual Conference. Marietta, GA.

Invited Presentations

Appalachian State University, Pi Gamma Mu (International Social Science Honor Society) Induction Ceremony, Induction Address. Boone, NC. March 2006.

University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Graduation Ceremony. Commencement Address. Athens, GA. May 2003.

Georgia Child Fatality Review Board. Child Fatalities from Abuse and Neglect: What We Know. Jekyll Island, GA. April 2002.

State of Florida Ninth Annual Sterling Council Conference. Governor's Sterling Award. Outcomes of Intensive Care Unit Interdisciplinary Discharge Planning Team. Orlando, FL. July 2001.

Editorial Reviews

Guest peer reviewer for *Research on Social Work Practice*, March 2002.
Editor: Bruce Thyer, Ph.D.

Graduate Courses Instructed

Death, Dying and Living, SW5555. Fall 2004, Spring &, Fall 2005, and Spring & Fall 2006. Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. Explores death and dying in a social work context. (Cross listed with SW4555).

Undergraduate Courses Instructed

Social Work Field Instruction, SW4650. Fall 2005, Spring & Fall 2006, Spring 2006. Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. Supervised placements of students in human services agencies.

Human Behavior in the Social Environment, SW2630. Fall 2004, Spring & Fall 2005, and Spring & Fall 2006. Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. A foundation course in the BSW program on understanding human behavior.

Death, Dying and Living, SW4555. Fall 2004, Spring &, Fall 2005, and Spring & Fall 2006. Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. Explores death and dying in a social work context. (Cross listed with SW5555).

Social Work Communication. SOWK2155. Fall 2002. University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Athens, GA. Undergraduate personal communication class.

Special Topics in Child Welfare I. SOWK5757. Fall 2002 and Fall 2003. University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Athens, GA. The second class in a three class series to prepare social workers for a career in public child welfare.

Special Topics in Child Welfare II. SOWK5767. Spring 2003 and Spring 2004. University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Athens, GA. The third in a three class series to prepare social workers for a career in public child welfare.

Conferences/Workshops

- NC Field Consortium. Mars Hill College. Mars Hill, NC. September 2006.
- National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau Conference. Grantees Meeting. Boston, MA. April 2005.
- Society of Social Work Research. New Orleans, LA. January 2004.
- Developing Strategies to Re-Professionalize Child Welfare in America: An Invitational Working Conference. NADD/NAPCWA Task Force on Child Welfare. Athens, GA. October 2003.
- NASW-GA Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA. October 2003.
- When Love is Not Enough: Parenting Traumatized and Challenging Children. Atlanta, GA. September 2003.

- Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, 19th Annual Symposium with American Professional Society on the Abuse of Child Advanced Training Institutes. Atlanta, GA. June 2003.
- NASW-FL Annual Conference. Orlando, FL. June 2003.
- Council of Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Atlanta, GA. Child Welfare stipend recipient. February 2003.
- Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Nashville, TN. UGA Scholarship recipient. February 2002.
- Social Work and End-of-Life Care Symposium. John Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD. November 2001.
- Getting Your Ideas Across: Abstract Writing and Presenting at the Professional Level. John Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD. November 2001.
- End-of-Life Issues in the 21st Century: Exploring Controversies in Palliative Care. Tampa, FL. An International Hospice Symposium. April 2000.

Certifications and Licenses

- Resolve Through Sharing [RTS] counselor (perinatal loss) – May 1991, Clearwater, FL
- Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting [MAPP] trainer (foster/adoptive parent training program) – 1987, Clearwater, FL.

Research Consulting

- CDE Research Associates, Inc., Watkinsville, GA. October 2002 – February 2003. Focus group interviews of public child welfare workers. Qualitative data analysis.
- Child and Family Associate Consultants, Inc., Woodstock, GA. September 2003 – 2005. Outcome study of GA Attachment Network therapeutic providers.

Research Interests

Social work intervention at end-of-life

Medical social work

Child welfare, child abuse & neglect, child protection

Social work education

Academic and professional references available on request