

AHEC-SSW Faculty Information Sheet

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Position/Title: Clinical Associate Professor

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Education/Degrees: B.A., Sociology (University of Pennsylvania), 1987
M.S., Criminology, MS (University of Pennsylvania), 1988
Ph.D., Sociology (Stanford University), 1995
MSW, Social Work (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), 2004

Professional Certifications: LCSW – Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 2009 - (provisional LCSW, 2004-2009)

Academic Experience:

I’ve been affiliated with UNC-CH School of Social since 2001, when I taught as adjunct faculty. After completing my MSW in 2004, I joined the faculty as a clinical assistant professor, teaching classes in family and individual development, and research methods, and organizing the clinical lecture series program. In 2011, I was promoted to clinical associate professor. Since January 2016, I’m also on the faculty at UNC School of Medicine – Department of Psychiatry.

Prior experience includes teaching in sociology departments in a variety of universities, including Emory University, University of Pennsylvania, and Penn State University, and served as a fellow at Duke University (in globalization and democracy), Emory University (in emergent / invisible illnesses), and in the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (in history of demography).

Brief Summary of Work Experience:

My work history includes academic teaching, organizing lecture series events, work as a psychotherapist, and as an advocate and writer in the area of chronic pain management.

Specialization/Research Areas: Available for presentations: I am happy to talk about any of the topics listed above, and can develop more specialized programs within any of these categories.

- Health and illness
- Chronic pain management
- Dialectical behavioral therapy
- Borderline personality disorder
- Group work