

AHEC-SSW Training Partnership Faculty Information Sheet

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Education/Degrees:

- BA English, Creative Writing University of Alabama
- Master of Social Work, North Carolina State University

Professional Certifications:

- LCSW, License # C009750
- LCAS, License #LCAS-20095
- CCS-I, License # CCS-20947
- LCSW Clinical Supervision Certification, NASW

Academic Experience:

- Clinical Assistant Professor at UNC School of Social Work, with focus in direct practice, especially adult mental health and substance use treatment. Faculty member of SUAS (Substance Use and Addictions Specialist) program.
- Grant-funded Trainer: “Safety First: Trauma-Informed Care with People Experiencing Substance Use Disorders” with MSW students at NC State University School of Social Work, 2020.
- Co-Author of book chapter on pedagogy approaches to teaching about social issues, “What Then? The Cultural Forum of *The Wire*” in *Teaching the Wire: Frameworks, Theories and Strategies for the Classroom*, 2016 Gaynor, T., and Taliaferro, J.D. North Carolina: McFarland Books
- Co-Director, documentary film: “Mission Critical: Ending the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Wake County,” 2014
- Co-Author with Dr. J. D. Taliaferro and Dr. T. Gaynor, “Using HBO’s *The Wire* to teach Urban Issues,” Paper presented at the Social Equity Leadership Conference, Raleigh, NC, June 2013,
<https://selc.wordpress.ncsu.edu/files/2013/05/Teaching-The-Wire-Contemporary-Analysis-of-Social-Welfare-Problems-Solutions.pdf>

- Syllabus Creation and Researcher for course utilizing HBO's *The Wire* to teach social policy to social work graduate students, NC State University Social Work Department, 2013.

Brief Summary of Work Experience:

Over ten years of practice in community mental health/substance use disorder (SUD) treatment programs providing group and individual counseling and many practice modalities including DBT, Seeking Safety, Healthy Relationships for those recovering from trauma and SUD, grief and loss, trauma treatment using EMDR and cognitive work, trauma-informed care, SUD relapse prevention. Clinical supervision with associate-level social workers and masters-level social work and counseling students. Longtime social work field instructor for UNC School of Social Work, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and experienced task supervisor for Master of Counseling, MFT, and PhD students.

Specialization/Research Areas:

Areas of interest include trauma's connection to substance use; attachment disruption and repair; complicated grief; trauma-informed care; ACT; mindfulness for chronic pain and substance use management; clinical supervision modalities.

Clinical specializations and style include behavioral coping skills, mindfulness, psychodynamic perspectives, an open, relational, trauma-informed approach to complicated grief and loss in connection with SUD, attachment's developmental and relational impact, trauma processing including EMDR Basic Training, and a trauma-centered and relational approach to substance use treatment.

Available for presentations on the following:

- Trauma-Informed Care for People struggling with Substance Use
- Installing Hope: Complicated Grief and Traumatic Loss in Overdose Cases
- Mindfulness for Chronic Pain
- ACT for Substance Use Management
- Mindfulness Approaches to Substance Use Relapse Management