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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of BSW Field Education/ Clinical Faculty/ Field Faculty Liaison June 2018 to Present **School of Social Work, University of St Thomas, St Paul, Minnesota**

- Oversee the BSW field education program. This includes:
 - Develop field placements for BSW students
 - Coordinate the placement process for BSW students
 - Address student issues according to field and school policies
 - Develop policies, procedures and objectives of the BSW field program
 - Train, evaluate and collaboration with adjunct field faculty liaisons
 - Trains agency field instructors
 - Evaluate and assess the BSW field education program
- Classroom instructor & Faculty Liaison. My position focuses primarily on Field Education in which social work students are engaged in field practicums (internships) in a wide range of community social service agencies. I teach seminar-style courses designed to link classroom theory with social work practice experience; I also help students and agency mentors to create student learning plans and to problem solve if concerns arise

Clinical Faculty/Field Liaison Sept 2013 to June 2018

School of Social Work, St. Catherine University & University of St Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

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- Faculty Coordinator, Area of Emphasis in Practice with Immigrants and Refugees. I serve as faculty advisor and mentor for all graduate social work students interested in social work practice with immigrants and refugees.
- Academic Advisor. I provide ongoing consultation and support for students, reaching out to them especially when they are struggling to accomplish their academic goals
- Coordinator of Special School of Social Work Social Justice Events – Plan two major social justice-themed events each year ("Room at the Table" and "Justice Lecture"). These formal, catered events are sponsored by the school of social work and open to the public.
- Committee Assignments – participate in a variety of working groups to serve the need of our school of social work and university community — recent examples include: Title IX Working Group, Strategic Planning Taskforce: Catholic Inspired Community Engagement; MSW Student and Faculty Diversity Working Group

Independent Consulting and Training 2013-present

- Various community-based training on various topics related to social work practice (ongoing)
- Clinical Consultant. Healing Hearts Project, Center for Victims of Torture, St Paul, MN. Nov 2013-Mar 2016

Lead Social Worker /Healing Team Leader Sept 00 to Present

Center for Victims of Torture, (CVT) Minneapolis, Minnesota

Direct Practice with Torture Survivors

- Provide direct treatment to enhance social and emotional well-being of adult survivors of torture, applying theories of trauma recovery, systems theory, social wellness, holistic and integrated approaches to healing.
- Primarily modality: Mental health targeted case management. In this role, I engaged with clients; assessed their needs; and set, prioritized, and monitored goals. My approach at all stages is collaborative, relationship-based, and strengths oriented.
- Community referrals. Maintain an active network of viable referrals for my clients in critical areas such as housing, immigration law, employment, and public assistance benefits.

- Facilitate psycho-education and social support groups for clients
- Crisis intervention as needed
- Consultation and care coordination with colleagues on treatment team (weekly case consultation meetings) as well as with other professionals in the community

Leadership/Management/Supervision

- In the role of healing team leader, I provide administrative planning, supervision, and performance evaluation for other clinicians (psychotherapists and social workers)
- Develop new programming, policies, procedures to enhance quality of care and efficiency of clinic operations
- Served as Interim Director of Client Services Jan-Mar 2009 and Apr-Jun 2012
- MSW Field Instructor -- supervise social work grad students in 9-month field placements
- Provide clinical supervision for LGSW-level social workers seeking to upgrade their social work license to LISW
- Provide public education via stand-up trainings in the community, especially within the university systems and the U.S. Torture Treatment Consortium
- Content expert: National Capacity Building Fundamentals curriculum entitled "Holistic and Integrated Treatment Planning" (included interactive PowerPoint, workbook, and voice recording) funded by Office of Refugee Resettlement. Independent contractor May – Sept, 2009

Psychiatric Social Worker, June 04 to Nov 04

Regions Hospital Behavioral Health, St. Paul, Minnesota

Assessed new hospital patients for immediate social services needs and assisted in discharge planning; facilitated family support and psycho-education groups on the topic of serious and persistent mental illness

MSW internships

- Shiner's Children's Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, 1998-1999
- Center for Victims of Torture, St Paul, MN, 1999-2000

Public Information Officer, Feb 96 to Aug 98

North Dakota Department of Human Services (DHS), Bismarck, North Dakota

Coordinated media relations, organized press conferences and special events, drafted the DHS Annual Report, created brochures, designed and edited *North Dakota Journal of Human Services*, directed creation and maintenance of Department of Human Services website

Case Manager, Apr 92 to Sep 93 and **U.S. Office Manager**, Jan 95 to Feb 96

La Asociación Nuestros Ahijados, Antigua, Guatemala and Bismarck, North Dakota

Coordinated an international child sponsorship program, provided counsel and support for youth enrolled in the program, participated in rural family outreach, supervised a summer youth program, performed administrative duties. Opened the agency's first American office, successfully applied for and managed major grants, assisted in annual budget preparation, organized and led mission teams to Guatemala, wrote volunteer policy manual, planned special events, recruited and trained international volunteers, supervised local volunteers, spoke at several public forums to raise awareness of socio-economic needs and self-help programs in Guatemala.

AWARDS AND LICENSURE

- Licensed Independent Social Worker (LICSW), Minnesota Board of Social Work, License #14771
- Career Advancement Fellowship, American Association of University Women 2010-11
- Office for Victims of Crime Professional Development Scholarship 2009

EDUCATION

- Masters in Social Work, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- Graduate Certificate in Holistic Health, St. Catherine University, Minneapolis, MN
- University of St. Thomas Supervision Institute. Advanced training in offering licensure supervision at the LISW level – meets new MN requirements for minimum competency in supervision

- B.A. English Linguistics, French minor, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN
- Intensive Spanish, Proyecto Linguistico Francisco Marroquin, Antigua, Guatemala, Central America
- Spanish 101, 102, 201, Mira Costa College, Oceanside, CA

AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Refugee mental health/ cross cultural social work; trauma recovery; holistic and integrated approaches to health and healing; self-care for professionals/ secondary trauma/ professional longevity; Social work education/ clinical supervision

OTHER RELEVANT QUALITIES

- Strong interpersonal skills that foster collaborative relationships with students, colleagues, clients
- Excellent oral and writing/editing skills; excellent group facilitation skills
- Competent using Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook
- Administrative and clinical supervisory skills and experience
- International travel and work experience /Spanish language – basic speaking and writing

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- Solomonson, E. (2019, February). *Beyond the self care check-in: sustainable practice*. Field Instructor Training, supplemental. St Catherine University & University of St Thomas School of Social Work. St Paul, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E. (2018, December). *Serving limited English proficiency clients: Best practices and considerations for language in child forensics*. CornerHouse. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E., & Choe, J. (2018, September). *Peer and organizational support for self care in high trauma settings*. William Mitchell School of Lay/ Zero Abuse Project. St Paul, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E. (2018, June). *Using structured self care plans in supervision*. National Association of Social Workers Minnesota Annual Conference, Brooklyn, Park, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E. (2015, June). *Collaborating with Language Interpreters: Building More Effective Bridges to Client Who Do Not Speak English*, National Association of Social Workers Minnesota Annual Conference, St Paul, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E. & Bowman, T. (2015, October). *Reflective Practices for Volunteers*, Center for Victims of Torture, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E. (2015, December). *Interpreting mental health*. Presented at Children's Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E., & Schuchman, D. (2016, February). *Interpreting & Mental Health: Concepts In Mental Health & Mental Illness...What Every Interpreter Should Know*. St Paul, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E. (2016, April). *Vicarious Trauma and Self Care Planning*. Sarah's Place: An Oasis for Women, St Paul, Minnesota.
- Solomonson, E., & Schuchman, D. (2016, June). *Linguistic Competency in Social Work Practice: Skill Building for Use of Language Interpretation*, National Association of Social Workers Minnesota Annual Conference, St Paul, Minnesota.
- Cook, T., Thao, K-N, Vang, P-D., & Solomonson, E. (2016, October). *Incorporating Collaborative Practice with Refuges and Immigrants into Social Work Education*. CSWE 62nd Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
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REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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