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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. 2002 University of Wisconsin-Madison: Social Welfare
Dissertation: *Predictors of Running Away from Foster Care*
- MSW 1994 University of Washington
Concentration: Children, Youth, and Families
- BA 1988 Albion College: Albion, Michigan
Majors: Psychology and History

Academic & Research Experience

2022-current	School of Social Work Director	University of St. Thomas
2023	Professor	University of St. Thomas
2021-2022	School of Social Work Interim Director	University of St. Thomas
2020-2021	BSW Program Director	University of St. Thomas
2018-2019	Fulbright Scholar	Ostrava Univ., Czech Republic
2016-2023	Associate Professor	University of St. Thomas
2011-2016	Assistant Professor	University of St. Thomas
2003-2012	Senior Researcher	University of Chicago, Chapin Hall
2003-2005	Research Analyst	Minnesota Council on Crime and Justice
2001-2002	Research Associate	Univ. MN Gamble-Skogmo Program in Child Welfare & Youth Policy

- **Albion College Distinguished Alumni Award** [Albion College Alumni Awards 2023](#)
- **Teaching Fellow Award.** Selected from 1,100 campus-wide teaching assistants for excellence in teaching. University of Wisconsin-Madison. 1998

Courses Taught (Bachelor's and Master's Levels)

Anatomy of Violence	Introduction to Social Work Practice
Clinical Research Seminar	People and the Environment: Theories, Justice, Behavior, & Impact
Generalist Practice I: Small Client Systems	Social Policy and Program Development
Generalist Practice II: Large Client Systems	Social Policy for Social Change
Human Behavior in the Social Environment	Social Work Research Methods
Interpersonal Skills	
DSW dissertation advisor	

Scholarship

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Kehl, J., Gervich, C., **Nesmith**, A., & Collins, S. (2025 accepted, in press). Local to global intersections of environmental justice, social practice, and climate change. *Journal of Social Work and Human Rights*.

Nesmith, A. (2024). Managing major life changes: An exploratory study using the Bridge's Transitions Framework to help foster youth prepare for discharge. *Children*, 12(22).
<https://doi.org/10.3390/children12010022>

Nesmith, A. (2023). Text-based crisis counseling: An examination of timing, pace, asynchronicity and disinhibition. *Youth*, 3, 233–245. <https://doi.org/10.3390/youth3010016>

Nesmith, A. (2023). The unequal air we breathe: Humanity's role in pandemics and related health outcomes. In Forbes, R. & Smith, K. (Eds), *Ecosocial Work Practice*. NASW Press: Washington, DC.
<https://www.naswpress.org/product/53675/>

Nesmith, A. & Hartley, E. (2022). Long-term foster parenting: Grief, loss, love, persistence, and growth in the face of tragedy and trauma. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2022.2149251>

Nesmith, A. (2022). Human behavior in the natural environment: embracing an ecocentric paradigm. In Madhanagopal, D. & Nikku, B.R. (Eds), *Social Work and Climate Justice*. Routledge.
<https://www.routledge.com/Social-Work-and-Climate-Justice-International-Perspectives/Madhanagopal-Nikku/p/book/9781032060279#>

VanMeeter, M., Curry, S.R., Tully, B.A., Ault, S., **Nesmith**, A., Adam, K., & White, J. (2022). The costs of caring: navigating material challenges when adults informally host youth facing homelessness. *Youth & Society*, 1-18. <https://DOI.org/10.1177/0044118X221099992>

Curry, S.R., VanMeeter, M., Tully, B.A., Ault, S., Garst, N., Adam, K., **Nesmith**, A., & White, J. (2021). Beyond a bed: Supportive connections forged between youth who are couch-hopping and adult hosts. *Child and Adolescent Social Work*, 38, 13-26. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-020-00663-7>

Nesmith, A., Schmitz, C., Machado-Escudero, Y., Billiot, S., Forbes, R., Buckhoy, N., Powers, M., & Lawrence, L. (2021). *The Intersection of Environmental Justice, Climate Change, Community, and the Ecology of Life*. Springer International Publishing AG.
<https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783030559502>

Nesmith, A. (2020). False allegations and caseworker conflict: Stressors among long-term foster parents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 118. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105435>

Nesmith, A. (2018). Reaching young people through texting-based crisis counseling: Process, benefits, and challenges. *Advances in Social Work Practice*, 18(4), 1147-1164. DOI:10.18060/21590

Nesmith, A. (2017). Coping with change: Using the Bridge's Transitions Framework with foster youth. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 78, 41-47. DOI:10.1016/j.childyouth.2017.05.009

Nesmith, A. & Smyth, N. (2015). Environmental justice and social work education: Social worker professional perspectives. *Social Work Education: The International Journal*, 34(5), 484-501. DOI: 10.1080/02615479.2015.1063600

Nesmith, A., Patton, R., Christophersen, K., & Smart, C. (2015). Promoting quality parent-child visits: The power of relational connections between foster and birth parents. *Child & Family Social Work*. DOI:10.1111/cfs.12230

Nesmith, A. (2015). Factors influencing the regularity of parental visits with children in foster care. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 32(3), 219-228. DOI:10.1007/s10560-014-0360-6

Nesmith, A. & Christophersen, K. (2014). Smoothing the transition to adulthood: Creating ongoing supportive relationships among foster youth. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 37, 1-8. DOI: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2013.11.028

Nesmith, A. (2013). Parent-child visits in foster care: Reaching shared goals and expectations to better prepare children and parents for visits. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 30(3), 237-255. DOI: 10.1007/s10560-012-0287-8

Smyth, N., Garcia, H., & **Nesmith, A. (2013).** The power of social work students: A call to action on violence against women. *The New Social Worker*, 20(4), 16-17.

Nesmith, A. & Ruhland, E. (2011). Caregivers of children with incarcerated parents. *The Open Family Studies Journal*, 4, 105-116.

Nesmith, A. & Ruhland, E. (2008). Children of incarcerated parents: Challenges and resiliency, in their own words. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 30, 1119-1130.

Nesmith, A. (2006). Factors predicting running away from family foster care, *Child Welfare*, 85(3), 585-610.

Courtney, M.E., Piliavin, I., Grogan-Kaylor, A., & **Nesmith, A. (2002).** Foster youth transitions to adulthood: A longitudinal view of youth leaving care. *Child Welfare*, 80(6) 685-717.

Nesmith, A., Burton, D., & Cosgrove, T.J. (1999). Gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth and young adults: Social support in their own words. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 37(1), 95-108.

Burton, D., **Nesmith, A.**, & Badten, L. (1997). Clinicians' views on sexually aggressive children and their families: A theoretical exploration. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 21(2), 157-170.

Under Review, Peer-Reviewed Publications

Nesmith, A., Chrenková, M., Cilečková, K., Navrátilová, J., Navrátil, P. (under review). Policy vs. Practice: Supporting Biological family Connections for Youth in Substitute Care.

Conference Presentations (peer-reviewed, last 10 years)

Prussia, L., Sloan, L., Machado-Escudero, **Nesmith**, A. & Y., Gilliam. (Oct. 2024). *Re-Centering Community Voices: Sharing Stories of Hope and Change for a Just Climate Future*. Kansas City, MO: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A. (Jun. 2024). *Environmental Justice is Social Justice*. Invited plenary speaker. Washington, DC: NASW National Conference, Social Work: Leading Social Change.

Machado-Escudero, Y., Gilliam, C., **Nesmith**, A., Sloan, L. (Nov. 2023). *Restoring Indigenous & Afro-Centric Practices in Learning Communities through Environmental Justice*. Presentation and workshop. Atlanta, GA: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Saleh, M., Tuggle, F., Dewan, S., Villareal Sosa, L., **Nesmith**, A., & Mathbor, G. (Nov. 2023). *Honoring and Utilizing International Social Work Leader Histories to Decolonize Social Work Education*. Presentation and workshop. Atlanta, GA: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Machado-Escudero, Y., **Nesmith**, A., Velez, C.M., Gilliam, C., Prussia, L., Forbes, R., Villeverde, V., Cross-Denny, B., & Schmitz, C. (Nov. 2022). *Human Rights, Environmental Justice, and Food Inequities: An Integrated Response*. Presentation and workshop. Anaheim, CA: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

VanMeeter, M., Curry, S.R., Tully, B.A., Ault, S., **Nesmith**, A., Adam, K., & White, J. (Aug. 2022). *The Costs of Caring: Navigating Material Challenges When Adults Informally Host Youth Facing Homelessness*. Paper presentation. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting.

Forbes, R., **Nesmith**, A., Machado-Escudero, Y., & Prussia, L. (Dec. 2021). *Environmental Justice Plenary in Practice*. Presentation and workshop. Orlando, FL: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Mathbor, G., **Nesmith**, A., & Tuggle, F. (Dec. 2021). *International Social Work Plenary in Practice*. Presentation and workshop. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A., Gilliam C., Velez, C., Prussia, L., Forbes, R., & Schmitz, C. (Nov. 2021). *Women of Color at the Helm: Toward Dismantling Environmental Injustice and Racism*. Presentation & workshop. Orlando, FL: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Forbes, R., **Nesmith**, A., Sloan, L., Prussia, L., & Schmitz, C. (Nov. 2021). *Integrating Environmental Justice Across the Curriculum*. Faculty Development Institute. Orlando, FL: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Schmitz, C., Forbes, R., Machado-Escudero, Y., **Nesmith**, A., & Prussia, L. (Oct. 2020) *Environmental Justice Curriculum Guide: Values, Coursework, and Community Intersections in Practice*. Presentation & workshop. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A. (Oct. 2020). *False Allegations and Caseworker Conflict: Enhancing Foster Parent Resiliency and Retention*. Paper presentation. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A. (Oct. 2019). *Long-Term Foster Care in a Young Democracy: Stability vs. Permanency*. Poster Presentation. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Schmitz, C., Forbes, R., **Nesmith, A.**, Billiot, S., & Prussia, L., & Lawrence, L. (Oct. 2019). *Intersection of Ecology with Social and Environmental Justice: Historical Context to Action*. Presentation & workshop. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A. (Dec. 2018). *Foster Care in the U.S.A. Impact on Outcomes for Older Youth*. Prague, Czech Republic: Czech Society for Inclusive Education.

Nesmith, A. (Nov. 2018). *Praxe v USA v oblasti odchodu dětí z ústavních institucionálních zařízení*. [Practice in the USA regarding children leaving from institutional facilities]. Ostrava, Czech Republic: Adults from Day to Day Conference, The Out of Home Association.

Nesmith, A. (Oct. 2018). *Pěstounská péče potřebuje mladí lidé, kteří přecházejí do dospělosti v USA*. [Foster care needs for youth transitioning to adulthood in the United States]. Ostrava, Czech Republic: Chaloupka Family Center Annual Workshop for European Foster Care NGO's.

Schmitz, C., Forbes, R., **Nesmith, A.**, Powers, M., & Kadolph, J. (Oct. 2017). *Teaching Environmental Justice Across the Curriculum: 2015 EPAS and Beyond*. Faculty Development Institute. Dallas, TX: Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A. (Oct. 2017). *Informal Host Homes: Connecting Rural Homeless Youth to Caring Adults*. Dallas, TX: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A. (Nov. 2016). *Text-Based Crisis Intervention Counseling: A Promising Venue to Reach Underserved Young Clients*. Atlanta, GA: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting.

White, J. & **Nesmith, A.** (Oct. 2016). *The Interview Project: How Can we Stabilize Youth-Initiated Hosting Arrangements?* Rochester, MN: Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless Conference.

Nesmith, A. (Apr. 2016). *Using the Transitions Framework with Youth Aging out of Foster Care*. Dallas, TX: Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Director's Conference.

Nesmith, A. (Oct. 2015). *Examining Environmental Justice Locally: A Case for Student Engagement and Integrated Curricular Content*. Minneapolis, MN: Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Schmitz, C., **Nesmith, A.**, Forbes, R. & Powers, M. (Oct. 2015). *Ecological Justice: Social Work Education Creating Change On and Off Campus*. Interactive Workshop. Denver, CO: Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A. & Christophersen, K. (Oct. 2015). *Transitions to Adulthood: Assessing the Utility of Bridge's Transitions Framework*. Denver, CO: Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program.

Nesmith, A. (Jun. 2015). *Environmental Justice in our Backyard: Environmental Hazards Affecting Vulnerable Minnesota Communities*. Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability Regional Conference.

Nesmith, A., Hill, K., & Smyth, N. (Mar. 2015). *Integrating Environmental Justice and Advocacy into Social Work Education and Practice*. Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Social Services Association Annual Training Conference.

Nesmith, A. (Mar. 2015). *Environmental Justice and Social Work Practice: A Case for Integrated Curricular Content*. Kansas City, MO: Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Director's Conference.

Nesmith, A. & Riebel, J. (Jun. 2014). *Listening to Youth*. Minneapolis, MN: International Social Work Conference.

Hill, K., **Nesmith, A.**, Koester, S., & Christophersen, K. (Mar. 2014). *Fostering Lasting Relationships for Youth in Out-of-Home Placement*. Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Social Services Association 121st Annual Training Conference.

Nesmith, A. (Nov. 2013). *Evaluating Supportive Relationships for Youth Aging out of Foster Care*. Dallas, TX: Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.

Nesmith, A. (Apr. 2013). *Integrating Peer Reviewed Writing into Hybrid Online Courses*. Bloomington, MN: Minnesota Colleges & Universities English and Writing Conference.

Grants, Peer-Reviewed

Grants awarded to and managed in the School of Social Work

Minnesota Department of Education (2024-25). \$622,365. *Student Support Personnel Workforce Pipeline*. Principal Investigator: Shelley Theisen.

U.S. Health and Resources Administration grant (2021-25). \$1.9 million. Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program. *Integrated behavioral health care training*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Tonya Horn.

Office of Special Education Programming grant (2021-26). \$1.4 million. *Trauma-Informed Interdisciplinary Practices*. In partnership with St. Thomas School of Education. Principal Investigators: Dr. Renee Hepperlen, Dr. Lynn Stansberry Brusnahan, Dr. Bonnie Ingelin.

Sauer Family Foundation grant (2023-25). \$412,422. *Building a Diverse Workforce*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Ande Nesmith

Minnesota Department of Human Services, Opioid Epidemic Response grant (2024-28). \$913,122. *Health Expanding Minnesota's Culturally Responsive Substance Use Treatment Workforce through Education and Training on Opioid Use Treatment and Recovery*. In partnership with the Graduate School of Professional Psychology. Principal Investigator: Drs. Tonya Horn & Ankita Deka.

Individual grants

Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Environmental Education Program for Campus Sustainability. \$11,500 (2017-18 & 2019-20) Dr. Ande Nesmith in role as Sustainability Champion. *Creating an*

Embedded Culture of Sustainability at the University of St. Thomas. Principal Investigator: Dr. Elise Amel.

U.S. Fulbright Scholar Grant (2018-19). \$22,500. *Preparing Youth for Aging out of Substitute Care: Identifying Social Work Policies and Best Practices in the Czech Republic*. Ostrava University, Czech Republic. Principal Investigator: Dr. Ande Nesmith.

Sabbatical Assistance Grant (2018-19). \$4,000. *Preparing Youth for Aging out of Foster Care: Identifying Social Work Policies and Best Practices in the Czech Republic*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Ande Nesmith.

Faculty Development Research Grant (2015). \$4,300. *Text-based Crisis Counseling for Youth and Young Adults*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Ande Nesmith.

Partnership-in-Learning Grant (2015). \$1,000, Principal Investigator. *Text-based Crisis Counseling for Youth and Young Adults*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Ande Nesmith.

Andrus Family Fund grant (2012-2014). \$153,000. *Foster Youth Transitions Study*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Ande Nesmith.

Family Alternatives, Inc. (2009-2011). \$89,230. *Creating Ongoing Relationships Effectively: The Impact of Providing Relationship Skills and Support for Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Ande Nesmith.

Community Partnerships, Inc. (2009-2010). \$11,000. Principal Investigator. *Evaluation of Capable Kids and Families*. Principal Investigator: Dr. Ande Nesmith.

Research Development and Dissemination Fund, 2009. \$28,210. *Risk of Juvenile Delinquency among Children of Incarcerated Mothers*. University of Chicago. Principal investigators: Dr. Ande Nesmith and Dr. Amy Dworsky.

Family Alternatives, Inc. (2006-2008). \$18,500, Principal Investigator. *The Familyconnect Project: Improving Parent-Child Visits for Children in Foster Care*.

Mentoring Grants for Student Research, Peer-Reviewed (University of St. Thomas)

Collaborative Inquiry Grant, awarded September 2016, \$500. Faculty-mentored undergraduate student research. *Supporting Caregivers of Chronically Ill Family Members: The Impact of Free Healthy Meals on Stress*. With student Lindsey Erdmann.

Collaborative Inquiry Grant, awarded February 2016, \$500. Faculty-mentored undergraduate student research, *Foster Youth Transition: C2i Evaluation*. With student Stephanie Appleby.

Collaborative Inquiry Grant, awarded February 2016, \$500. Faculty-mentored undergraduate student research, *Welcoming Refugees in Minnesota*. With student Emily Titus.

Community-Based Research Grant, awarded June 2015, \$500. Faculty-mentored undergraduate student research, *Trauma-informed Parenting: Perspectives from Foster Parents*. With student Carissa Franklin.

Community-Based Research Grant, awarded June 2015, \$500. Faculty-mentored undergraduate student research, *Fostering Connections: Promoting Connectedness and Socio-Emotional Well-being among Foster Youth*. With student Emily Mathiowetz.

Collaborative Inquiry Grant, awarded February 2014, \$1,000. Faculty-mentored undergraduate student research, *Social Work and Environmental Justice*. With student Shannon Koester.

Luann Dummer Women's Center Undergraduate Fellowship for Research on Topics Related to Women, awarded May 2013, \$1,500. Faculty-mentored student research, *Girls' Thoughts on Clothing Today*. With student Lindsey Landgraf.

Other Publications & Media (last 10 years)

Nesmith, A. & Abraham, J. (2024). Solutions: Hurricane Havoc as Climate Change Intensifies. *Tommie Experts Video*. Newsroom, University of St. Thomas. [Climate change & Impact on Human Life](#)

Nesmith, A. (2024). *Root Causes and Social Work Responses to Environmental Injustice*. International Discussions Newsletter. Nuremberg, Germany. https://www.th-nuernberg.de/fileadmin/fakultaeten/sw/sw_docs/Newsletter/Newsletter_11.3.pdf

Linck, R. & **Nesmith, A.** (2022): Radical Empathy for Every Living Being: Nursing & Social Work Converge on Climate. *Nurses for Healthy Environments Podcast*. [Radical Empathy - Social Work & Nursing on Climate](#)

Nesmith, A. (2022). Dr. Nazneen Sada Mayadas (1934-2015). *International Leader in Social Work Review*. Katherine A. Kendall Institute for International Social Work Education, Council on Social Work Education. <https://www.cswe.org/getmedia/09790375-055f-4777-bf10-a770d1f99e28/International-Social-Work-Leader-Review-N-Mayadas.pdf>

CSWE (2020). Task Force & authors: Schmitz, C., Forbes, R., **Nesmith, A.**, Lawrence, L., Machado, Y., Sloan, L., Prussia, L., et al. *Curricular Guide for Environmental Justice*. 2015 EPAS Curricular Guide Resource Series. Council on Social Work Education: Alexandria, VA. [Environmental-Justice-Guide-Web-Version.pdf](#)

Nesmith, A. (2019). *Youth Transitions from Substitute Care to Adulthood in the Czech Republic*. Fulbright Scholar Final Report. Prague, Czech Republic: J.W. Fulbright Commission.

Nesmith, A. (2018). *Resiliency in Fostering: Voices from Parents Fostering 10+ Years*. Report for Family Alternatives, Inc. Minneapolis, MN.

Nesmith, A. (2017). Text-Based Crisis Intervention Counseling: A Promising Venue to Reach Underserved Young Clients. *inSocialWork® Podcast Series*. [Audio Podcast, Episode 216]. <http://www.insocialwork.org/episode.asp?ep=216>.

Nesmith, A. & White, J. (2016). *Informal Host Homes: Exploring a Community-Based Solution to Address Youth Homelessness*. Report for the Minnesota Host Home Network. Minneapolis, MN.

Schmitz, C., Powers, M., **Nesmith, A.**, & Forbes, R. (2016). *Embedding Environmental Justice into Social Work Education*. Policy Position Paper. Washington, DC: Council on Social Work Education.

Forbes, R., **Nesmith, A.**, Powers, A. & Schmitz, C. (2016). Environmental Justice. *inSocialWork® Podcast Series*. [Audio Podcast, Episode 189]. <http://www.insocialwork.org/episode.asp?ep=189>

Nesmith, A. & Franklin, C. (2016). *Trauma-informed Parenting with Foster Youth*. Report for Family Alternatives, Inc. Minneapolis, MN.

Nesmith, A. (2016). *A Qualitative Study of Text-based Crisis Intervention Counseling*. Report for Canvas Health, TXT4Life: Minneapolis, MN.

Nesmith, A. (2015). *Foster Youth Transitions to Adulthood: Assessing the Utility of the Bridge's Transitions Framework*. Andrus Family Fund: New York, NY.

Invited Talks (last 10 years)

Environmental Justice is Social Justice (2024) Invited plenary speaker. NASW National Conference, Social Work: Leading Social Change. Washington, DC.

The Value of Biological Family Time for Children in Foster Care: Children's Rights to See Their Siblings and Parents (2024). International Conversations Series on Social Work and Social Justice: Children's Rights and Child Welfare. Nuremberg Institute of Technology, Germany. Concordia University, U.S.

Biological Family Time For Children In Foster Care: Children's Rights To See Their Parents And Siblings (2024). Invited speaker. International Conversation Series, partnership with Concordia University, U.S. & Nuremberg Institute of Technology, Germany.

The Critical Role of Social Work in the Movement for Environmental Justice. (2023). First Thursdays Social Work Discussions. Concordia College, WI.

The Role of Education in Addressing Climate Change. (2023). Invited Speaker. Environmental Justice: Through the Social Work Lens NASW Virtual Forum.

Gender-based Violence and Sex Trafficking: A Global Perspective (2023). Erasmus international social studies program. Masaryk University. Brno, Czech Republic

Sociological Explanations for Violence Behavior (2023). Erasmus International Social Studies Program. Masaryk University. Brno, Czech Republic.

The Intersection of Environmental Justice, Climate Change, and the Role of Human Behavior (2023). Invited speaker. International Conversation Series, partnership with Concordia University, U.S. & Nuremberg Institute of Technology, Germany.

Biological, Sociological, and Ethological Explanations of Violence (2022). Erasmus International Social Studies Program. Masaryk University. Brno, Czech Republic.

Understanding the Impact of Violence in Entertainment (2022). Erasmus International Social Studies Program. Masaryk University. Brno, Czech Republic

Social Work Deans, Directors, and Chairs: Let's Get Out the Vote (2022). Webinar Panelist. Voting Is Social Work, Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work.

Fulbright Opportunities & Experiences in the Czech Republic and Hungary (2022). Panelist Presenter. University of Minnesota, the Czech-Slovak Society and the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Chicago.

LGBTQIA+ Youth & Spaces of Affirmation (2022). Panelist Presenter. CAS Teach-in Tuesday series, University of St. Thomas.

Violence Against the Environment and the Rights of Nature (2021). Guest Speaker. Violence Lecture Series. Erasmus International Social Studies Program. Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Fulbright Scholar Program: Teaching and Research Opportunities in Social Work (2021). Webinar, U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program.

Creating Change Together, Environmental Justice (2021). Panelist Presenter. Aquinas Honors Scholar Symposium, University of St. Thomas.

Intimate Partner Violence in the U.S. and Globally (2021). Guest Speaker, Violence Lecture Series. Erasmus International Social Studies Program. Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Child maltreatment & Sex Trafficking in the U.S. and Globally (2020). Guest Speaker. Violence Lecture Series. Erasmus International Social Studies Program. Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Enhancing the Common Good: Confronting Environmental Injustice amid a Climate Crisis and Pandemic (2020). Workshop Presenter. UST Leadership Training Sustainability Series.

Sociological Theories of Violence from a Global Perspective (2020). Guest Speaker. Violence Lecture Series. Erasmus International Social Studies Program. Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Biological and Ethological Explanations of Violence (2020). Guest Speaker, Violence Lecture Series. Erasmus International Social Studies Program. Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Supporting Young Adults Leaving Institutions and Foster Care in the Czech Republic: Preliminary Findings and Comparisons with the USA Child Welfare System (2019). Invited Speaker. Ostrava, Czech Republic: University of Ostrava.

Children Aging out of Substitute Care in the Czech Republic (2019). Invited Speaker. Humpolec, Czech Republic: Fulbright Commission Mid-Year Conference.

Understanding and Combating Racism from the Social Work Perspective (2019). Guest Lecture. Justice and Peace Studies, University of St. Thomas.

Engaging undergraduates in community-based research (2019). Guest presenter. For partners from other universities and the St. Thomas Interreligious Scholars and Research programs.

Longevity in Fostering: A Qualitative Study of Highly Experienced Foster Parents (2018). Invited Speaker. Quarterly Board Meeting. Family Alternatives, Inc.

Resiliency in Fostering: Voices from Parents Fostering 10+ Years. (2017). Invited speaker AspireMN, Annual Member Meeting.

Challenges and Resiliency in Long-Term Foster Parenting (2017). Invited Speaker. Family Alternatives Annual Celebration.

Celebrating Undergraduate Research Celebration. (2014). *Perspectives as a New Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Research Grants.*

Motherhood and Diversity (2014). Luann Dummer Women's Center Mother's Day Reception, Panel Presenter.

Social Work Faculty Continuing Education Salon (2013). *Fostering Youth Transitions to Adulthood.*

Women's Global Oppression and Opportunity (2013). Moderator. Community event, St. Catherine University.

Service

School of Social Work

- Search committee Program Coordinator II - 2024
- SSW DEI Committee – 2022-23
- SSW Director - 2021 to current
- SSW Environmental Justice & Planetary Health Committee, Chair – 2021 to current
- SSW Search Committee Chair for IPC Prog. Dir. – 2023
- SSW Search Committee Chair for MSW Program Dir. - 2023
- SSW Search Committee for MSW Prog Dir. – 2022
- SSW Interim Director - 2021-22
- SSW Search Committee for two clinical faculty - 2021-22
- BSW Director - 2020-21
- Charter Revision Committee (chair) – Fall, 2019-2021
- SCB Building & Moving Committee (chair) -Summer-Fall 2021
- Faculty Evaluation Committee (chair) - 2015 to 2017, 2020-21
- Annual Faculty Evaluation Committee (ad hoc) Spring 2021
- SSW Tenure and Promotion Committee – 2016 to 2020
- BSW Outcomes Assessment Committee (chair) – 2014 to 2020
- Research Methods Curriculum Committee – 2011 to 2020
- Outcomes Assessment Committee – 2014 to 2019
- Health-Focus Tenure Line Search Committee (chair) – 2017-18
- Faculty Meeting Restructure Committee - 2015-16
- Faculty Program Director Search Committee – 2015-16
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment Committee – Fall 2011-13; 2015-16
- MSW Admissions Committee – Spring 2013 to 2015
- Social Services Minor Committee – 2013-14 academic year and summer

- Strategic Planning Committee – 2012-13 academic year
- Weekend College Transition Committee – Fall, 2011 (St. Catherine University)

Morrison Family College of Health (MFCOH)

- MFCOH Emergency Grants Committee – 2022-current
- Shanti Sah Emergency Grant Committee (Chair) – 2021-2023
- Sustainability Committee (Chair) – 2020 - 2022
- Tenure and Promotion Committee - Fall 2021 to current
- Academic Operations Team – Fall 2021 to current

University of St. Thomas

- Fulbright Campus Committee – 2021 - current
- Hoeschler emergency loan for female graduate students, manager 2021-current
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – 2020 to 2021
- Podcast Facilitator. *Environmental Justice and Narrative Conversation* 2021
- Department of Earth, Environment, and Society, Advisory Board – 2019 to 2020
- Core Curriculum Committee – 2019 to 2020
- Global & Local Engagement Advisory Panel, Sustainability Initiative – 2015 to 2020
- World Café Planning Committee – 2017, 2019
- Environmental Studies Advisory Board – 2015 to 2019
- Educating for the Future task force, Strategic Planning – 2015 to 2018
- Undergraduate Research Board - 2014 to 2017
- Institutional Review Board – 2012 to 2017
- Grants Specialist Search Committee - 2016
- LGBTQ+ & Allies Steering Committee – 2014 to 2016
- Sustainability Curriculum Committee – 2013 to 2015
- Sustainability Committee – 2011 to 2013
- Research Online Policy Committee – Fall 2011

National

- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Task Force on Visitation in Child Welfare. 2022-current (invited)
- National Academy of Medicine Action Collaborative on Decarbonizing the U.S. Health Sector, Climate Education Leader 2023 (invited).
- CSWE Commission on Global Social Work Education. Commissioner. 2020-current (elected)
- CSWE Committee on Environmental Justice. Member. 2014-2024
- CSWE Committee on Environmental Justice. Chair. 2019-2022 (elected)
- CSWE Environmental Justice Competency Guide Task Force - Chair of Research. 2019-2020
- CSWE Commission on Diversity and Social and Economic Justice. Commissioner. 2016-2019 (elected)
- California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare. Foster Care Visiting Programs. Topic Expert (invited) 2017-18.
- Council on Undergraduate Research Social Sciences Division Councilor. 2013-2015 (elected)
- Expert Panel Member. Child Welfare League of America. Advised for the development of an issue brief on Children Missing from Care. 2004

Journal Editorial Boards

- *Forum of Social Work*, Czech Republic (2024 - current)
- *Family Relations* (2015-2022)
- *Journal of Social Work Education* (2014-2017)

Peer-review referee for the following 21 journals and publishers:

Advances in Social Work	Family Relations
American J Community Psychology	Frontiers in Public Health
Child Abuse and Neglect	Health
Child and Family Social Work	Journal of Family Studies
Child Welfare	Journal of Human Rights and Social Work
Children and Society	Journal of Public Child Welfare
Children and Youth Services Review	Journal of Social Work Education
Columbia University Press	Journal of Teaching in Social Work
Discourse, Context, & Media	Sage Open
European Research Inst. for Social Work Journal	Women and Criminal Justice
Forum of Social Work	Youth & Society

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2001-2002	Youth Programs Supervisor, West 7 th Community Center
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