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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Social Work May 2012
Fordham University, New York, NY

Dissertation: *Social Determinants and Depression in Later Life* (Order No. 3544982, Fordham University). *ProQuest Dissertations and Theses*.

Master of Social Work (MSW) May 1996
Fordham University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Science (BS), Computer Science, Math, Finance April 1986
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Sacred Heart University, Social Work

<i>Associate Professor</i>	September 2017 to present
<i>Department Chair</i>	July 2016 to present
<i>Program Director, MSW</i>	July 2016 to present
<i>Acting Chair</i>	July 2015 to June 2016
<i>Program Director, BSW</i>	July 2013 to June 2016
<i>Assistant Professor</i>	September 2012 to August 2017
<i>Instructor</i>	September 2010 to August 2012
<i>Adjunct Instructor</i>	September 2009 to August 2010

TEACHING

Human Diversity and Social Justice (Cultural Competency) including Honors Program
Human Diversity and Social Justice in Nicaragua
Social Work Research Methods
Supervised Research Practicum
Social Work Practice
Senior Seminar and Practicum
Junior Seminar and Practicum
Human Behavior in the Social Environment
Introduction to Social Work

NEW CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Master in Social Work, New Program Development in process
 Human Diversity and Social Justice in Nicaragua (Spring 2016)
 Pre-Practicum Seminar (Fall 2015)
 Honors Section of Cultural Competence: Focus on Social Justice and Human Rights within
 the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Fall 2013)
 Supervised Research Practicum (Spring 2013)

SCHOLARSHIP, CREATIVE WORK, AND RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications (by date)

Grant, T., & **Cross-Denny, B.** (2017). Lethality Assessment Protocol: Police perceptions of a domestic violence intervention. *Criminal Justice Review, First Online*. 1-16. doi: 10.1177/0734016817699672

Cross-Denny, B. & Robinson, M.A. (2017). Using the social determinants of health as a framework to examine and address predictors of depression in later life. *Aging International, First Online*. doi:10.1007/s12126-017-9278-6

Robinson, M., **Cross-Denny, B.**, Lee, K.H., Werkmeister Rozas, L.M., & Yamada, A.M. (2016, October 1). Teaching intersectionality: Transforming cultural competence content in social work education. *Journal of Social Work Education, 52*(4), 509-517. doi: 10.1080/10437797.2016.1198297.

Greer, A., **Cross-Denny, B.**, McCabe, M. & Castrogivanni, B. (2016). Giving economically disadvantaged, minority food pantry patrons' a voice: Implications for equitable access to sufficient, nutritious food. *Family and Community Health, 39*(3), 199-206. doi: 10.1097/FCH.000000000000105

Cross-Denny, B., Betso, A., Cusick, E., Doyle, C., Marbot, M., & Santos-Dempsey, S. (2015). Constructing a deconstruction: Reflections on dismantling racism. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping, Special Issue: Dismantling Social and Racial Injustice: A Transformative Movement for Civil and Human Rights, 21*(3), 10-17.

Yamada, A.M., Werkmeister Rozas, L., & **Cross-Denny, B.** (2015). Intersectionality and social work. In Oxford University Press and the National Association of Social Workers, *Encyclopedia of social work* [online]. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.961

Cross-Denny, B., Heyman, J.C., Sealy, Y.M., Marlowe, D., & Cretella, J. (2013). Social attitudes of field instructors. *Field Educator, (3)*2.

Pardasani, M., Goldkind, L., Heyman, J., & **Cross-Denny, B.** (2012). How much does the distance in distance education matter? Our students speak. *Social Work Education: An International Journal*, 31(4), 406-421.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2011.573547>

Cross-Denny, B., & Heyman, J.C. (2011). Social justice education: Impacts on social attitudes. *Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*, 3(1), 4-16.

Manuscripts under Review

Almeida, R., Werkmeister Rozas, L., **Cross-Denny, B.**, Lee, K.K., & Yamada, A.M. Coloniality and intersectionality in social work education and practice. *Journal of Progressive Human Services: Radical Thought & Praxis*.

Refereed Presentations

Reconciliation as a Framework for Supporting Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity, Invited Proposal Accepted with the CSWE Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, November 2017.

Making Research Accessible: Reducing Research Anxiety While Developing Competence, Invited Proposal, Sage/CSWE Innovative Teaching Award Recipient, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, October 2015

Effecting Change: The Teaching of Anti-Opressive Techniques, Invited Proposal with the CSWE Commission for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, October 2015

Bringing Social Work Research to Life: A Showcase of Undergraduate Research, National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter, Annual Conference, May 2014

Incorporating Research into the Social Work Curriculum: A Scholar's Dream, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, November 2013

Intersectionality as an Approach to Understanding the Immigrant Experience, Invited Proposal with the CSWE Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, November 2013

Social Determinants, Protective Factors, and Depression in Later Life, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, November 2012

Traversing the Landscape of Depression: A Life Course Perspective for Social Justice, Workshop, NASW/CT Specialty Conference, Cromwell, CT, November 15, 2011

Social Justice and Social Attitudes, Presentation, Commitment to Justice Conference, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, June 19, 2009

Attitudes towards Older Adults: The Impact of Diversity Training, Poster Session, State Society on Aging of New York, Saratoga Springs, NY, October 23, 2008

Let's Talk About Racism, NASW/CT Annual Conference, Waterbury, CT, April 2006

Non-Refereed Presentations

Prevention of Depression in Later Life, CASCon – College of Arts & Sciences Inaugural Conference, February 2017

The Trump Presidency: How Do We Respond? National Association of Social Workers, CT Chapter, Town Hall meeting, January 2017

Immigration, Migration, and Refugees: A Social Justice Perspective, Fairfield County Private Practice Group, Westport, CT, Presentation for LCSW Continuing Education Cultural Competency Requirement, May 2016

Colloquia: The Joy of Love: Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Sacred Heart University, Panel, April 2016.

Self-Reflections on Community Work, Presentation to Sacred Heart University's Community Connections, August 2015

Intersectionality as an Approach to Enhance Culturally Competent Clinical Practice, Fairfield County Private Practice Group, Westport, CT, Presentation for LCSW Continuing Education Cultural Competency Requirement, May 2015

Colloquia: A Critical Evaluation of the Brown and Garner Cases, Sacred Heart University community, joint presentation with Criminal Justice, February 2015.

Intersectionality, Presentation to Sacred Heart University's Community Connections LLC, May 2014

Palliative Care, End-of-Life, and Aging, Presentation for Social Work Senior Seminar, April 2014-present

"Catching Fire": Igniting Students' Commitment to Social Justice, Involvement of Departments in Engaged and Active Learning (IDEAL), Sacred Heart University, January 2014

Research Beyond Google, Involvement of Departments in Engaged and Active Learning (IDEAL), Sacred Heart University, November 2012

Internal Grants

Academics for Creative Teaching (ACT) Grants

AY 2016-17, Accepted, \$1,052

Expansion of Nicaragua Cultural Immersion Program

AY 2015-16, Accepted, \$938 plus \$500 from CAS Dean's Office

Human Diversity and Social Justice: New Course Development with Study Abroad Cultural Immersion in Nicaragua

AY 2014-15, Accepted, \$1,492 plus \$1,042 from CAS Dean's Office

Development of Study Abroad Opportunities and International Curriculum Content for Social Work Students

AY 2013-14, Accepted, \$1,500

Emerging Trends in Social Work: Aging, Palliative Care, and End-of-Life Issues

University Research and Creativity Grant (URCG)

AY 2016-17, Accepted, \$2,500

Serving Social Justice: Examining the Role of Social Workers in the Era of Universal Healthcare

AY 2015-16, Proposal submitted and denied

Serving Social Justice: Examining the Role of Social Workers in the New Era of Universal Healthcare

The Richard and Barbara Naclerio Faculty Scholars Program, Submitted/denied, AY 2014-15

Advancing Social Justice and Human Rights: Implementation of the Affordable Care Act and "Living the Dream" of Equity in Healthcare Service Delivery

External Grants

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant, Invited Proposal Denied, March 2016, \$250,000

An Innovative Health Equity Network to Support Health and Wellness among Low-Income Community Members, Co-Investigator with Anna Greer, Principal Investigator

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant, Letter of Intent, January 2016, Accepted

An Innovative Health Equity Network to Support Health and Wellness among Low-Income Community Members, Co-Investigator with Anna Greer, Principal Investigator

Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling Mini-grant Projects, Award \$1500, 2013-2015
Prevention and Research Grant

Research Projects

Social Attitudes, September 2015-present

The Impact of Diversity Content and Cultural Immersion on the Social Attitudes of Social Workers

Food Security and Access, September 2014-present

Collaboration with Michelle McCabe, Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport and Anna Greer, Exercise Science, SHU College of Health Professions

Less than You Think Campaign (LTUT), Principal Investigator On-site
 September 2013 – present
 Collaborative project with SHU Wellness Center (Janice Kessler and Karen Flanagan)
 and University of Alabama
 Binge drinking awareness and prevention program involving peer educators and social
 work student volunteers

Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling Mini-grant Projects, Principal Investigator
 Award \$1500, February 2013 – June 2015
Awareness of Problem Gambling among Social Work Students, 2013
Evaluation of Problem Gambling Trends among Undergraduate College Students,
 2014
Examining Awareness of Problem Gambling on a College Campus and Incidence of
Co-occurring Mental Health Disorders, 2015

SERVICE (BY DATE)

Department

2015-present Chair, MSW Program Development Committee
 2014-present Chair, Search Committee for Social Work Full-time Faculty
 2010-present Member, BSW Advisory Council
 2013-2015 Chair, BSW Advisory Council
 2015-present; Advisor, Social Work Club
 2010-2013
 2012-2015 MSW Program Proposal
 2012-2013 Member, Search Committee for Social Work Full-time Faculty
 2011-2013 Program Reaccreditation
 2010-2013 Coordinator, Social Work Program Graduate School Fair
 2010-2013 Coordinator, Social Work Program Career Fair

College

2016-present CAS-Specific Course Development Committee
 2016-present Arts and Sciences, Freshman Advising, Liaison
 2013-present Arts and Sciences College Council, Member
 Spring 2016 Academic Festival, Judge
 2012-2015 Academic Festival Planning Committee, Member
 2011-2015 University Research and Internships, Committee Member

University

2011-2013 Body Image Task Force, Member
 2014-present Center for Community Health and Wellness, Appointed Member
 2014-2015 Internationalization Subcommittee: Faculty and Staff Global Experience
 Survey, Committee Member
 2015-present Study Abroad Department Point Person
 Departmental Liaison for Admissions and Library
 Open Houses, Transfer Registration, Accepted Students Day

2014-2015 Global Experience Survey for Internationalization Task Force
 2014-2015 CAS Graduate Programs Strategic Planning Subcommittee
 2016 Service Learning Internationalization Sub-Committee Member
 2015-present Assessment: Department Point Person and Taskstream Software Evaluation

Community

2016-present Culture of Health, Interdisciplinary team formed by Dr. Anna Greer in Exercise Science, and includes faculty across the university and community members
 2014-present Food Justice, The Council of Churches of Bridgeport, CT and the Fairfield County Food Bank
 2012 Critical Incidence Stress Management following Newtown Shooting
 2014 Center for Community Health and Wellness, Committee Member
 2013 Stamford Public Schools High School Call to Action Committee, Member

OTHER TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Fordham University, Graduate School of Social Service

Adjunct Instructor January 2004 to May 2010

Courses taught:

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
- Social Justice: Practice with Organizations and Communities
- Social Work Practice in Research I
- Social Work Practice in Research II

Manhattanville College, Department of Sociology

Adjunct Instructor January 2005 to April 2006

Courses Taught: Introduction to Social Work

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Innovative Teaching in Social Work Education Award, Sage Publications and Council on Social Work Education, CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO, October 2015
 The Dr. Marian Calabrese Outstanding Faculty Award, Campus Life Leadership Awards, Sacred Heart University, May 2013
 Faculty Excellence Award, University College, Sacred Heart University, May 2012
 Presidential Seminar Participant, Sacred Heart University, May 2012 – September 2013
 Honorary Member, Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work, April 2011

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

Research on Social Work Practice Journal, Sage Publications and the Society for Social Work Research, Term: January 2015 – January 2018

CONSULTING EDITOR

2013-present Advances in Social Work
2013-present Council on Social Work Education,
Annual Program Meeting Conference Proposal Reviewer
2013 Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors,
Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer
2013 Cengage Publishing
2012 Gerontological Society of America, Conference Proposal Reviewer
2011-present Sage Publications
2011-present Social Work Education: An International Journal
2011 John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Textbook Review

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2015-present American Association of University Professors
2010-present Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors
2011-present Gerontological Society of America
2007-present Council on Social Work Education
2007-present Society for Social Work and Research
1993-present National Association of Social Workers
2013-2014 Association of Oncology Social Work
2011-2012 State Society on Aging of New York
2005-2013 American Psychological Association

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

L.C.S.W., State of Connecticut, License No. 004541, July 1999
S.A.P., as required by U.S. Department of Transportation, Certification No. 11494, March 2004
C.I.S.M., trained in Everly/Mitchell model, May 2003

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Psychotherapist

Private Practice, Norwalk, CT, July 2003 to present
Family Centers Inc., Stamford, CT, September 2004 to March 2006
Family & Children's Agency, Inc., Norwalk, CT, November 2000 to September 2004

Provide psychotherapy to children, adolescents, couples, families and individuals with a wide range of issues such as family, mental health, grief, trauma, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and dual diagnosis.

- Provide short- and long-term psychotherapy utilizing a variety of treatment modalities: strength-based, brief treatment, cognitive behavioral, insight-oriented, play therapy, solution-focused, parental guidance, anger management, crisis intervention, family and group work.
- Conduct assessments and evaluations of each client to determine service needs including collaboration with other service providers when necessary.

Supervisor and Outreach Worker, Recovery Initiative

Family & Children's Agency, November 2001 to September 2004

This initiative was developed in response to the events of September 11, 2001, to provide outreach and case management services to individuals, families and survivors directly affected. The agency was identified as the point agency for Fairfield County, by the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, which received funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- Provided outreach to individuals, families and survivors, which included case management for families directly affected, assisting with paperwork required by the government and various gifting sources such as the American Red Cross, identifying service needs, providing supportive grief counseling.
- Supervised other outreach workers in a mentor capacity around clinical and case management issues.
- Community education around issues including grief, vicarious traumatization, compassion fatigue, boundaries, trauma, stress reduction.
- Participated in a variety of community outreach efforts which included support groups, educational workshops, county-wide quilt project, library memorial project and attendance for family support at the Connecticut and New York City anniversary memorials.

Social Worker, Therapeutic Foster Care Program

Family & Children's Agency, November 1998 to June 2000

Responsible for all case management services to foster children and their families in therapeutic and medically fragile foster homes, including counseling children and families around special needs issues, including physical, emotional, educational and behavioral disabilities.

Supervisor, Admissions and Foster Parent Development

Talbot Perkins Children's Services, New York, NY, September 1996 to October 1998

Responsible for managing a department of five caseworkers, one coordinator, two MSW students and two secretaries. Monitored a total population of approximately 300 foster homes and 700 children. Responsible for the primary decision making of department.

- Responsible for all aspects of managing, assessing and reviewing new and current foster homes through a rigorous recruitment, training, homestudy, interview and recertification process.
- Responsible for assessing appropriate foster care placements and coordinating all placements both new admissions and intra-agency transfers.

Counselor/Unit Leader/Research Assistant

Laurel House, Stamford, CT, April 1995 to September 1996

Counseled individuals with chronic and severe psychiatric illness in a psychosocial rehabilitation setting. Provided case management services, collaboration with other agencies and supportive services, mental health services, advocacy, housing, benefits, community involvement. Conducted research interviews for data collection and presented initial outcomes at the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services in Detroit, Michigan in June 1996.

Caseworker, Foster Care and Adoption

Talbot Perkins Children's Services, New York, NY, March 1992 to February 1995

Responsible for all casework management and counseling of foster children and their birth and foster families with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. Coordinated and recommended services for parent(s) and child(ren) and collaborated with numerous agencies.

TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

Systems Officer, J. P. Morgan, Inc., New York, NY, June 1991 to December 1991

Database Analyst, Union Bank of Switzerland, New York, NY, January 1988 to June 1991

PC Specialist, AmSave Credit Corporation, New York, NY, June 1986 to October 1987

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- *APA Style*, New Student Orientation, Fordham University, West Harrison, NY, September 2, 2009
- *Comfort Zones, Learning Edge, Triggers*, Fordham University, In-Service for Adjunct Faculty, Tarrytown, NY, August 2006
- *Working with Difficult Behavior*, City of Norwalk, In-Service for Board of Education, Norwalk, CT, March 2006
- *Children and Trauma*, Melanie Rieger Annual Anti-Violence Conference, Cheshire, CT, April 2004
- *Lessons Learned 9/11: Provider and Family Member's Perspective*, Melanie Rieger Annual Anti-Violence Conference, Cheshire, CT, April 2003
- *Stress Management in the Work Place Training Series*, Norwalk Transit Authority, Norwalk, CT, February 2003 to December 2003
- *Stress and How to Talk to Your Children about Current Events*, Darien Parent Teacher Organization, Darien, CT, October 2003

- *Sibling Rivalry*, Carousel Pre-School, Norwalk, CT, March 2003
- *Boundaries in Clinical Work*, Boys & Girls Village, Milford, CT, January 2003
- *Children and Trauma*, Department of Children and Families, Norwalk, CT, April 2002
- *Children and Grief*, Family & Children's Agency, Inc., Norwalk, Inc., May 2002 to July 2002