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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX 2012 – present (anticipated graduation, Spring 2019)

- Dissertation Topic – “I Can Be the Kind of Parent that I Wish I Had’: Exploring Multigenerational Involvement in Former Foster Care Parenthood”
- Dissertation Committee
 - Chair- Dr. Mark Kessler, Ph.D.
 - AnaLouise Keating, Ph.D.
 - Danielle Phillips-Cunningham, Ph.D.
 - Toni Watt, Ph.D.
- Comprehensive/prelim exam fields
- PhD Candidate

Master of Arts, Sociology, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX 2017 – present (anticipated graduation, Spring 2019)

Master of Education, Counseling and Guidance (Emphasis in Student Affairs in Higher Education), Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, TX 2006-2008

Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science, Pre-Physical Therapy (Minor – Health and Wellness Promotion), Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, TX 2003-2005

Associate of Arts, Collin College, Plano, TX 2002

TEACHING INTERESTS

Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods, Arts Based Research Methods, Feminist Empirical Research Methods, Feminist Theory, Womanist and Black Feminist Thought, Women of Color Theorizing, Politics of Parenthood, Social Construction of Parenthood, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Object-Oriented Ontology and Speculative Realisms

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record):

2018 Introduction to Sociology, Department of Sociology, El Centro College in Dallas County Community College District, Dallas, TX, Fall

- Face-to-Face

2018 U.S. Women of Colors (WS 3023), Department of Women's Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, Fall

- Face-to-face

2013-2018 Gender and Social Change (WS 2013), Department of Women's Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

- Face-to-face & online

2013-2014 Contemporary Learning in Higher Education (UNIV 1231), Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, Fall

- Face-to-face

Graduate Assistant:

2017-2018 U.S. Women of Colors (WS 3023), Department of Women's Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

- Face-to-face & online

2018 Women at Work (WS 5383), Department of Women's Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

- Online

2015 Politics of Motherhood (WS 5373), Department of Women's Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

- Online

2014 Feminist/Womanist Theories (WS 5843), Department of Women's Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

- Online

2012-2013 Gender and Social Change (WS 2013), Department of Women's Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

- Face-to-face & online

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Research Award, 1st place, Humanities, Graduate Student Research Symposium, Federation of North Texas Area Universities
- 2016 Faculty/Staff Advisor of the Year Award Nomination, Texas Woman's University
- Represented Texas Woman's in the 2016 Regional 3 Minute Thesis Competition at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools in North Carolina
- 2016 3 Minute Thesis Competition Winner, Texas Woman's University
- 2016 3 Minute Thesis Competition People's Choice Winner, Texas Woman's University
- 2013-2014 Virginia Chandler Dyke Scholarship Award Recipient for the College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Woman's University
- Dallas Foundation Scholarship Recipient, 2013-2015
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Trained Instructor, 2013
- Practices for Instruction & Learning for Online Teaching (PILOT Program) Certificate

- Student Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award, Texas State University-San Marcos, 2012
- Veterans Support Award – presented by students of the Veterans Alliance (student veteran group), Texas State University-San Marcos, Veterans Day - Nov. 11, 2009
- Texas Association of College University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA) Fellow, 2009
- Texas State Quarterly Team Award – Allies Team member, Texas State University-San Marcos, 2008-2009

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Watt, Toni, Monica Faulkner, Sheila Bustillos, & Elissa Madden “Foster Care Alumni and Higher Education: An Analysis of Post-Secondary Achievements of Foster Youth in Texas.” Forthcoming in the *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. 2018, 1-10.

OTHER WRITING & CREATIVE ACHEIVEMENT

Bustillos, Sheila. “Legislative Action for Young Parents in Foster Care?” *TribTalk*. 10 March 2017.

Bustillos, Sheila. “SNL’s Leslie Jones Offers Anachronistic Jokes on Slavery,” *The Feminist Wire*. 14 May 2014.

Bustillos Reynolds, Sheila. “President, You Make Everything ‘Groovy,’” *More Stories of Inspiration: 51 Uplifting Tales of Courage, Humor, Healing, and Learning in Student Affairs*. Ed. Sarah M. Marshall. Washington: National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), 2009.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Interdisciplinarity in Methods: Learning Qualitative Research in the Humanities," to be presented at *The Qualitative Report 10th Annual Conference*, Nova Southeastern University, Fort-Lauderdale, FL, January 16-18, 2019

“Spiritual Practice as Self-Care: Running and Meditation in Graduate School,” *National Women’s Studies Association*, Milwaukee, WI, November 13, 2015

“Former Foster Care Parenthood: Exploring Intergenerational Removal,” *Minding the Field: Women’s and Gender Studies in North Texas*, Arlington, TX, October 29, 2015

“Investigating Intergenerational Removal in Foster Care,” *Museum of Motherhood Conference*, New York, NY, April 30-May 2, 2015

“Teen Pregnancy and Foster Care: Attitudes, Behaviors, and Challenges,” *The Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*, San Antonio, TX, April 13-14, 2015

“Womanist Methods in Action-Based Research,” *National Women’s Studies Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 13-16, 2014

"Humor as a Form of Resistance: Analysis of Humor from Slavery to Scholarship," *American Literature Association*, Washington, D.C., May 25, 2014

“Relational-Cultural Mothering,” *Museum of Motherhood Conference*, New York, NY, March 8, 2014

“Reaching Moral and Ethical Accountability by De-centering the Human in Student Development Theory,” *Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium*, Denton, TX, April 16, 2013

“The Golden Era of Comedy: The Activist Work of Stand-Up Comedienne Elayne Boosler,” *The 10th Annual University of North Texas Student Research Conference: New Voices, New Perspectives*, Denton, TX, March 2, 2013

“An In-Depth Analysis of Humor in the Work of Anna Julia Cooper,” *The 4th Annual Texas A&M University History Conference*, College Station, TX, February 22-23, 2013

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Post-Secondary Education for Former Foster Youth,” *Texas Teen Conference for Foster Youth*, Denton, TX June 26, 2018

“Foster Care Liaison Collaborative,” *Texas Teen Conference for Foster Youth*, A&M Commerce, Commerce, TX November 6, 2017

“Post-Secondary Education for Former Foster Youth,” *13th Annual Title IV-E Child Welfare conference: Child Welfare 360 degrees: A Comprehensive Focus on Current Legislation, Research and Practice* Denton, TX Oct 27, 2017

“Post-Secondary Education for Former Foster Youth,” *Texas Teen Conference for Foster Youth*, Denton, TX June 27, 2017

“Foster Care Alumni Student Success Data Collaboration Project,” *Education Reach for Texans Foster Care Convening*, A&M Commerce, Commerce, TX June 12-13, 2017.

“Post-Secondary Education for Former Foster Youth,” *Texas Teen Conference for Foster Youth* Denton, Tx, 2016

“Opening Keynote,” *Education Reach for Texans Foster Care Convening*, El Paso, TX FIND DATE 2016

“Local, Regional, and National Reach Initiatives,” *Education Reach for Texans Foster Care Convening*, Dallas, TX, 2015

“Relational (Moral) Development Workshop (Professional Development Series – 4 workshops, 3 hours each),” *Austin Community College*, Austin, TX, June 24-25, 2014

“Relational (Moral) Development Workshop,” *Austin Community College Presidential Cabinet*, Austin, TX, April 18, 2014

“Panel Discussion about Graduate School,” *Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium*, Denton, TX, April 9, 2014

“Texas Reach – Past, Present, Future,” *Texas Reach Foster Care Convening*, Houston, TX, June 4, 2013

Women in the Workplace, *The University of Texas at Austin Student Services Professional Development Day*, Austin, TX, February, 2012

Foster Care Alumni: From Care to College, *Regional Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Association (TACUSPA) Conference*, Austin, TX, October, 2011

On the Horizon (closing speaker), *Texas Reach Foster Care Convening*, Sam Houston, TX, May, 2011

Keynote speaker, *Annual Foster Care College Conference*, San Marcos, TX, July, 2010

Higher Education Programs for Foster Care Alumni in Texas, *Texas Reach Foster Care Convening*, San Marcos, TX, May, 2010

Foster Care Alumni: An Overlooked Student Population in Higher Education, *Regional TACUSPA Conference*, El Paso, TX, October, 2009

Time Management, Team Building & How Retention Works, *Texas State Graduate Research Assistant Training*, San Marcos, TX, August, 2009

Facilitator for Student Foundation (Texas State Presidential Ambassadors) Officer Retreat, Boerne, TX, May 2009

Ethical Decision Making, *Texas State Leadership Conference*, San Marcos, TX, March, 2008

Accountability and Leadership, *Texas State Student Foundation Spring Officer Retreat*, San Marcos, TX, May, 2007

WORK IN PROGRESS

Bustillos, S. "Humor as a Form of Resistance: Analysis of Humor from Slavery to Scholarship." Paper to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal for consideration of publication.

Bustillos, S. "Reaching Moral and Ethical Accountability by De-centering the Human in Student Development Theory." Paper to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal for consideration of publication.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director and President, Education Reach for Texans - 501c3 Non-Profit

2008-present

Mission: Empowering Texas to champion post-secondary success for foster youth and alumni.

- Main responsibilities: networking with state-wide stakeholders including child welfare, K-12, legal representatives (judges and state attorneys), and higher education administrators, faculty, and staff to support foster care alumni in higher education; hosting fundraising events; grant writing; hosting annual conference; managing a 15-member board of powerful figures connected to child welfare in Texas; and representing Texas in National collaborations to support foster care alumni, nationally.
- President 2016-present (3-year term)
- 1 of 6 founding members
- Board Officer, Vice President/Treasurer 2015-2016
- Board Officer, Secretary, 2010-2015
- Board Member, 2010-present
- Speakers and Program Committee Co-Chair for annual convening, 2014
- Creating and analyzing survey for annual convening, 2013-2015
- Speakers and Program Committee Co-Chair for annual convening, 2012
- Logistics Chair for annual convening, 2010

Graduate Research Assistant – Dr. Danielle Phillips-Cunningham

Texas Woman’s University

August-October 2017

- Archival research on Nannie Helen Burroughs, civil rights and women’s work advocate and activist
- Completed an annotated bibliography of scholarship by and about Burroughs
- Completed an annotated bibliography of scholarship by and about domestic workers in the United States
- Wrote a paper on my findings and observations on the research collected and how my research addressed Dr. Phillips-Cunningham’s research question

Graduate Research Assistant – Dr. Mandy Golman,

North Texas Alliance to Reduce Teen Pregnancy

January 2016-January 2017

- Outreach – connected with community organizations to recruit survey and focus group participants
- Evaluation – note-taking at focus groups; disseminated surveys to medical providers, teens, and community organizations; coded transcribed data
- Reports – wrote several qualitative components of annual report

Graduate Assistant – Office Assistant

May-August 2015

The Department of Women’s Studies, Texas Woman’s University

- Researched alternative academic (altac) positions for students in the department and related resources
- Created an online sharing site within Blackboard where students could browse resources to prepare them for jobs outside the academy
- Provided feedback for an online comprehensive exam system for PhD students in the department
- Other duties as assigned by the department

Graduate Assistant – Frontiers Program

May 2014- January 2016

Office of Student Life, Texas Woman's University

- Texas Guaranteed (TG) grant funded program to support foster youth obtain their higher education degree
- Facilitated one on one coaching sessions to support student's needs
- Held weekly study sessions to improve student GPAs
- Offered career and academic coaching for students
- Held monthly meetings to inform students of events on campus, listen to guest speakers who share important information about resources on campus and beyond, and create a space for students to discuss challenges and successes in a supportive environment
- Attended conferences and report success rates of the program to regional and national stakeholders

Program Coordinator – Design, Technology, and Engineering, for All Children & Longhorn Grand Challenges Scholars

April 2011 – August 2012

Cockrell School of Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin

- Coordinated a National Science Foundation Grant (multi-million dollar grant)
- Created, organized, and facilitated a four-pronged mentoring program between engineering industry, UT undergraduate/graduate students, teachers, and students grades 4-8
- Collaborated with UT faculty to write grants to extend the life of the program
- Organized mentoring meetings, orientations, trainings, and matches for 20 teachers, 500 children, 20 UT student mentors and 20 industry mentors
- Established a career connection program for K12 students to coach them how to be college bound and career ready
- Created promotional materials for program including brochures, flyers, newsletters, and bookmarks
- Created and maintained website for the program using the UT content management website
- Organized and managed a two week summer camp for 6 teachers and 50 middle K12 teachers
- Participated in monthly Cockrell School of Engineering Academic Advising meetings
- Worked closely with Academic Affairs as a student development specialist

Program Coordinator, Retention Management & Planning and Student Affairs Master's Program

Aug. 2008 – April 2011

Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA), Texas State University–San Marcos, San Marcos, TX

- Supervised office interns and Graduate Research Assistants (GRA) and coordinated employee training and professional development
- Chaired the Graduate Student Affairs Advisory Team, Student Affairs Program Team, 2009-2010

- Organized and created programs for at risk student populations such as foster care students, student veterans, first generation students, minority students, and students on academic probation
- Chaired logistics committee, located external funding and help create formal assessment for inaugural statewide conference for foster youth in higher education
- Created calendar and partnered with on and off campus partners to provide co-curricular programming for the summer bridge program, Emerging STARS. Programs included challenge course activities, service learning trip, mentoring program events, financial management, etc.
- Created programs for freshman leadership group on women's issues and women's empowerment
- Recruited for the Student Affairs Master's Program by attending fairs, contacting and following up with prospective students, creating admissions publications, and organizing interviews for admission
- Coordinated professional development opportunities for Student Affairs Master's Program students, including site visits, orientation, retreats, mock interviews, etc.
- Coordinated workshops/conferences and work with academic advisors to help students on probation
- Created annual reports and assessments (evaluations, surveys, focus groups, etc.) per the Retention office strategic plan
- Helped create and manage internal departmental budgets and grants totaling around \$55,000
- Evaluated each program and used information coupled with current research and benchmarking to plan future programs
- Contacted and follow up with students in response to early alert system in order to identify students who are struggling early in the semester
- Created and supported components of the VPSA website using the Content Management System
- Chaired an annual interview conference for incoming graduate students of the Student Affairs Master's Program
- Developed marketing plans and timelines for retention programs
- Past member of seven different departmental program teams: Allies Team, Educational Staff Development Team, Graduate Student Advisory Team (Chair), Wellness Team, Emerging STARS Stakeholders Committee & Rising Star Committee (Chair), Veterans Advisory Council, Office of Disability Services Advisory Council, Common Experience Committee
- Organized programs and volunteered for first year experience programs such as Orientation, New Student Convocation and Paws Preview
- Updated and oversaw the Student Affairs Resource Library

Graduate Research Assistant – Retention, Vice President for Student Affairs, Texas State University–San Marcos, San Marcos, TX, August 2007 – May 2008

- Coordinated and implemented recruitment activities
- Corresponded with current and prospective master's students and alumni

- Prepared master's degree in student affairs program correspondence and reports for the Vice President
- Created programs and facilitated orientation for the Mentoring Program
- Assisted in the management of undergraduate student workers including coordinating student appreciation events

Research Intern, University Advancement, Texas State University–San Marcos, San Marcos, TX, August 2007 – December 2007

- Inspired the first annual Senior Giving Program for Texas State by adopting and implementing a program plan
- Coordinated student volunteers and organized events
- Active in collectively creating a Facebook site, TRACS site, flyers, pledge cards, and supporting materials to ensure the success of the Senior Giving Program

Graduate Research Assistant, Dean of Students, Texas State University–San Marcos, San Marcos, TX, August 2006 – August 2007

- Advised Texas State Student Foundation which enhanced my facilitative, organizational, prioritizing, and assertiveness skills
- Sat on Discipline Review Team where I reviewed judicial cases and worked with a committee to accurately adjudicate students or student groups
- Created and edited newsletters for the alumni of a student organization in which I advised
- Worked with alumni databases
- Ran effective meetings
- Created programs and facilitated orientation for the Mentoring Program
- Maintained contact with mentoring matches to ensure the positive outcomes in each relationship
- Gained experience in collaborating with Student Affairs departments

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service to University

Advisor – student organization, Success for the Future (foster care alumni support group) 2016-2017

Advisor – student organization, The Natural Society (a mental health support group) 2016-2017

Special Populations Advisory Board Secretary (serving students formerly from foster care, adopted youth, homeless students, and students experiencing food insecurities) 2016-present

Distance Education Advisory Committee, Student Representative, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, 2014-2015

Outstanding Student Graduate Scholarship Committee, Student Representative, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, 2013-2015

Textbook Committee Chair, Department of Women's Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, 2013

Event Organizer, "Global Art, Activism, and Social Justice: Film Screening of *Unveiled Views: Muslim Women Artists Speak Out* and Panel Discussion with Local Artist-

Activist” – *A TWU Celebration of Global Awareness Month*. College of Arts & Sciences, Texas Woman’s University, Denton, Texas, October, 2013.

Texas State Women and Gender Research Collaborative

- Team Member, 2010-2013

Journal of Research on Women and Gender, Texas State University-San Marcos

- Production Editor, 2010-2013

Women’s Studies Graduate Student Association (WSGSA), Texas Woman’s University

- Graduate Student Council Liaison for WSGSA 2013-2014
- Member, 2012-2014

Texas State Student Foundation Alumni Advisory Board (SFAAB)

- Board Secretary, 2009-2012
- Officer Advisory Team Chair, 2009-2010
- Board Member, 2008-2012

Texas State Foster Care Alum Mentor, 2009-2011

Women’s Club Volleyball Advisor, 2008-2010

Women’s Club Volleyball Coach – Texas State, 2008-2009

Associated Student Government (ASG)

- Graduate House Leader 2007-2008
- ASG Cabinet Member

Graduate Student Affairs Council

- Member, 2006-2008
- Treasurer, 2007-2008

Student Foundation

- Graduate Advisor, 2006-2007

Service to the Profession

The Supreme Court of Texas Children’s Commission, Post-Secondary Education Committee

Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA)

- Newsletter Editor, 2012
- Nominated for Membership Chair and Administrative Assistant
- Conference Co-Chair for annual conference in Austin October 2011
- Conference Committee - Entertainment Co-chair, 2010
- New Professional Caucus Chair, 2009-2010
- TACUSPA Fellow, 2009-2010
- Graduate Student Caucus Chair, 2008
- Member, 2006-2012

Beyond Benches – a community group of Texas judges and community partners that support foster care kids

- Planning committee 2011 conference

Service to Community

Successful Student Athletes (SSA) Coach, Fall 2017

GENaustin (Girls Empowerment Network) Workshop Instructor and Club GEN Volunteer

- Presentations: Healthy Friendships, Body Image, Effective Communication, 2012-2013
- Athletic Amateur Union (AAU) Basketball Coach – 6th grade girls, Dallas, TX 2012-2013

GRANTS

- Student travel funds acquired for national conferences, Texas Woman's University
- Single authored applications that resulted in over \$10,000 in Texas State University-San Marcos grants (Coca Cola Funds and Equity and Access Grants)
- 2014 Social Science Research Council (SSRC) dissertation fellowship (not-funded)
- 2016 Doris Duke Foundation dissertation fellowship grant (not-funded)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
American Sociological Association (ASA)
American College Personnel Association (ACPA)
American Humor Studies Association (AHSA)
Association of the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)
Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA)

RESEARCH SKILLS

Proficient in NVIVO qualitative software
Conversant in SPSS