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EDUCATION

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Ph.D. in Applied Anthropology, May 2013

Dissertation: "It's This Simple, You Really Have to Want to be Together": A Qualitative Study of African American Military Couples

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

Masters of Social Work, May 1997

Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts in Economics; Minor: Management, May 1993

Institute of European Studies, Milan, Italy, 1992

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Florida Board of Clinical Social Work
- Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, District of Columbia Board of Social Work

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, Florida Education Fund, 2008-2013

One of fifty fellowships awarded statewide (200 submissions)

Virginia Commonwealth School of Social Work Scholarship, 1995

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Research

March 2011 – March 2013

- Conducted semi-structured interviews
- Utilized MAXQDA software for data management and analysis

Research Assistant

September 2011 – May 2012

University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL

- Study: Health Inventory in The Villages Community
- Data collection for research project on health and aging
- Moderate focus groups with residents of a retirement community
- Utilize SPSS and NVivo software for data management and analysis

Graduate Assistant

November 2009 - June 2011

University of South Florida, Department of Mental Health Law and Policy

- Conducted literature reviews
- Data collection for research projects on justice-involved veterans
- Assisted faculty with writing of journal articles

Research Librarian

September 2008 - November 2009

University of South Florida, Florida Mental Health Institute, Tampa, FL

- Conducted literature reviews for faculty on mental health topics
- Managed database of library materials

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Instructor/Program Development Coordinator

October 2013 – Present

University of South Florida

Department of Sociology, Tampa, FL

- Teach courses in Interdisciplinary Social Science program.
- Assist with graduate program activities.
- Oversight of department website and social media outlets.

Adjunct Instructor

August 2013 – October 2013

University of South Florida

Interdisciplinary Social Science Program, Tampa, FL

- Develop and manages syllabus materials.
- Facilitate class instruction and assess student performance.
- Design assignments and exams.
- Coordinate coursework and curriculum with academic objectives.

PUBLICATIONS

Curry, E. “Military Wives and the Call of Duty: An Exploration of Gender in African American Marriages.” *Women, Gender, and Families of Color*. (Under review)

Yelvington, K., A. Winn, E.C. Wells, A. Stuesse, N. Romero-Daza, L.C. Johnson, A.T. Jackson, **E. Curry** and H. Castañeda. “Diversity Dilemmas and Opportunities: Training the Next Generation of Anthropologists.” *American Anthropologist* 117, no. 2 (2015): 387-392,

EMPLOYMENT

Training Coordinator

January 2005 - July 2008

Florida Kinship Center, Tampa, FL

- Facilitated trainings for caregivers and community-based agencies.
- Identified partners and grassroots group to provide kinship support services.
- Organized an annual conference and major advocacy event.
- Conducted presentations at community and statewide events.
- Provided oversight on two grant-funded programs.
- Supervised program staff.
- Assisted with budget and project planning.

Community Services Advocate

September 2002 - September 2004

American Cancer Society, Washington, D.C.

- Identified existing and new community services and resources for patients.
- Convened planning and coordination groups to address survivor and caregiver needs.
- Conducted brief psychosocial assessments, intervention and follow-up.
- Advocated for clients to facilitate provision of services.
- Coordinated volunteer training sessions for cancer survivors.
- Edited and maintained the Community Resource Database.

HIV Community Services Coordinator

February 2001 - September 2002

Washington Free Clinic, Washington, D.C.

- Planned outreach strategies and education programs for targeted communities
- Developed community linkages and participate in community meetings to promote program activities
- Recruited, hired and supervised education and outreach staff
- Maintained required data and reporting to funding agencies
- Participated in grant writing activities related to HIV service delivery areas

Case Manager

March 2000 to February 2001

Washington Free Clinic, Washington, D.C.

- Conducted psychosocial assessments and provided referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment services
- Provided entitlements eligibility assessments and assisted with applications for entitlements
- Provided referrals for all necessary supportive services and assisted clients with maintaining linkages
- Maintained accurate and confidential social service records in accordance with Title II case management protocols
- Participated in multidisciplinary team meetings for care planning
- Maintained Title II case management data and report to funding agencies

Social Worker

June 1997 - August 1999

Whitman-Walker Clinic, Austin Center for Health and Living, Washington, D.C.

- Worked within a multi-disciplinary team to provide comprehensive day treatment to clients with HIV/AIDS
- Provided direct service to clients, especially 1:1 sessions and group facilitation
- Assumed major role in development and implementation of addictions treatment programming
- Assisted in development and implementation of general day treatment programming
- Acted as a liaison between client and primary case manager

PRESENTATIONS

Curry, E. (2014). Military Wives and the Call of Duty: An Exploration of Gender in Relationships. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM.

- Curry, E. (2011). An Exploration of African American Military Marriages Using Photo Elicitation. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Education Fund Mid-Year Research and Writing Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Curry, E. (2006). Kinship Care Challenges in Florida: Reconciling Caregiver Needs with Agency and Systemic Goals. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Child Advocacy Center Conference, Gainesville, FL.
- Curry, E. (2006). Kinship Care Challenges in Florida: Reconciling Caregiver Needs with Agency and Systemic Goals. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Families First Network and Florida Department of Children and Families Training, Ft. Walton Beach, FL.
- Curry, E. (2005). Kinship Care: Making a Difference for Relatives Raising Children. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Coalition for Children, Tampa, FL.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- National Association of Social Workers