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EDUCATION

- DSW 2012 University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy and Practice
Doctor of Clinical Social Work
Dissertation: *Child Welfare Social Work and the Promotion of Client Self-Determination*
- MSW 2004 Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Social Work
Concentration: Clinical Practice
- B.A. 2002 University of Maryland Baltimore County
Major: Social Work
Concentration: Human Development and Family Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- West Chester University, Graduate Social Work Department, 2015 - Present
SWG 503 – Advanced Standing Bridge Course
SWG 554 – Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Individuals and Families
SWG 564 – Mental Illness: A Recovery Approach
SWG 561 – Specialized Social Work Practice I
SWG 563 – Specialized Practice Seminar
SWG 590 – Social Media and Social Movements (**Developed/Created Course**)
SWG 590 – Radical Social Justice (**Developed/Created Course**)
SWG 597 – Generalist Practicum Faculty Field Liaison
SWG 598 – Advanced Practicum Faculty Field Liaison
SWG 599 – Advanced Practicum Faculty Field Liaison
- West Chester University, Adjunct Instructor Graduate Social Work Department, 2014
SWG 554 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Individuals and Families
SWG 564 – Mental Illness: A Recovery Approach
- University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy, Lecturer, MSW Program, 2014 - Present
SWRK 706 - Child Welfare Policy
SWRK 601 - History & Philosophy of Social Work and Social Welfare Policy
- University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy, Teaching Assistant,
2010 SWRK 615 - Introduction to Social Work Research
- University of Maryland Baltimore County School of Social Work, Teaching Assistant, 2001
Information Technology in Social Work

SCHOLARSHIP

Current Research Projects

- 2020 – Present: Co-Investigator
West Chester University/LaSalle University/Widener University
- Preparing for IRB approval

- Exploration of agency partnerships and antiracism organizational assessments.

2019 – Present: Co-Investigator

University of Pennsylvania / Philadelphia District Attorney's Office / The Center for Carceral Communities

- Secured IRB approval on a 3-year longitudinal matched controlled study on the effects of GAINS (the Center's intervention) on outcomes for people engaged in the carceral system.
- Collaborate with the District Attorney's Office, which is facilitating our recruitment of subjects who have charges of Possession With Intent to Distribute (PWID) for marijuana, as well connecting investigators to a control group.
- Participate in management of budget - study is funded for 3 years by Calvin Bland Foundation, with a total funding of \$500,000.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Méndez-Díaz, N., Akbar, G., & Parker-Barnes, L. (2021). The Evolution of Social Media and the Impact on Modern Therapeutic Relationships. *The Family Journal*, 10664807211052495.

Akbar, G. (2019). Thinking critically about self-determination: A literature review. *The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, Volume 16, Number 2.

Holbrook, A., Akbar, G. & Eastwood, J. (2019). Meeting the challenge of human-induced climate change: reshaping social work education. *Social Work Education (2019): 1-13*.

Williams, Y., Akbar, G. & Chiarelli-Helminiak, C. (2017). Interrogating Racism, politics and silence through the use of constructive culturally responsive pedagogies during the 2016 election season. *Journal of Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education*.

Manuscripts in Submission

Ocean, M., Vanidestine, T., Radis, B., O'Neal, G., Nuccio, T. L., Craig, S., Tucker, Y., Woieschok, J., DeLoach, Y. M., Hendricks, N., Lair, L. O., & Akbar, G. L. (under review). Seizing a disruptive opportunity: Remote work-study as anti-oppressive practice during COVID-19 and beyond. *About Campus*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Akbar, G. & Mendez, N. (2019). (in preparation for *Journal of Technology in Human Services*). The power of a click.

Ghose, T.J., Neff, A. & Akbar, G (2019). (In Preparation for *AIDS and Behavior*). Factors Associated with housing for people living with HIV: An evaluation of the Federal HOPWA program.

Akbar, G. Cicerelle, P., Neff, A., & Tran, C. (2019). Exploring MSW Student Attitudes on Radical Social Justice.

Akbar, G. & Cicerelle, P. (2019) (in preparation for *Journal of Social Movement Studies*). Social Work, Social Media & Social Movements.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Ghose, T., Neff, A., & Akbar, G. (2022). Resisting Isomorphism in the Reentry Service Field: Organizational Hybridity, Identity, and Innovation. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference.

- Chiarelli-Helminiak, C., Akbar, G., Johnson, K., Neff, A. and, Cicerelle, P. (2020). Critical Theories in 2020 – Pedagogy, Pandemics, and Protests. Critical Theories of Education Conference. Department of Educational Foundations & Policy Studies West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
- Akbar, G., Cicerelle, P., & Neff, A. (2020). Radical Social Justice: Bridging Theory & Practice in Social Work Education. To be presented at Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (virtual).
- Ghose, T.J., Neff, A. & Akbar, G. (month 2020). Factors Associated with Housing for People Living with HIV: An evaluation of the Federal HOPWA program. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference.
- Akbar, G., Cicerelle, P., & Neff, A. (2019). Radical Social Justice: Bridging Theory & Practice in Social Work Education. Presented at National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Akbar, G., Cicerelle, P., & Neff, A. (2019, accepted but unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts). Radical Social Justice: Bridging Theory & Practice in Social Work Education. PA National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME).
- Williams, Y., Akbar, G. & Chiarelli-Helminiak, C. (2018). *Race, Politics, and Silence During the 2016 Election Season: The Potential for Social Justice Pedagogy*. AERA Annual Conference, New York, NY.
- Akbar, G. (2018, accepted but unable to attend due to limited professional development funding). *Social Work, Social Media & Social Movements*. IAFOR International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI.
- Akbar, G. & Holbrook, A. (2018, accepted but unable to attend due to limited professional development funding). *Incorporating Environmental Sustainability in Social Work*. IAFOR International Conference on Sustainability, Energy & the Environment, Honolulu, HI.
- Holbrook, A. & Akbar, G. (2017). *Incorporating Environmental Sustainability in Social Work*. Presented at Pennsylvania National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference, Pocono Manor, PA.
- Williams, Y., Akbar, G. & Chiarelli-Helminiak, C. (2017). *Exploring Multicultural Education During the Trump Presidency*. Presented at Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Eastern Region Mini Conference.
- Akbar, G., Chiarelli-Helminiak, C. & Williams, Y. (2017). *Exploring Multicultural Education During the Trump Presidency*. Presented at National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME) PA State Conference at Dickenson College, Carlisle, PA.
- Akbar, G. (2016). *Using Social Media to Pique Student Interest in Social Justice and Social Policy*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Akbar, G. & Holbrook, A. (2016). *Interactive Workshop: Incorporating Environmental Justice Into Social Work Education: A Theoretical Framework and Application*. Presented at Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

- Akbar, G. (2016). *Social Media and Social Movements*. Presented at Pennsylvania National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference, Valley Forge, PA.
- Akbar, G. (2016). *Using Social Media to Pique Student Interest in Social Justice and Social Policy*. Presented at National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Akbar, G. (2016). *Using Social Media to Pique Student Interest in Social Justice and Social Policy*. Presented at 18th annual conference of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education, West Chester, PA.
- Akbar, G. (2015). *Child Welfare Social Work and Client Self-Determination*. West Chester University Fall 2015 Research Day, West Chester, PA.
- Akbar, G. (2010). *The Audacity of Self-Determination: The Child Welfare Worker's Quandary in Promoting Self-Determination*. Paper presented at the Hawaii International Conference for Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI.

Invited Presentations

- Akbar, G. & Mendez-Diaz, N. (2021). *Decolonizing & Reforming Child Welfare*. West Chester University Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Grant Training and Presentation.
- Panichelli, M. & Akbar, G. (2019). *Fat Politics, Intersectionality, and Environmental Justice: Working Towards Health and Sustainability*. West Chester University Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar.
- Akbar, G. (2019). Invited Speaker. *Trauma Informed Assessment Strategies*. University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice.
- Akbar, G. (2018). Rutgers University School of Social Work, DSW Program, Fall 2018 Social Work, Social Media and Social Movements, Invited Lecturer.
- Akbar, G. (2018). Invited Speaker: *Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions*, West Chester University Association of Black Social Workers.
- Akbar, G. (2018). Invited Speaker: *Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions*, West Chester University BSW Program, Field Instructor Orientation.
- Akbar, G. (2018). Invited Speaker: *Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions*, West Chester University MSW Program, Field Instructor Orientation.
- Akbar, C & Cicerelle, P. (2018). *Social Media & Bullying: Active Resistance in the Age of Online Misogyny*. Presented at Cultivating Change: Activism and Self-Care Symposium at West Chester University, West Chester, PA.
- Akbar, G. (2017). Invited Speaker: *Social Media, Social Work and Community Movements*, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice.
- Akbar, C & Cicerelle, P. (2017). *Social Media: Engaging in Effective Social Justice Activism in the Time of Fake News*. Presented at Cultivating Change: Activism and Self-Care Symposium at West Chester University, West Chester, PA.

Invited Panels

- Akbar, G. (2021). Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion - Penn RSSA Virtual Alumni Career Series.
- Akbar, G. (2021). Women's Leadership Forum Building Communities Panel. Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services
- Akbar, G. (2021). Addressing Institutional Racism in Higher Education - Delaware Valley Student Affairs Conference (DVSAC).
- Akbar, G. (2020). Police Abolition: Defunding and Dismantling Racism in the Criminal Justice System. University of Pennsylvanian, Penn Democrats Dem Con.
- Akbar, G. (2020). Black Lives Matter: Understanding the Reason Behind Protest and Unrest. University of Pennsylvania Alumni Spectrum Conversation Panel.
- Akbar, G. (January, 2018). Invited Panelist: *Moving from Trauma to Resilience: Treating and Preventing Toxic Stress*. West Chester University Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Grant Panel.
- Akbar, G. (2017). *Social Media & Networking*. Presented at Women's Networking and Leadership Symposium, West Chester University PASSHE Campus, Philadelphia, PA.

Invited Media

- Akbar, G., Michelle, T., & Robinson, C. (2021). "Kells Goes Down: R. Kelly Conviction." Psychotic Bump School Podcast with DJ Rome.
- Akbar, G., Clark, R., & Norris, K. (2020). "Swing states and the 2020 Election" Psychotic Bump School Podcast with DJ Rome.
- Akbar, G. (2020). Season 1- Episode 4, Season 1- Episode 7, Season 2 - Episode 1; Extraordinary Negroes Podcast.
- Akbar, G. & Tyler, M. (2020). Masterman Alumni for Change Charter. Heart City Radio with Malik Boyd.
- Akbar, G. & Tyler, M. (2020). Masterman Alumni for Change Charter. WURD Radio with Solomon Jones.
- Akbar, G. & Tyler, M. (2020). "Justice for All." CBSN Philly.
- Akbar, G., Tisdale, S., & Williams, K. (2020). The Lounge Show. WURD Radio with Phillip Roundtree.

SERVICEWest Chester University

- Faculty Advisor, Association of Black Social Workers, MSW (Philadelphia Campus) 2018 – Present
- Faculty Advisor, Association of Black Social Workers, BSW (Main Campus) 2018 – 2019
- Committee Member, Fredrick Douglas Institute, 2018 - Present
- Committee Member, *New Faculty Orientation Committee*, 2015 – 2017

College of Education and Social Work

Dean's Leadership Team, 2020 – Present
 Committee Member, Director of Assessment Search Committee, 2020 - Present
 Committee Member, Associate Dean Search Committee, 2020 - Present
 Committee Member, Student Dispositions Committee, 2020 - Present
 Committee Member, CESW Technology Resources and Planning Committee, 2016 – Present

Graduate Social Work Department*Faculty Search Activities*

Committee Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2018 - 2019
 Committee Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2017 - 2018

Lead Instructor

SWG 503 Advanced Standing Bridge Course, 2018 - 2020
 SWG 561 Specialized Practice I: Individuals, 2017 - 2019
 SWG 563 Specialized Practice II: Integrative Seminar, 2017 – 2019
 SWG 598 Field Practicum III Concentration Year Fall, 2017 – 2019
 SWG 599 Field Practicum IV Concentration Year Spring, 2017 – 2019

Field Education

Committee Member, Field Education Committee, 2018 - Present
 Faculty Co-Chair, Field Education Committee, 2016-2017

Other

Adjunct TeP Coordinator, Philadelphia Campus 2019 - 2020
 Faculty Advisor, VOICES Student-Led Journal, 2017-2018
 Faculty Co-Sponsor, Philadelphia MSW Graduate Student Association, 2015 – 2017
 Contributor, VOICES Student-Led Journal, 2018

Social Work Profession

Board Member/Southeastern Division Rep I, *PANASW*, 2021 - Present
 Member, *National Association of Social Work Deans & Directors*, 2020 - Present
 Board Member, *Pennsylvania Association of Social Work Education (PASWE)*, 2019 - Present
 Board Member, *Temple University School of Social Work*, 2018 - Present
 Committee Member, *Black, Administrators, Researchers and Scholars (BARS)*, 2016 - Present
 Newsletter Co-Editor, *The Clinician*, 2010
 Editorial Group Representative, *The Clinician*, 2009 – 2010

Community

Board Member, New Leash on Life, 2020 - Present
 President/Founding Member, Masterman Alumni for Change, 2020 – Present
 Adult Sponsor, Philly Black Student Alliance, 2020 - Present

PRACTICE/CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Center for Carceral Communities
 - *Group Facilitator/Therapist/Clinical Supervisor*, 2020 – Present
- Akbar & Associates
 - *Owner/Clinical Director*, 2018 – Present
- Londonderry Consulting
 - *Clinical Consultant*, 2015 – Present
- Carson Valley Children's Aid
 - *Mobile Therapist/Behavior Specialist Consultant*, 2018 – 2019

- Silver Springs Martin Luther School
 - *Outpatient Therapist*, 2015 – 2017
- Green Tree School & Services
 - *Clinical Care Manager*, 2014 – 2015
- Health Federation of Philadelphia
 - *Child Parent Psychotherapist*, 2013 – 2014
- Kids and Family Early Intervention Agency
 - *Clinical Social Work Consultant*, 2010 – 2013
- Silver Springs Martin Luther School
 - *Mobile Therapist/Behavior Specialist Consultant*, 2008 – 2012
- John F. Kennedy Center for MH/MR
 - *Clinician/Behavior Specialist Consultant*, 2008 – 2012
- Children’s Crisis Treatment Center
 - *Mobile Therapist/School Based Clinician*, 2008 – 2012

2008 – 2010 *Temple University*, Project Coordinator Center for Social Policy
 Temple University Philadelphia Outcomes Measurement Project, Training Consultant

2006 – 2008 *Community Advocates Association for Children and Youth*, Program Director

2005 – 2006 *Philadelphia Department of Human Services*, Family Center Supervisor
 Philadelphia Department of Human Services, Intake Social Worker II

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy, (in process)
- Crowell Parent Child Interaction Procedure Certification, 2014
- Child-Parent Psychotherapy, 2014
- Licensed Pennsylvania Social Worker, 2011 - Present

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

National Association of Social Worker
 Council on Social Work Education – Member
 National Association of African American Studies – Member
 Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society