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EDUCATION

- DSW 2011 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

- 2015 - Present West Chester University School of Social Work, Assistant Professor, Graduate Social Work Department
SWG 554 – Mental Health and Mental Illness
SWG 561 – Advanced Social Work Practice with Families
SWG 598 – Faculty Field Liaison
- 2014 West Chester University School of Social Work, Adjunct Instructor, MSW Program;
SWG 554 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Individuals and Families
SRIS Scores: Delivery – 95.7%, Preparation 95%
- 2014 University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, Part-Time Lecturer, MSW Program, SWRK 601 - History & Philosophy of Social Work and Social Welfare Policy
- 2010 University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, Teaching Assistant;
SWRK 615 - Introduction to Social Work Research
- 2001 University of Maryland Baltimore County School of Social Work, Teaching Assistant;
Information Technology in Social Work

SCHOLARSHIP

Manuscripts in Progress

Akbar, G. (2016) (in preparation for *Contemporary Issues in Childhood and Adolescence: Narrating Ecological Perspectives*). Child Abuse and Neglect: Issues in Child Welfare.

Akbar, G. (2016). (in preparation for *Child and Family Social Work*). Child Welfare Social Work and the Promotion of Client Self-Determination.

Akbar, G. & Mendez, N. (2016). (in preparation for *Journal of Technology in Human Services*). Friend Request? Social Media and the Therapeutic Relationship.

Presentations

Akbar, G. (2016). *Using Social Media to Pique Student Interest in Social Justice and Social Policy*. To be 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*. To be 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.

Research Projects

Job Satisfaction and Burnout Among Forensic Interviewers

- Collaboration with Dr. Chiarelli-Helminiak
- Pending approval from WCU URF

Organizational Trauma and Child Welfare Social Work

- Community-based project: December 2014 – Present
- Collaboration with colleague from Alvernia College

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2015 – Present **Committee Member**, *New Faculty Orientation Committee*

2015 – Present **Faculty Co-Sponsor**, *Philadelphia Graduate Student Association*

2010 **Newsletter Co-Editor**, *The Clinician*

2009 – 2010 **Editorial Group Representative**, *The Clinician*

PRACTICE/CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2015 – Present *Silver Springs Martin Luther School*, **Outpatient Therapist**

2014 – 2015 *Green Tree School & Services*, **Clinical Care Manager**

2013 –2014 *Health Federation of Philadelphia*, **Child Parent Psychotherapist**

2010 – 2013 *Kids and Family Early Intervention Agency*, **Clinical Social Work Consultant**

2008 – 2012 *Silver Springs Martin Luther School*, **Mobile Therapist/Behavior Specialist Consultant**
John F. Kennedy Center for MH/MR, **Clinician/Behavior Specialist Consultant**
Children's Crisis Treatment Center, **Mobile Therapist/School Based Clinician**

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

2015 Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (pending certification)
2014 Crowell Parent Child Interaction Procedure Certification
2014 Child-Parent Psychotherapy

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Licensed Social Worker, State of Pennsylvania 2010 – Present
Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society