

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

#### DOCTORAL INSTITUTION:

**Doctorate of Philosophy in Psychology**

General Psychology

Specialty: *Trauma, Gender, and Women's issues*

Northcentral University

**June 2007 to June 2011**

Prescott Valley, AZ

Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission,

Member of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

GPA: 3.97 on 4.00 scale

#### GRADUATE INSTITUTION:

**Master of Social Work**

Clinical

Emphasis: *Child and Family*

University of Kansas

**Aug 1993 to May 1995**

Lawrence, KS

Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission

Member of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

GPA: 3.95 on 4.00 scale

#### UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION:

**Bachelor of Science**

Psychology and Sociology

Minor: Counseling

Southwest Baptist University

**Aug 1989 to May 1993**

Bolivar, MO

Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission

Member of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

Major and minor GPA: 4.00 on 4.00 scale

## **LICENSURE and CERTIFICATION**

- Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP)  
International Association of Trauma Professionals  
February 2015
- Medication Assisted Recovery Specialist (MARS)-8131  
Missouri Credentialing Board  
October 2014
- Supervisor for Licensure-LW MO 07815-039  
National Association of Social Workers-MO Chapter  
May 2010
- Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional-Diplomat (CCDP-D)-5082  
Missouri Credentialing Board  
Sept 2009
- Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional (CCJAP)-4480  
Missouri Credentialing Board  
Oct 2008
- Certified Reciprocal Advanced Alcohol Drug Counselor (CRAADC)-3049  
Missouri Credentialing Board  
Nov 2004
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)-005663  
Missouri Division of Professional Registration  
Sept 1997

## **PROFESSIONAL and RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:**

### **Southeast Missouri State University**

Cape Girardeau, MO

Department of Social Work

- Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)
- Instructor

Aug 2017 to Present  
Aug 2016 to May 2017

		Southeast Missouri State University, Department of Social Work (Aug 2016 to present)	
<b>Course</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Comments</b>
SW 110	Fall 2016 Spring 2017 Spring 2018	Introduction to Social Work	Topics explored: Social work as a profession, Central concepts & theories, Power of language, Social work values & ethics, Careers for social work, History of social work & social work profession, Major social welfare programs (past/present), Poverty, Economic disparity, Human rights, Social justice/injustice, Civil rights, Diversity, Cultural competency, Theoretical frameworks, Generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, & communities, Child welfare, Developmental theories, Gerontology, Ageism, Role of social worker in health care settings, Health care policy, Mental health social work, Military social work, School social work, Social work with substance use disorders, Trauma & violence, Criminal justice, Crisis services, Disaster response
SW 121	Fall 2016 Spring 2017 Fall 2017 Scheduled for Fall 2018	Helping Skills for Human Services	Communication process, Interpersonal communication dynamics, Communication & cultural diversity, Impact of social media & globalization on communication, Development of self through socialization, Identity management, Influences of perception in communication, Nature & impact of language, Use & abuse of language, Gender issues in communication, nonverbal communication, Listening components & skills, Communication & emotions, Managing emotions, Communication & relationships, Repairing relationships, Transforming negative climates, Conflict styles, Conflict management, Communication & intimate relationships,

		Southeast Missouri State University, Department of Social Work (Aug 2016 to present)	
<b>Course</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Comments</b>
SW 207	Fall 2016	Understanding Cultural and Social Diversity	Topics explored: Mechanisms of inequality: Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Employment, Education, Sexual orientation, SES/Privilege, Community, Health/Resources, Disability, Older Adults, Food/Water securities, Social diversity, Social systems, Social stratification, Poverty—Rural & Urban, Media, Cultural competence, Discrimination, Oppression, Objectification, Marginalized populations, Historical events significant to social movements and change
SW 221	Spring 2017 Fall 2017 Spring 2018	Interviewing Skills	Topics explored: Social work practice skills, Attending behaviors, Rapport building, Active listening, Empathy, Use of questions, Eliciting responses, Probing, Strengths-based perspective, Personal biases and values, Professional skills and values, Diverse clients and culturally-appropriate approach, Professional and personal boundaries, Importance of initial client engagement
SW 307	Fall 2016 Spring 2017	Human Behavior and Social Environment-Part 1	Topics explored: Empirical knowledge vs practical knowledge, Social work values, Micro, mezzo, & macro level of practice, Biopsychosocial approach, Systems theory, Ecological theory, Strengths perspective, Theories of cognitive development, Psychodynamic theories, Behavioral and learning theories, Humanistic & Existential perspective, Person-Centered theory, Pre-pregnancy, conception, and prenatal issues, Infant & early childhood development, Middle childhood dynamics, and Adolescence
SW 308	Fall 2017 Spring 2018 Scheduled for Fall 2018	Human Behavior and Social Environment-Part 2	Topics explored: Application of multiple theoretical approaches to human behavior, Engaging, Assessing, Intervening, and Evaluating, Integrating diversity and difference in practice, Professional demeanor, Utilizing scientific research, Biopsychosocial approach,

Southeast Missouri State University, Department of Social Work (Aug 2016 to present)			
<b>Course</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Comments</b>
			Individuals, Family, Groups, Communities, Emerging adulthood, Adulthood, Older adults, Spirituality, and Death
SW 322	Scheduled for Fall 2018	Generalist Practice II	Mezzo level practice (group interventions and family groups). Topics explored: Values and ethics in group practice, Typology of groups (treatment & task), Historical and theoretical developments, Understanding group dynamics (with special attention on involuntary group members), Leadership (worker & group members), Group roles and functions of behaviors, Diversity and cultural humility in groups, Planning, conducting, assessing, intervening, and ending groups, Group methods (foundational and specific modalities), Special circumstances with family groups, Evaluating and feedback
SW 323	Fall 2016 Spring 2017 Spring 2018	Generalist Practice III	Macro-level practice, Community organizations, Significant political & economical changes (1920-present), Public to privatization, Specialized group methods, Types of community practice, Helping phases, Modes of community interventions, Planning & policy practice, Building of capacity & competency in communities, Personal strengths, Personal & Organizational SWOT, Supervision basics, Community focus with vulnerable populations: older adults, immigrant farm workers, human trafficking, homeless, hunger, Highlights of macro-level social workers (x16)
SW 355	Spring 2017 Spring 2018	Special Topics: Substance Use Disorder	Specific substances of abuse, Consequence of addiction physically, emotionally, socially, cognitively, & spiritually, Co-occurring issues of mental health and/or trauma, Special populations, Treatment modalities, 12-

Southeast Missouri State University, Department of Social Work (Aug 2016 to present)			
<b>Course</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Comments</b>
			step programs, Ethical and legal issues, Cultural issues, Rural vs urban settings, Pre-natal development and substance use, Social problems, Individual, Families, and Communities
PY 220	Fall 2016	Psychological Development Across the Life Span	Topics explored: Characteristics of development, Grand theories of development, Emergent theories of development, Contributing factors of heredity, History of Psychology, Research development and design, Biological basis of behavior, Variations of consciousness, Prenatal development and birth, Biological development of life stages, Cognitive development of life stages, Psychosocial development of life stages, Adolescent social problems, Co-occurring factors, Human memory. Personality theory, Social behavior and learning, Psychological disorders and treatment, Media literacy, Contributing factors of environment, Elderly population, Death and dying

**Southeast Missouri State University**

Cape Girardeau, MO  
Department of Social Work

**Fall 2009 to Present**

--Adjunct Instructor: SW 335 Special Topics: Substance Abuse and Dependence

Adjunct instructor for the Department of Social Work, housed in College of Health and Human Services. Explored the dynamics of substance abuse and dependency, the impact of substance misuse on individuals, families, special populations, and society, as well as the sequelae of dependence. Physiological and psychological processes of dependence were reviewed through a systems approach.

--Topics explored:

Addiction as a social problem  
Biology of addiction  
Depressants—special focus on alcohol  
Marijuana  
Hallucinogens

Theories of addiction  
Pharmacology  
Stimulants  
Opiates  
Inhalants

Prescription drug abuse  
 Pregnancy and the neonate  
 Legal issues  
 Criminal thinking  
 Modification versus abstinence  
 Special populations: Adolescents  
 Special populations: Co-occurring clients  
 Special populations: Persistently mentally ill  
 Special population: Minorities

Family issues  
 AA, NA, and non-traditional support groups  
 Drug courts  
 Media's glorification of substance abuse  
 Treatment challenges in rural settings  
 Special populations: Women & LGBT  
 Special populations: Ethnic minorities  
 Special populations: The elderly  
 Special population: Homeless

**Southeast Health-College of Nursing:**  
Cape Girardeau, MO

**May 2014 to Present**

--Adjunct Instructor: SOC 101: Sociology

PSY 200: Psychological Development Across the Life Span

Blended format-Classroom instruction/Internet

Adjunct instructor for Southeast Health College of Nursing, instructing students in the RN and Radiological Technology programs. Explored basic concepts and principles of sociology as applied to a wide variety of human experiences. Demonstrated individual and group behaviors, values, and belief systems in a manner that recognized diverse cultural viewpoints and past experiences.

--Topics explored:

Theoretical perspectives  
 (Functionalist, Conflict, Interactionist, Feminist)  
 Sociological imagination  
 Bureaucracy  
 Sociological theory  
 Historical development of Sociology  
 Stratification  
 Research design & ethics  
 Culture  
 Socialization through the life span  
 Gender issues

Distribution of wealth  
 Groups and institutions  
 Mass media  
 Deviance and social control  
 Crime, law, and society  
 Social mobility  
 Poverty  
 Inequality  
 Prejudice and discrimination  
 Health care

**Southeast Missouri State University**  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
Department of Psychology

**Fall 2011 to Present**

--Adjunct Instructor: PY 220: Psychological Development Across the Life Span

PY101: Psychological Perspective on Human Behavior

Adjust instructor for the Psychology Department, housed in the College of Liberal Arts. Campus site was the Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center, through the Higher Pursuit for Education Program. Explored the physical, cognitive, and psychological aspects of human

development through specific life stages. Foundational understanding of grand and emergent theories of development were discussed as a means of interpretation.

--Topics explored:

Characteristics of development	Grand theories of development
Emergent theories of development	Contributing factors of heredity
History of Psychology	Research development and design
Biological basis of behavior	Variations of consciousness
Prenatal development and birth	Biological development of life stages
Cognitive development of life stages	Psychosocial development of life stages
Adolescent social problems	Co-occurring factors
Human memory	Personality theory
Social behavior and learning	Psychological disorders and treatment
Media literacy	Contributing factors of environment
Elderly population	Death and dying

**Family Counseling Center, Inc.**  
Cape Girardeau, MO

**Sept 1997 to Aug 2016**

--Assistant Program Director/Clinical Manager, Women and Adolescent Programs

Assist with supervision of the Women's and Adolescent C-STAR programs, as well as Drug Court programs in Cape, Mississippi, and Scott Counties. Provide assessment services, intakes, diagnostics (DSM IV, DSM IV-TR, DSM 5, ICD 9/10) provide individual counseling, family therapy, group counseling, trauma recovery, administration of policy and procedure, ensure Missouri Department of Behavioral Health standard compliance, CARF compliance, supervision of clinical staff, clinical documentation review/chart audits, and numerous other duties as assigned. Treatment modalities: Strengths Perspective, Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral, Pro-recovery, Medical Disease model, Bio-psycho-social model of understanding addiction, Co-occurring Capabilities, Motivational Interviewing, and other eclectic practices.

--Topics of working knowledge:

Substance abuse disorder treatment	12-Steps
Grant implementation	Assessment & diagnosing
Administrative policy	Family structures and systems
Micro, macro, mezzo levels of treatment	Co-occurring disorders
Best practices	Social injustice
Mental health treatment	Post traumatic stress disorder
Ethics	Networking in community
Challenges of treatment in rural areas	Supervision and consultation
Effective/clinical documentation	Gender-specific treatment implications

**Women's Issues:** Domestic abuse, Sexual violence, Prostitution, Poverty, Women's corrections, MO Children's Division, Cycles of abuse and destructive behavior, Perceived survival, Minorities, Cultural diversity, Compulsive disorders, Eating disorders



**Adolescent Issues:** Physical abuse, Sexual abuse, Neglect, Rites of passage, Educational discrimination, Abandonment, Dating abuse, Street gangs, Drug trafficking, Detachment training

**Ethnic Minorities, LGBT, & Older Adults:** Impact of ageism, Bullying, Forced displacement, Historical trauma, Intergenerational loss/assault, Psychological maltreatment, Acts of omission, Negative self-image, Witness to community violence, Political violence, Forced marriage

**Military Social Work:** Military culture and ethos, Impact of deployment (service personnel and loved ones), Trauma-related stress, Military sexual abuse/misuse/assault, Induced oppression, System-induced trauma/re-traumatization

**Criminal Justice:** Adult Probation and Parole, Juvenile Probation, Drug Courts-family, adult, and adolescent, Division of Youth Services, Sanctions versus treatment, Criminal thinking.

**Missouri Baptist Children's Home**

**Aug 1996 to Aug 1997**

St. Louis, MO

--Social Worker/Residential Therapist

Worked with emotionally and behaviorally challenged 12-18 year old males and females in residential care. Provided individual, group, and family therapy, as well as MO Children's Division case management, school liaison, and court appearances for consumer. Eclectic treatment modality.

--Topics of working knowledge:

Sexual abuse (family based, incest, and cult based ritual)  
Sexual perpetration and juvenile sex offenders  
Family patterns and dynamics

Trauma-induced delays  
Developmental issues

**Sunny Ridge Family Center**

**May 1995 to Aug 1996**

Chicago, IL

--Social Worker/Residential Therapist

Worked with emotionally and behaviorally challenged 15-18 year old gentlemen in residential care. Typical profile of clientele: Minority youth from Department of Corrections (IL), gang involved. Provided individual, group, and family therapy, as well as IL Department of Child and Family Services case management and court appearances (Cook County). Positive Peer Culture treatment modality.

--Topics of working knowledge:

Street gangs (Gangster Disciple, Vice Lord, Crips, Bloods, smaller radical Asian and Latino based gangs)

Dynamics of witness to childhood violence  
Crowded and corrupt court systems  
Treatment barriers and systems breakdown  
Male sexual abuse & prostitution (forced/consensual)

Court advocacy  
Drug trafficking  
Cook County corrections  
Sex trade for drugs

**Spofford Home for Children**  
Kansas City, MO

**2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate placement**  
**Aug 1994 to May 1995**  
**750 + hours**

Provided primary therapist services to severely emotionally challenged pre-adolescents.

--Topics of working knowledge:

Severely emotionally disturbed children  
Violent manifestations of internal issues  
Sexual abuse and sequela of development

Play and art therapy  
Dynamics of religious cult activity  
Sexual abuse offenders

**Heart of America Family Services**  
Kansas City, KS

**1<sup>st</sup> year graduate placement**  
**Aug 1993 to May 1994**  
**650+ hours**

Provided case management and individual counseling services to emancipated high school students. Engaged in community referrals, networking services, and systems advocate for students living independently.

--Topics of working knowledge:

Magnet school programs  
Networking for wrap-around community services

Independent living skills  
Teen pregnancy and STDs

**AFFILIATED FIELD SITE SUPERVISOR**

Southeast Missouri State University

Social Work (BSW)

Criminal Justice (Bachelor)

Psychology (Bachelor)

Child and Family Studies (Bachelor)

University of Missouri—St. Louis Department of Social Work (BSW/MSW)

St. Louis University School of Social Services (BSW/MSW)

George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University (BSW/MSW)

Southern Illinois University—School of Social Work (BSW/MSW)

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS**

PhD in General Psychology (June 2011).

**Dissertation Title:** Relationship Between Vicarious Trauma and Sexual Desire in Behavioral Health Clinicians. (ProQuest UMI Number: 3458587)

--Quantitative, Correlational Design

--Bivariate Correlations and Multiple Regressions

Vicarious Trauma and Social Service Delivery

Prostitution: Rural versus Urban Communities

Substance Use Disorder Gender Specific Topics

ACE Scores across University Majors

International Students and Students of Color: Overcoming Barriers

## PUBLICATIONS

Branson, D. C. & Radu, M. B., & Loving, J. D. (Submitted). ACE scores and household dysfunction: The makings of a social worker. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Branson, D.C. & Radu, M.B. (in-press). Do qualitative researchers experience vicarious trauma? And, does it matter? *Journal of Sociology and Social Work*.

Branson, D. C. (in press). *Vicarious trauma, themes in research, and terminology: A review of literature*. *Traumatology*.

Branson, D. C. (2017). Vicarious Trauma. *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Psychology and Gender*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publishers, Inc.

Article in *Social Work Today* (May/June 2015): Self-Care for Social Workers: Vicarious Trauma

Branson, D. C., Weigand, D. A., & Keller, J. E. (2014). Vicarious trauma and decreased sexual desire: A hidden hazard of helping others. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 6(4), 398-403. doi: 10.1037/a0033113

## EDITORIALS

An Examination of the Experience of Secondary Traumatic Stress in Australian Psychologists and Individual Risk and Protective Factors. *Traumatology*. Ref: Ms. No: TRM-2018-0015. April 2018

Resiliency and posttraumatic stress symptoms in firefighter paramedics: The mediating role of depression, anxiety, and sleep. *Traumatology*. Ref: Ms. No: TRM-2017-0230. June 2017

Psychopathology, risk, and resilience under exposure to continuous traumatic stress: A systematic review of studies among adults living in southern Israel. *Traumatology*. Ref: MS. No: TRM-2016-0192. March 2017

Psychological distress and growth in sexual violence therapists: Positioning professional integrity in therapeutic relational commitment. *Traumatology*. Ref: Ms. No: TRM-2016-0189. January 2017

## PRESENTATIONS

Revised 07/09/2018

Scheduled to present: Oct 2018: 2018 Annual Conference of Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology Conference: Translating Complexity into Action. Norfolk, VA.

--Qualitative Research and Vicarious Trauma: Potential Hazards Ahead

June 2, 2018: Influencing Social Policy (ISP) Conference 2.0: Influencing Social Policy: The Next 20 years. St. Louis, MO

--Advancing macro-Level Practice through Service-Learning Projects

March 2018: NASW-MO Annual Show Me Symposium: Social Workers Stand Up!, Lake of the Ozarks, MO

--Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE): Why Social Workers are so Important

Oct 2017: 63<sup>rd</sup> CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX

--Vicarious Trauma, Secondary Traumatic Stress, Practicum Students and New Graduates

Aug 2017: Southeast Missouri State University Department of Social Work Ethics Workshop, Cape Girardeau, MO

--Vicarious Trauma, Secondary Traumatic Stress, and Ethics: The Importance of Self-Care

July 2017: International Presentation: Todos Unidos Pela Cidade da Paz (All Unite for the City of Peace), Simoes Filho, Brazil.

--Understanding and Helping Hurting People

July 2017: 42<sup>nd</sup> Rural Social Work Caucus: Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, Jackson, TN

--Rural Social Work Practice in the Information Age: Connecting Beyond the Digital Revolution

March 2017: NASW-MO: 2017 Show-Me Annual Symposium, Lake of the Ozarks, MO

-- Leading Change Transforming Lives

August 2016: National Conference on Addiction Disorders (NCAD), Denver, CO.

-- Taking Recovery to New Heights

April 2016--NASW-MO: 2016 Show-me Annual Symposium, Lake of the Ozarks, MO

--Social Work: Forging Solutions Out of Challenges.

March 2016--NASW-AR 2016 Annual Conference: Social Work, Little Rock, AR

--With People, By People, For People.

September 2015--SE Missouri Suicide Prevention and Awareness Conference, Community Counseling Center, Cape Girardeau, MO

September 2015--5<sup>th</sup> Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Conference, Mercy Hospital Jefferson, St. Louis, MO

July 2015—40<sup>th</sup> National Institute of Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas

--Building Rural and Frontier Areas, Vermilion, South Dakota

January 2015—Lay-persons & Religious Community of Northeast Belarus Providences

--Starting and Maintaining Half-Way Houses for Women

--Treatment Implications for Women with Substance Use Disorder

--Celebrate Recovery: Differences between Men and Women in Recovery

July 2014 to June 2016—On-going monthly trainings for Family Counseling Center clinical staff

--Motivational Interviewing (July 2014 – June 2015)

--Trauma-Informed Care (July 2015 – June 2016)

Nov 2014—St. Louis ARCHS 2014 Re-entry Conference

--Vicarious trauma: The dangers of helping others

Nov 2014—United State Military National Training Institute

-Webinar with service personnel caseworkers and clinical social workers

Topic: How to Cope Effectively with Vicarious Trauma: Working with Families Struggling with Combat Violence and Deployment Issues

Fort Drum, NY

Fort Wainwright, AK

Fort Hood, TX

Fort Still, OK

Fort Jackson, SC

Fort Meade, MD

Fort Campbell, KY/TN

Fort Riley, KS

Fort Stewart, GA

Fort Bragg, NC

Fort Casey, WA

Fort Polk, LA

July 2014—NASW-National Convention in Washington, DC

--Presenter/Panelist for Informed Trauma, specifically vicarious trauma and practitioners.

July 2014—Divison of Youth Services-Training for Service Coordinators

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--Heroin abuse in adolescent population: Trends and treatment options

May 2014—Division of Youth Services—Training for Service Coordinators

--Newest trends in street drugs, specifically in adolescent population

March 2014--Presenter at NASW-Missouri Chapter, 2014 Show-Me Annual Symposium

--Vicarious trauma: The dangers of helping others.

Feb 2014—Presenter at EPIC Breakthrough Meeting

--Medication assisted treatment: Pros and cons

Jan 2014—Presenter at Cape Caring Counsel and Coalition for the Homeless

--The female addict: Stigma and specific treatments

## **EDUCATION TRAVEL**

July 2017: Traveled to Brazil and supported community of Simoes Filho deal with growing violence and social problems resulting from economic recession and high unemployment. Visited schools, community centers, and provided case management in homes for marco-level social work efforts.

January 2015: Traveled to Belarus and consulted with half-way houses for women in rural communities. Grassroots development of services to create gender specific community services.

January 2013: Traveled to Minsk, Belarus to teach Conversational English.

Summer semester (1994), Independent Study in Ireland. Lived with a group of homeless Irish adolescent males at the Eccles Street Homeless Hostel for Boys, Dublin, Ireland.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

American Psychological Association (APA)

International Association of Trauma Professionals (IATP)

National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP)

Missouri Credentialing Board (MCB)

International Association of Healthcare Professionals (IAHCP)

Golden Key International Honour Society

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## **MACRO PRACTISE**

Current Advisory Member—The Tween Initiative

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Current Board Member—Midwest Ministry Care Center (Ruth House)

Current Board Member—FCC Behavioral Health Advisory Board

**HONORS and AWARDS**

Clinical Social Worker of the Year  
--FCC Behavioral Health (2016)

Top Social Worker  
--International Association of Healthcare Professionals (January 2015)

The Heart of Social Work Award  
--Southeast Missouri State University Social Work Department (Spring 2010)