

## **EDUCATION**

- 8/2002–5/2005 University of Louisville; Louisville, KY Brandeis School of Law  
**Juris Doctorate**
- 8/2001–5/2004 Kent School of Social Work and Family Practice  
**Master’s of Science in Social Work**
- 8/1998–5/2001 The George Washington University; Washington, DC  
Elliot School of International Affairs  
**Bachelor’s of Arts in International Relations**, Minor: Human Services

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 7/2021–Current **Assistant Professor of Professional Practice**
- 1/2020–7/2021 **Adjunct Professor**  
Kent School of Social Work and Family Practice

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 7/2015–7/2021 **Community Relations Officer**  
Office of Public Affairs, External Affairs Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; Washington D.C.
- 7/2014–6/2015 **Asylum Officer**  
Newark Asylum Office, Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; Lyndhurst, NJ
- 8/2009–7/2014 **Owner/Consultant**  
MER Associates; Louisville, KY
- 8/2012–12/2013 **Immigration Attorney**  
Kentucky Refugee Ministries; Louisville, KY
- 1/2010 – 5/2012 **Visiting Professor of Criminal Justice/Social Work**  
Kentucky State University; Frankfort, KY
- 11/2007 – 12/2009 **Recruiter**  
Identia Group; Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 9/2005–9/2007 **Program Associate**  
American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky; Louisville, KY

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Fall 2022 – Spring 2023 New Faculty Development, Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2/10/2023 2023 Celebration of Teaching and Learning
- 1/26/2023 [Social Work in Social Policy: Engagement Strategies for Today and the Next Generation—A Book Event](#), Center for Social Development, virtual
- 1/24/2023 ACLU of Kentucky 2023 Legislative Preview, ACLU of Kentucky, virtual
- 1/23/2023 Effective Advocacy – Making Every Voice Count!, Kentucky Psychology Association, virtual
- 11/17/2022 Social Work Responds to the Election, Brown School Professional Development, virtual

9/13/2022 Voting is Social Work: Researchers Speak Out, Brown School Professional Development, virtual  
 8/12/2022 Syllabus Tune-Up Workshop, Delphi Center  
 Fall 2021– Spring 2022 Seminar on Teaching for New Faculty, Delphi Center  
 Fall 2021 Delphi University, Delphi Center

**LEADERSHIP**

**Service to the Profession**

Spring 2022–present Member, Legislative and Advocacy Committee, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) of Kentucky  
 Fall 2022–Spring 2023 Member, 2023 Lobby Day Planning Committee, NASW of Kentucky

**Professional Board Service**

2022–Present Affiliate Equity Officer (AEO), American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky (ACLU of KY) Board of Directors, Louisville, Kentucky  
 2022–Present Member, ACLU of KY Board of Directors, Louisville, Kentucky

**Committee Service**

2023–present Member, AEO Learning Cohort, National ACLU  
 2022–present Co-Chair, EDIB (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belong) Standing Committee, ACLU of Kentucky  
 2022–present Member, Executive Committee, ACLU of Kentucky  
 2022–present Member, Executive Director Search Committee, ACLU of Kentucky

**Membership in Professional Organizations**

2023–present Member, Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (KSWE)  
 2022–present Member, NASW of Kentucky

**SERVICE**

**University Service**

Spring 23 Interviewer, MLK Scholars Finalist Interviews  
 Fall 2022–present Member, Leadership, Equity, and Diversity Committee  
 Fall 2022–present Commissioner, President’s [Commission for Diversity & Racial & Equity \(CODRE\)](#)  
 Fall 2022–present Member, CODRE Communications Committee  
 Fall 2022–present Member, CODRE Diversity Committee  
 Fall 2022–present Member, Hispanic/Latino Faculty and Staff Association (HLFSA)  
 Fall 2022 Reviewer, Proposal Review Committee, 2023 Celebration of Teaching and Learning, representing Kent School

**College Service**

Spring 2023 DSW Teaching Assistant  
 Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Member, Dean Search Committee  
 Fall 2022 PhD Teaching Assistant  
 2021–present Member, Anti-Oppression Committee  
 - Immigrant and Refugee Communities Sub-Committee, Fall 2022-present  
 - Expanding Reproductive Medical Services Sub-Committee, Fall 2022  
 - Education Censorship Sub-Committee, 2021  
 - Spanish MSSW Track Sub-Committee, 2021

Fall 2021–present	Member, Academic Advisory Committee
Fall 2021–present	Member, Faculty Affairs Committee
Fall 2021	Alternate, Search Committee MSSW Assistant Professor

**Government Service**

2017	Deployment, DHS Surge Capacity Force for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Survivor Assistance, served as Team Lead
2016	Deployment, Team DHS, Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast
2017/2018/2019	Mentor, USCIS Mentoring Program

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2/2022	<a href="#">2021-2022 Faculty Favorites Award</a> nomination
2/2021	Star bonus award, in recognition for planning multiple large national engagements
8/2019	Star bonus award, in recognition for work developing PED mailbox SOP
2015	Elected (by peers) and served as Class Representative of BASIC 1501-C
2014	Elected (by peers) and served as President of ADOTC-8
2016	Immigrant rights work recognized at 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bill of Rights Dinner and featured in the <a href="#">Faces of Liberty</a>
2006	Lobbying efforts resulted with passage of Senate Bill 43, identifying human trafficking as a crime
2006	Spearheaded first Immigrant and Refugee Rights Advocacy Day in Kentucky, now an annual event
2005	Leon P. Lewis Public Service Award, for outstanding number of public service hours performed
2003/2004/2005	Carl Mann Scholarship, for diversity and merit
2004	Dean’s Citation Award, in recognition of superior accomplishment
2004	Associate Dean for Research Award for Best MSSW Research Project
2004	Ruth R. Middleman Award for Social Justice and Ethics

**PANELS, WORKSHOPS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

11/17/2021	Speaker, Pass the Mic, MSSW Advising Office, Kent School, virtual
Fall 2013	Presenter, <i>Cultural Orientation for Cuban Parolees</i> (Spanish), Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville, KY
Summer 2013	Presenter, <i>Cultural Orientation for Cuban Parolees</i> (Spanish), Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville, KY
Spring 2013	Presenter, <i>Cultural Orientation for Cuban Parolees</i> (Spanish), Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville, KY
1/14/2013	Presenter, <i>U Visa Training</i> , Dept of Criminal Justice Training, Richmond, KY
3/18/2013	Presenter, <i>U Visa Training</i> , Dept of Criminal Justice Training, Northern KY, KY
8/1/2012	Presenter, <i>Know Your Rights</i> , 2012 Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington, KY
Fall 2012	Presenter, <i>Cultural Orientation for Cuban Parolees</i> (Spanish), Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville, KY
9/30/2012	Presenter, <i>Introduction to Social Work</i> , 2012 Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington, KY
Winter 2012	Presenter, <i>Cultural Orientation for Cuban Parolees</i> (Spanish), Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville, KY

**INTERNATION EXPERIENCE**

Winter 2006	Henry Wallace Brigade; Havana, Cuba
Summer 2004	William and Mary Study Abroad Program; Madrid, Spain

Summer 2003      Servicio Paz y Justicia; Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Spring Break 2002      International Social Work Study Abroad; Munich, Germany and Trento, Italy

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Fluent in Spanish (native)
- Licensed to practice law Kentucky