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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

2008-2011. *Masters of Social Work. Clinical Social Work*
GPA: 4.0

University of Mississippi
1990-1994. *Bachelors of Social Work*

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION

1995-present. *Licensed Social Worker*
2011-present. *Licensed Masters Social Worker*
2007. *Trained Healthy Marriage Instructor*
1997-98. *Leadership Lafayette graduate*
2022-*Certified FORECAST PBL Simulation Trainer*

APPOINTMENTS

August 2012-present. *Clinical Social Work Instructor, University of Mississippi*
August 2012-2014. *Field Education Coordinator*
August 2014-2017. *Interim BSW Program Director*
January 2017-present *BSW Field Education Director*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2012-Present. University of Mississippi, Department of Social Work, Field Education Coordinator. Interim BSW Program Director and Clinical Instructor at the foundational level. Courses taught at the Bachelor's level include: (SW 315) *Introduction to Social Work*, (SW 321) *Human Behavior in the Social Environment I*, (SW 335) *Practice I*, (SW 438), *Practice 4*, (SW 416) *Policy II*, (SW 450) *Field Education*, and (SW 495 & 496) *Internship & Seminar*.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

2013-2014 *Recipient of the U of M Office of Student Disability Service Access Award*
2011 *Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society*
2011 *Officer Phi Alpha Honor Society*
2010 *Graduate Social Work Student of the Year & NASW Nominee*
2009 *School Attendance Officer of the Year*
2004-2005 *Recipient of Field Instructor of the Year Award for Excellence*

1997-1998 Graduate of Leadership Lafayette

POST GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-2015. North Mississippi/Gentiva Hospice. Oxford, MS

Worked part-time (PRN), as a Masters Level Social Worker

Utilize clinical skills to assist patients and families with stressors associated with terminal illness, grief, bereavement, and life transition. Conducted psychosocial assessments with patients and families to enhance plan of care treatment; assist with educating patients and families with pertinent information relating to illness, loss and grief; and provided patients and families with emotional support to assist with life transition the grief process.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

1996-2012. Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Drop-out Prevention: Served as Oxford/Lafayette County School Attendance Officer/Counselor. Worked with communities, schools and families in identifying students who might be at-risk for school drop-out in Oxford/Lafayette County. Worked with various systems to devise and implement strategies to alleviate problems contributing to poor school attendance.

2000-2012 Social Work Field instructor. Provided quality supervision to University of Mississippi Social Work students. Assisted student in the development and honing of practice skill to increase professional competency within a structured practice setting.

August 2010-May 2011. Clinical Internship, University of Mississippi Counseling Center.

Assisted students with strategies and techniques to cope with mental health issues which might adversely affect academic and psychosocial well-being. Provided individual counseling; facilitated group counseling sessions and assisted in the coordination and implementation of Macro-level intervention services.

2005-2010. Families First Resource Center, Batesville, Mississippi.

Education Prevention Specialist Coordinator (part-time). Assisted in efforts to strengthen family and community systems of Panola County through provision of education, awareness and community coalition building. Served as instructor of teen abstinent classes to youth in Panola. Developed and oversaw youth mentorship program utilizing services of UM Intern Students; provided community parenting and Healthy Marriage classes to at-risk families; served on Panola County Task Force; served as a resource for Panola County Youth Court System.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Counsel of Social Work Education

NASW member

Oxford Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Baccalaureate Program Directors

2006-2007 Domestic Violence Board of Directors

2005-2006. United Way Board member

2003-2012. Project Homestead Group of Oxford, Child Abuse Prevention Team

2002-2004. MAP TEAM-Child abuse task force

2004-2005. Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Support Group Coordinator/Facilitator
2010-2015 Member of Oxford/Lafayette County Relay For Life Organization

SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT

Former Interim BSW Program Director 2014-2017

Field Education Coordinator 2012-2017

BSW Field Education Director

Freshman Mentor Advisor

Former Chair of BSW Committee

Current Member of BSW Committee

Member of Advisory Board for Lambda Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. University of Mississippi

2012 Social Work Child Welfare Institute Search Committee member

Chair of BSW Field Committee

Co-Faculty Chair of Social Work Empowerment Committee

Co-Chair of the Annual Social Work Diversity Conferences

Member of the Social Work Department Chair Search Committee

Member of Faculty Search Committees

Chair of Social Work Department Administrative Assistant Search Committee

Member of SDS Search Committee

Member of UM Black Faculty Organization

Co-Investigators for CAST Grant

Certified Facilitator of Project FORECAST PBL Simulation Trainings

Co-Author Publishing

Crutchfield, J., Crutchfield, A.J., Buford, J. (2018) A Strengths-Based Multidisciplinary Leadership Team: A Case Study in an Urban Middle School. Journal of Urban Social Work