**EDUCATION**

DPA West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Concentration: Public Policy and Administration

MSW University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Concentration: Children, Youth and Families in Society

Specialization: Child Welfare Certificate

BAEastern Illinois University

Major: Sociology

**LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

LSW

CWEL

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

8/2021 to present Assistant Professor of Social Work & Graduate Student Advisor

Tennessee State University

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Research Methods and Social Work Evaluation

Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals, Groups, and Families

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

SOWK 4950 Reading and Research

SOWK 4800 Social Work Undergraduate Research I

SOWK 6220 Social Work Research in Practice I

SOWK 6120 Social Work Research in Practice II

SOWK 6230 Advanced Macro Practice

SOWK 6220 Advanced Group Practice

SOWK 6140 Social Work Practice 1B

**PRESENTATIONS**

American Public Administration Association, 2023

Protecting Democracy for the Next Generation: The Role and Responsibility of Public Administration. *Paper presentation*, “Democratizing Families”

Social Equity Leadership Conference, 2019Achieving Social Equity in Turbulent Times: A Grand Public Administration Challenge.*Paper presentation*, “Governing equity among students from foster care”

Northeast Conference on Public Administration, 2018

Blind Spots in Public Administration: Looking Inward to Improve Responses to Changing Landscapes. *Poster presentation*, “Challenging tunnel vision: Child welfare administration, policy, and practice.”

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

4/2014-7/2019 Master Child Welfare Specialist, Lutheran Social Services

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Graduate Dean's Professional Development Award

Child Welfare Scholar

Elisa Baumgartner Scholarship

TRIO Scholarship Award

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Faculty Senate, Constitution Committee

Faculty Senate, Employee Grievance Committee

Reviewer, Tennessee State University Research Symposium