

BRIANNA GARRISON, MSW, LCSW-S

Curriculum Vitae

Education and Licensure

Baylor University (May 2017- Present), *anticipated graduation August 2020*

Ph.D. Social Work

Dissertation: “*The Supportive Role of Congregations with Caregivers of Persons Living with Dementia*”

University of Houston

Master of Social Work & Graduate Certificate: Health Disparities

Texas Tech University

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

Academic Social Work Experience

Garland School of Social Work, Baylor University, Houston Extension, June 2018-Present

Lecturer, Houston MSW Program Manager, Assistant Field Director

- 5302 Advanced Practice Readiness (Online)
- 5V70 Independent Study Instructor- MSW Research Self-Management in Adults with Spina Bifida
- 5221 Intro to the Profession (Residential & Hybrid)
- 5379 Advanced Clinical Practice: Individuals, Families, and Groups (Online, Residential, & Hybrid)
- 5362 Professional Practice with Groups
- 5463 Practice with Communities and Organizations
- 5298 Graduate Capstone (Spring 2020)
- 5316 Trauma, Loss, and Mourning (Spring 2020)

Garland School of Social Work, Baylor University, Houston Extension, December 2017-May 2018

Adjunct Faculty

- 5381 Research for Social Work Practice
- 5V70 Independent Study Instructor-MSW research OCD and Collegiate Athletes

Academic Service

Garland School of Social Work

- Committees: Gerontology Initiative Member, Student Development Committee Member and Houston Chair, Field Education Advisory Committee Member, Houston Campus Leadership Planning Committee Member, & Admissions Committee Member
 - MSW Student Application Reviewer, Gerontology Scholarship Application Reviewer
- Faculty Mentor
- Houston Campus Administration

New Program Development:

- **Houston MSW Extension Campus Redevelopment**—aided in developing the infrastructure, program design, and recruitment of students and faculty for the Houston Extension campus.
- **Houston MSW Curriculum Hybrid Redesign**—redesigned MSW curriculum to incorporate hybrid learning model by redesigning syllabi to align with GSSW courses, creating asynchronous modules for courses, and developing active and experiential learning modules for live synchronous sessions of the courses.

Fellowships, Awards, and Grant Funding

Administration on Aging & Administration for Community Living, October 2017-2020

- Three-year, \$1,110,602 grant to increase services to older adults at risk for dementia in the community

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work, Dissertation Fellow, August 2018-August 2019

- One year, \$1800 (\$1200 AGESW & \$600 Academic Institution) grant to attend pre-conference AGESW dissertation fellow training at annual GSA meeting and ongoing training throughout academic year

Summer Statistics Institute, University of Texas, May 2019

- Doctoral Student award (\$500) to attend Data Analysis and Survey Design Training

Online Faculty Institute, Baylor University, May-August 2018

- Five-week training program (\$600): Training for online teaching at the graduate level including effective course design, assessment, class preparation, and creating a community of student learners.

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Social Work Clinical Practice Experience

Amazing Place, Houston, Texas, January 2014- May 2018

Faith Care Connection Project Director

- Successfully secured three-year, \$1,110,602 grant to increase services to older adults at risk for dementia in the community
- Composed and submitted grant proposal for Administration on Aging and Administration for Community Living Alzheimer's Disease Initiative
- Compiled literature review and research documents for grant
- Facilitate training and implementation of new software program and fidelity of evaluation instruments
- Develop three-year strategic plan, work plan, and evaluation plan

Amazing Place Continued, Houston, Texas, January 2014- May 2018

Family Services Director

- Trained Clinical Assessment Team Members
- Developed and Implemented productivity tracking system for clinical team
- Conducted psychosocial and cognitive assessments to determine eligibility for center
- Utilized evidence-based practice to effectively counsel participants and their families
- Facilitated and participated in interdisciplinary consensus meeting in order to communicate and discuss participants psychosocial needs
- Planned and facilitated family care conferences to address various aspects of adjustment such as service plans, psychosocial issues, and disease progression
- Provided grief counseling to participants and families experiencing dementia/memory loss, grief, loss, and bereavement issues
- Provided crisis intervention to participants and family/caregivers to facilitate adjustment to diagnosis and/or changes in prognosis
- Educated team members on diagnosis and behavioral interventions
- Participated as Liaison between Amazing Place and community resources such as Assisted Living, Home Health Care, Home Hospice, and Complete Care Retirement Communities
- Lead psychoeducational support groups: Powerful Tools for Caregivers and Stress Busting for Caregivers

UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, June 2011- January 2014

Social Work Counselor;

- Conducted thorough psychosocial needs assessments and formulates treatment plans.
- Utilized evidence based theoretical frameworks to effectively counsel and assist cancer patients and their families.
- Participated in interdisciplinary rounds in order to communicate and discuss patients with complicated issues with their treatment or psychosocial issues affecting their treatment.
- Planned and facilitated family care conferences to address various aspects of treatment.
- Provided grief counseling to patients and families experiencing cancer, grief, loss, and bereavement issues.
- Educated patients and families about Advance Directives and engages in Advanced Care Planning.
- Educated patients and families on how to access and utilize available resources and support through The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center as well as throughout the community.
- Provides crisis intervention to patients and family/caregivers to facilitate adjustment to cancer diagnosis and/or changes in prognosis.
- Chair of the Staff Development Committee: maintained ongoing educational programs and CEU opportunities within The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.
- Actively participated in 6 additional committees: Welcome Committee, Professional Development Model, Institutional Compliance Government Insurance, Conference Attendance, Adult Memorial Service, and Research Committee.
- Lead CLIMB® parent support group.
 - *Formulated developmentally appropriate curriculum to include child development, communication with children in age-appropriate ways, and children's age specific grief reactions.*
- Developed and co-lead a cancer support connection group
- Developed and lead a caregiver support group
- Developed and implemented spiritual care group for social work counselors

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Professional Membership and Leadership Experience

- Association for Gerontology Education
 - **AGESW/GSA Pre-Dissertation Fellow**
- Gerontological Society of America
- Society for Social Work and Research
- Council for Social Work Education
 - Doctoral Student Volunteer APM 2017
- Journal of Religion, Spirituality, and Aging
 - Peer-Reviewer
- The International Journal of Aging and Human Development
 - Peer-Reviewer
- Societies
 - Peer-Reviewer
- Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement advisory council, Interim Healthcare
- Health Professional Advisory Board, Amazing Place
- Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care
 - Committee member for National Conference Planning Committee 2012-2013
- North American Association of Christian Social Workers
 - Abstract Review Committee 2013-2015, Conference Planning Committee 2013-2014
- Chair, UT MD Anderson Department of Social Work Staff Development Committee 2012-2014
- Clinical Social Work Field Instructor 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2017-2018
- Clinical Supervisor, 2017-Present

Licensure

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Texas #55187, Renewal Date: May 31, 2021
Licensed Clinical Social Work Supervisor

Publications

Garrison, B. (2017). Forget memory: Creating better lives for people with dementia by Anne Davis Basting. *Journal of Religion, Spirituality & Aging*, 29(4), 322–323. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15528030.2017.1365327>

Professional Presentations

How Easy is it? Barriers and Facilitators of Evidence-Based Practice in Social Work
(Accepted Oral Paper) January 2020: Society for Social Work and Research

Keeping Faith Alive: Advancing the Next Generation of Religious and Spirituality Inquiry in Gerontology
(Accepted Symposium) November 2019: Gerontological Society of America

The Last Month of Life: An Exploratory Review of the National Health and Aging Trends Study
(Accepted Poster) November 2019: Gerontological Society of America

Planning for transitions in Caregiving
(Invited Podium) November 2019: Care Partners Caregiver Conference

Student Perspectives of an online Ph.D. program: Challenges and Opportunities
(Accepted Panel presentation) October 2019: Council on Social Work Education

Effective Communication in Dementia Caregiving
(Podium) September 2018: CarePartners Caregiver Conference

Ethical Decision Making for Professionals: Balancing Safety and Autonomy
(Podium) May 2018: Alzheimer's Association Professional Conference: Ending the Silence

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Professional Presentations Continued

Shining a light on Dementia

(Podium) January 2017: St. Vincent de Paul; April 2017: Hope and Healing Center; June 2017: Houston Continuity of Care

Early Stage Dementia and Strategies for Navigating the Dementia Journey

(Podium) January 2017: Houston Psychological Association

Early Stage Dementia and Strategies for Navigating the Dementia Journey

(Podium) October 2016: Interfaith Caregivers Conference; November 2016: UT Health Science Center

Strategies for Navigating the Dementia Journey

(Podium) April 2016: St. Michael's Adult Education Center

Creating Caregiver Support Programs

(Podium) February 2016: Mental Health America of Greater Houston

Supporting Families through Chronic Illness

(Podium) February 2015: Health Professional Advisory Committee

Long term care planning for caregivers

(Podium) March 2014: Amazing Place Houston

Out of the Dark and Into the Light: Normalizing Caregiver Shame and Guilt

(Poster) October 2013: Society of Social Work Leadership in Healthcare (SSWLHC)

Integrating Mind-Body Interventions into Clinical Practice and Healing the Spirit

(Poster) June 2013: Association of Oncology Social Workers (AOSW); October 2013: SSWLHC

The Parent CLIMB Support Group: Empowering Adult Patients to Maintain Balance as they Parent through the Cancer Experience

(Poster) April 2013: UT MD Anderson: 2nd Annual Medical Social Work Conference; June 2013: AOSW; October 2013: SSWLHC

Living well with Myeloma: Latest Expert Advice for Living well with Myeloma

(Panel and Video Interviews) March 2013: UT MD Anderson: Multiple Myeloma Opportunities for Research and Education Town Meeting

Reason to Hope: The Survivor's Panel

(Panel) March 2013: UT MD Anderson: Eyes on a cure: Patient and Caregiver Symposium

Clinical Social Work Practice: The Real Deal

(Panel) February 2013: University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association

Coping with Cancer: Tips and Tools for patients and Caregivers

(Podium) June 2012: Houston Myeloma Group

Social Work: Sowing the Seeds of Caring, Integrity, and Discovery through Education

(Poster) June 2012: UT MD Anderson Cancer Center Education Week

Charting a New Course in Oncology Social Work: Integrating Guided Imagery into Clinical Practice

(Poster) May 2012: AOSW:28TH Annual AOSW Conference

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Integrating Mind-Body Interventions into Clinical Practice

(Podium) March 2012: UT MD Anderson Cancer Center: First Annual Social Work Conference

A Contextual View: Latino Adolescent/Young Adults with Cancer

(Podium) April 2011: UT MD Anderson Cancer Center: Social Work Department

Health Disparities of Native Americans in Texas

(Poster) May 2010: University of Houston: Multicultural Practice

A Multi-Cultural context for Health Literacy and Communication

(Paper) July 2010: UT MD Anderson Cancer Center Health Disparities Conference

How Insurance Status Affects Access to Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

(Poster) December 2009: University of Houston: Foundation Research Poster Conference