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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Master of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania, 1996
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Dayton, 1994

CREDENTIALS

- Licensed Social Worker (LSW), State of Ohio, S23141
- Passed Ohio Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) exam
- APPQMR (Applying the Quality Matters Rubric) certification

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- The University of Akron, BSW Coordinator, Associate Instructor, & Pending Advisor
2008-current
 - Provide academic advising for all pending social work majors; monitor applications to become a full major; maintain student's files and tracking pending status; teach 2 social work courses each semester; field liaison
- Area Agency on Aging, PSA2, PASSPORT Case Manager
2007-2008
 - Case management services for older adults on the PASSPORT program; assess and refer clients to additional programs and services as needed
- The University of Dayton, Instructor
2002-2007
 - Full-time, temporary contract to teach 3 undergraduate social work classes per semester; student advising related to continuing toward MSW
- Castle Knoll, Social Work Consultant
2002-2004
 - Review practice of Social Service Designee to ensure standards of care; creation and review of forms and policies to ensure compliance with federal, state, and accreditation standards and regulations; referral and coordination of addition of new hospice provider

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- Dayspring, Director of Social Services
1998-2002
 - Emotional support for residents and families; coordinate and education residents and staff about Medicare, Medicaid, and other community resources; community education and marketing; social history and assessments; advance directives education and completion
- Focus Care, Child & Youth Therapist
1997-1998
 - Individual and family brief therapy for minors aged 5-17 years; created contract for counseling services with institutionalized female victims of abuse and neglect
- Vencor Hospice, Social Worker and Team Leader
1996-1997
 - Interim interdisciplinary Team Leader; coordinated services; provided counseling and emotional support for patients and families; utilized community resources; completed intakes and assessments; volunteer training

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- *#emailisfordinosaur: Using technology in academic advising for student success* (accepted), BPD Annual Conference, March 2017
- *Using Roles to Empower Learners in Online Discussions*, 4th Quality Matters Consortium Annual Members Meeting, May 2016
- *Addressing Student Readiness for Field Education: A Model of Proactive Advising*, lead presenter, BPD Annual Conference, April 2016
- *Aging in Place: Competency Driven Practice with Older Adults*, co-presenter, BPD Annual Conference, April 2016
- *Active Learning When No One is Watching*, NEXT Conference, February 2016
- *Student/Faculty Discussion Panel*, NEXT Conference, February 2016
- *Creating a Catalyst for Aging in Place: Competency Driven Practice for Work with Older Adults*, NASW Ohio Annual Conference, November 2015
- *It's What We Do: The Relationship and Student Success*, co-presenter, UNM Mentoring Conference, October 2013
- *Empowering Persons with Disabilities: A Call to Action*, co-presenter, NASW Ohio Annual Conference, November 2012
- *Roving Eyes in the Workplace...Ethical? Let's See*, co-presenter, Community Support Services, 2012
- *Ethics in the Workplace: Everyday, Everywhere, Even at the Coffee Station*, co-presenter, Community Support Services, 2011

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- *Transitions in a Shared Advising System: Stuck in the Middle with You*, NACADA National Conference, 2010
- *Feminist Gerontology and Community Practice*, NASW Ohio Annual Conference, 2004
- *Jane Addams and Functionalist Social Work Practice*, NASW Ohio Region 7, 2003
- *Jane Addams and the Beginnings of Social Work*, 29th Annual Richard R. Baker Philosophy Colloquium, 2002

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATION

- International Presentation Paper Published in the 2013 Conference Proceedings/*Conference-Refereed*
 - **Thornton, M.**, White, N., Spence, M., & Thomas, B. *It's What We Do: The Relationship and Student Success*. 6th Annual Mentoring Conference: Impact and Effectiveness of Developmental Relationships, Albuquerque, NM, October 29-November 1, 2013

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- NEXT Conference Steering Committee (founding member)
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD)
- National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)
 - Region 5 Faculty Representative, 2010