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EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas/ St. Catherine University

Doctorate in Social Work

The Quest for Inclusive Cultural Competence in Social Work Education **2017**

University of Michigan **2007**

Masters of Social Work

Concentration: Social Policy & Evaluation, Focus: Children & Youth

University of Alaska, Fairbanks **2000**

Bachelors of Arts, Social Work

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Department of Social Work

Statewide Rural Cohort Coordinator **2009- present**

Clinical Professor **2021-present**

Lead faculty for courses:

- Social Welfare History
- Social Work Policies & Issues
- Child Abuse and Neglect

Additional courses taught:

- Rural Social Work
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
- Social Work Practice I

Online course development:

- Social Welfare History
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Social Welfare Policy and Practice
- Rural Social Work update
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (in process)

Department Chair

2011-2021

<i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>	2015- 2021
<i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	2009- 2015
<i>Adjunct Lecture</i> Ethics, Values and Social Work Practice	Spring 2008/Fall 2009
University of Alaska, Anchorage, School of Social Work	
<i>Adjunct Lecture</i> Social Policy for Advanced Generalist Practice	Spring 2017/2018

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Court Mediator- Private Contractor State of Alaska, Alaska Court System	2018- present
Guardian Ad Litem- Private Contractor State of Alaska, Office of Public Advocacy	2011-2019
Court Appointed Special Advocate State of Alaska, Office of Public Advocacy	2010-2011
Social Worker III, Team Decision Maker Facilitator State of Alaska, Office of Children’s Services	2008 –2009
Social Worker II, Permanency Planning Unit State of Alaska, Office of Children’s Services	2007–2008
Social Caseworker II, Permanency Unit State of Rhode Island, Department of Children, Youth & Families	2004-2005

SCHOLARSHIP

Brocius, H. L., Demientieff, L. M., Renfro, C., & George Bettisworth, R. B. (2019). A Grow Your Own Approach in Social Work: Shaping Alaska’s Workforce. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*.

George-Bettisworth, R. (2019). Social issue: A persuasive speech. In L. Hitchcock, M. Sage, & N.J. Smyth. *Teaching Social Work with Digital Technology*. Alexandria, VA: CSWE Press.

George-Bettisworth, R. (2019). Twitter State-of-the-State. In L. Hitchcock, M. Sage; & N.J. Smyth. *Teaching Social Work with Digital Technology*. Alexandria, VA: CSWE Press

George-Bettisworth, Retchenda. (2017). The Quest for Inclusive Cultural Competence in Social Work Education. Retrieved from Sophia, the St. Catherine University repository website: <https://sophia.stkate.edu/dsw/6>

George-Bettisworth, R. & Swedburg, A. (2016). Measuring the Level of Preparedness for Assisting Human Trafficking Victims in Alaska. *Honors Student Thesis Project*

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Yang, J., Simmons, L., Rouland, R., Bencomo, B., George-Bettisworth, R., (November 2020). *Antiracism: Learning from Social Work's History and Planning for the Future*. Presented at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting. Virtual Conference.

Trawver, K., George-Bettisworth, R.B., Allen, M. (September 2019). *Social Work Education in Alaska: Past, Present, and Future*. Presented at the National Association of Social Worker's- Alaska Chapter Bi-annual Conference. Juneau, AK.

Atkins, C., Silva-Johnson, T., Carlisle, C., Trawver, K., & George-Bettisworth, R. (April 2019). *Student Perspectives on Alaska Native Disproportionality in Child Welfare in Alaska*. Panel Presentation at National Indian Child Welfare Association Annual Conference. Albuquerque, NM.

Trawver, K., George Bettisworth, R. B., Guay, K., & Sandevol, T. (June 2018). *Sustaining Alaska's Public Child Welfare Workforce Development: An Overview and Lessons Learned*. NCWWI Annual Grant Meeting. Presented at National Child Welfare Workforce Institute. Chicago, IL.

Wong, W. & George-Bettisworth, R. (April 2018). *Building Resilience in Changing Times through Pursuit of Cultural Competencies: Enhancing Child Welfare Worker Education and Retention*. Paper presented at Child Welfare League of America National Conference. Washington D.C.

Stotzer, R. Allen, M.D., George-Bettisworth, R., Gough, H. (April 2018). *Social Justice for Indigenous and Rural Peoples through Social Work Distance Education*. Paper presented at Social Work Distance Education Conference. San Antonio, TX.

Malczyk, B. & George-Bettisworth, R (April 2018). *Distance education innovations in context: Using technology to reach rural students.* Paper presented at Social Work Distance Education Conference. San Antonio, TX.

Brocius, H., George-Bettisworth, R., Swisher, K. (January 2017). *Growing Our Own: Success in Distance BSW Education in Alaska*. Paper presented at Baccalaureate Program Directors Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.

George-Bettisworth, R. (July 2016). *Cultural Competence through Distance Education*. Paper presented at the National Institute for Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas Annual Conference. El Paso, TX.

Black, J., Demientieff, L., Frank, A., George-Bettisworth, R., Gifford, V., Renes, S., Roberts, L. (June 2016). *Alaska's Commitment: Growing our own culturally attuned behavioral health workforce*. Panel presentation at National Association of Rural Mental Health Conference. Portland, ME.

Demientieff, L., George Bettisworth, R., Gifford, V. M., Renes, S., Roberts, L. (October 2015). *Uniting and Sustaining Pathways into Health Professions: Overview and highlights of*

Alaska's progress for "growing our own" sustainable, culturally attuned behavioral health workforce. Panel Presentation at Pathways into Health. Seattle, WA.

George-Bettisworth, R., McEachern, D. (July 2015). *Rural and Indigenous Academic Pathway.* Paper presented at National Institute for Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas Annual Conference. Vermillion, SD.

Coleman, R., George-Bettisworth, R., Locklear, C., Migas, S., Vizina-Roubal, J. (April 2015). *Real Voices from an Online DSW Program: A Student Perspective of a Supportive Learning Community.* Paper presented at Social Work Distance Education Conference. Indianapolis, IN.

George-Bettisworth, R. Trawver, K. (November 2013). *Bridging Social Work Education Across Programs: A Roundtable Discussion.* Roundtable presented at Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Dallas, TX.

Dementieff, L., George-Bettisworth, R., Swisher, K. (September 2012). *The Resources of Rural Alaska: Viewing Potential Challenges as Strengths.* Paper presented at National Association of Social Workers, Alaska Chapter Conference. Anchorage, AK.

McEachern, D., George-Bettisworth, R. (October 2010) *The UAF Behavioral Health Pipeline.* Paper presented at National Association of Social Workers, Alaska Chapter Conference. Fairbanks, AK

George-Bettisworth, R. (October 2010). *Growing our Own; the BSW Cohort Model.* Paper presented at National Association of Social Workers, Alaska Chapter Conference. Fairbanks, AK

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Course Spotlight (October 2020). *SWK 305: Social Welfare History.* UAF eCampus. Webinar.

Roundtable Participant (February 2017). *Teaching about ICWA.* National Child Welfare Workforce Initiative- University Partnerships. Webinar

Panel Participant (November 2012). *Guardian ad Litem: Collaboration for a Child's Best Interest.* Tanana Chiefs Tribal Family and Youth Specialists Annual Fall Conference. Fairbanks, AK.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored Project

\$ 735,000: National Child Welfare Workforce Institute, University Partnerships, 2014-2019
Trawver, K. (PI), George-Bettisworth, R. (Co-PI)

\$3,000.00: University of Alaska Anchorage, Behavioral Health Grant

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department of Social Work

George-Bettisworth, CV 2020

Rural Cohort Coordinator	2009-present
Outside Field Supervisor for Field Practicum Student	2017-present
Faculty Advisor, Organization of Student Social Workers	2017-present
Department Chair	2011-2021
Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Honor Society	2017-2021
Coordinated community screening and discussion of documentary film “Dawnland”	2019
Chair, Assistant/Associate Professor Search Committee	2018-2019
Interim Field Director	2017-018
Chair, Assistant Professor/Field Director Search Committee	2017-2018
Chair, Assistant/Associate Professor Search Committee	2014-2015
Chair, CSWE Reaffirmation Self-Study	2016-2023

University

UA Faculty Alliance Modality Subcommittee	2020-2021
Chair, Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Distance Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-Chair, University & System Issues subcommittee ○ Co-Chair, Resource & Support subcommittee 	2029-2021
Doctoral Committee Member, L.W.	2020-2021
Interdisciplinary Studies Committee Member, C. B.	2020-present
UA Statewide Behavioral Alliance Steering Committee	2019-2021
UAF Social Work Department Representative, UA Statewide Behavioral health Alliance	2016-2021, 2009-2013
Program Review Faculty Committee	2019-2020
Partnered with UAF Veteran’s Office to coordinate campus wide screening and discussion of “Visions of Warriors”	2017
Faculty Representative, Chancellors Search Committee	2016-2017
Panel Member, Planning for Promotion and Tenure and Career Success Workshop	2016
Faculty Representative, Chancellors Search Committee	2015-2016

Provost Academic Leadership Institute	2015-2016
Term Assistant Professor of Sociology Search Committee	2014
Honors Mentor, A.S. Early Education Major	2013-2016
Co-Chair, Interdisciplinary Rural Indigenous Academic Pathway	2013-2014
Representative for Applied Programs, CLA, Faculty Senate	2011-2013
CLA Applied Programs Representative, Curricular Affairs Committee	2011-2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CSWE Accreditation Site Visitor	2021- present
Critical Race Scholars Steering Committee	2021- present
Critical Race Scholars in BSW Programs, Co-Chair	2021-present
Peer Reviewer, <i>Journal of Comparative Social Work</i>	2021
Peer Reviewer, Child Welfare Compendium	2020-2021
Member CSWE Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity	2017-2020
Peer Reviewer for <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>	2020
External reviewer for faculty promotion file- University of Wyoming	2019
External reviewer for faculty promotion file- Portland State University, School of Social Work	2019
External reviewer for faculty promotion file- University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work.	2019
Council on Social Work Education APM Proposal Phase I Peer Reviewer	2018, 2015, 2014, 2012
Field Supervisor, MSW Student from Kent School of Social Work	2017-2018
Peer Reviewer for Cognella Inc., of draft chapters of <i>Documents of American Social Welfare History</i>	2017
Peer Reviewer for <i>Journal of Evaluation and Program Planning</i> .	2017, 2016, 2015
External reviewer for faculty tenure promotion file- University of Hawaii, Manoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work	2015

Baccalaureate Program Directors, Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer 2018, 2014

PUBLIC SERVICE

Fairbanks North Star Borough Health and Social Services Commission

- Chair 2020-present
- Vice-Chair 2018-2020
- Member 2014-present

Collaborated with Fairbanks Wellness Coalition, to screen documentary “Paper Tigers” and “Resilience: The Biology of Stress and The Science of Hope” at Resiliency Film Festival 2018

Member, Fairbanks Wellness Coalition 2017-2018

Boy Scouts of America, Citizen of the Year Banquet Planning Committee Fall 2016

Board member, Friends of Alaska CASA 2013- 2017

- Children’s Needs Committee Chair 2014-2019
- Social Media Committee Chair 2013-2014
- Diversity and Recruitment Committee 2014-2015

Trainer, Knowing Who You Are 2012 –2017

Trainer, Cultural Competence for Working with Native Families, Alaska CASA Program 2010-2013

Norther Region, Quality Assurance Team, Office of Children’s Services 2009-2011

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Robert Piacenza Award for Outstanding Teaching 2020

UNAC Travel Award 2019, 2017, 2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Influencing Social Policy 2019- present

Critical Race Scholars in Social Work Network 2019-present

- Critical Race Scholars in BSW Programs 2020-present

Council on Social Work Education 2010-present

National Indian Child Welfare Association 2012- present

Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors 2012- 2019, 2009

Society for Social Work Research

2015

Licensed Master of Social Work, State of Alaska

2008-2011