

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Texas Tech University
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Tenure Status: Tenured
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2004	Ph.D., University of Georgia
1996	M.S.W., University of Georgia
1990	B. A. Social Welfare, Texas Tech University

CURRENT LICENSING

August 2004 – present Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) TX #18245

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Lowe, L.A. & Medina, V. (2010). Service learning collaboration: A formula for reciprocity. *Families in Society, 91*(2).doi:10.1606/1044-3894.3970
- Jones, C.D., Chancey, R., Lowe, L.A., & Risler, E. (2010). Residential treatment for sexually abusive youth: An assessment of treatment outcomes. *Research on Social Work Practice, 20*(2), 172-182. doi: 10.1177/1049731509333349
- Karp, T., Gale, R., Lowe, L. A., Medina, V., & Beutlich, E. (2010). Generation NXT: Building young engineers with LEGO's. *IEEE Transactions on Education, 53*(1), 80-87. doi: 10.1109/TE.2009.2024410.
- Lowe, L. A. & Clark, J. (2009). Learning about social work research through service-learning. *Journal of Community Engagement & Scholarship, 2*(1), 50-59.
- Lowe, L.A. & Bohon, S.A. (2008). Specialized social work education: The case for social work with offenders. *Families in Society, 89*(2), 293-301. doi:10.1606/1044-3894.3745
- Lowe, L.A., Jones, C.D. & Banks, L. (2007). Preventing dating violence in public schools: An evaluation of an interagency collaborative program for youth. *Journal of School Violence, 6*(3), 69-87. doi:10.1300/J202v06n03_05
- Jones, C. D., Lowe, L. A., Risler, E. A. (2004). The effectiveness of wilderness adventure therapy programs with youth involved in the juvenile justice system. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth, 22* (2), 53-67. doi:10.1300/J007v22n02_04

- Risler, E. A., Lowe, L. A., & Nackerud, L. (2003). Defining social work: Does the working definition work today? *Research on Social Work Practice, 13*, 299-309.
doi:10.1177/1049731503013003005
- Lowe, L. A. (1998). Using the child behavior checklist in assessing conduct disorder: Issues of reliability and validity. *Research on Social Work Practice, 8*(3), 286-301.
doi:10.1177/104973159800800303

Other Scholarly Writing

- Lowe, L.A. (2009). Voices from the Field: Juvenile Probation/Parole Specialist (pps. 144-145) in Maschi, T., Bradley, C., & Ward, K. (eds.) *Forensic Social Work: Psychosocial and Legal Issues in Diverse Practice Settings*. New York, NY: Springer.

Book Reviews

- Lowe, L. A. (2001). Book Review of: Szuchman, L. T. & Thomlison, B. (2000). Writing with Style: APA Style for Social Work. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. *Research on Social Work Practice, 11*, 405-406.

Grants and Contracts

- “Integrated Outreach, Mentoring and Placement of Texas Youth in Engineering Careers” – Funded by Texas Technology Workforce Development Grants Program -2006. Amount of award: \$94,741. Project Leaders: Richard Gale & Tanja Karp. Project Evaluation: Laura Lowe. Description of contribution: participation from initial grant proposal through completion of evaluation report for first phase.
- “Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Safe Relationship Program in Altering Sexual Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behavior in Adolescents” – Funded by Safe Relationships Network of Gainesville, Georgia - 2004. Co-PIs: Laura Lowe, Chris Jones, Leon Banks, & Larry Nackerud. Amount of award: \$15,000. Description of contribution: participation from initial proposal to completion of evaluation report.

Conference Presentations & Papers

- Lowe, L.A. Reciprocal opportunity: Service learning in a hospice. (March 27, 2009). Paper presented to the 1st Annual Texas Tech University System Engagement Conference: Lubbock, Texas.
- Lowe, L.A., Medina, V., Gale, R. & Karp, T. BEST way to the NXT Step. (February 28-29, 2008). Paper presented to the 3rd Annual Technology and Workforce Development Workshop: 2008 Best Practices Conference: Recruiting and Retaining Engineering and Computer Science Students: Dallas, Texas.
- Lowe, L.A., Medina, V., Gale, R. & Karp, T. Engineering can be fun. (February 1-2, 2008). Poster presentation at On Being an Engineer: Cognitive Underpinnings of Engineering Education Conference: Lubbock, Texas.
- Gale, R., Karp, T., Lowe, L.A. & Medina, V. Generation NXT (November 9-11, 2007). Paper presented to: Meeting the Growing Demand for Engineers and Their Educators 2010-2020: Munich, Germany.
- Jones, C.D., Chancey, R., & Lowe, L.A. Residential treatment for youth: Assessment of change in functional impairment and sexual interest. Paper presented to the 21st Annual

- Conference of the National Adolescent Perpetrator's Network: Atlanta, Georgia.
- Lowe, L.A. & Risler, E. A. Social work practice with offenders: An assessment of attitudes and experiences. Paper presented to the 21st Annual Conference of the National Organization of Forensic Social Work: Tampa, Florida.
- Jones, C. D., Banks, L. & Lowe, L. A. An evaluation of a dating violence prevention program in Georgia. Paper presented to the 21st Annual Conference of the National Organization of Forensic Social Work: Tampa, Florida.
- Jones, C. D., Lowe, L. A., Risler, E. A. The effectiveness of wilderness adventure therapy programs with youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Paper presented to the 20th Annual Conference of the National Organization of Forensic Social Work: Phoenix, AZ.

TEACHING

Recent Teaching Responsibilities

- Social Work 3311 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Systems. A systems, ecology, and strengths perspective for examining the person-environment-in-interaction with emphasis on systemic related behaviors, populations-at-risk, and diversity. Student evaluations for spring 2009, on a 5 point scale, M = 4.73 (SD = .16).
- Social Work 3312 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Lifespan. A systems, ecology, and strengths perspective for understanding human behavior with emphasis on interaction between biological, social, emotional, and cultural systems across the life-span. Student evaluations for spring 2009, on a 5 point scale, M=4.89 (SD=.05).
- Social Work 3339 – Social Work Research and Evaluation. Introduction to the cycle and process of social work knowledge building through the scientific approach. Emphasis on designs for evaluation of programs and individual practice. Student evaluations for spring 2009, on a 5 point scale, M=4.51 (SD=.32).

Awards

- Service Learning Faculty Fellow Award (Mentor) – 2007-2008.
- Service Learning Faculty Fellow Award (Fellow) – 2006-2007. The faculty fellows program is meant to support faculty in the development and implementation of a service-learning course as well as in producing scholarship related to the course.

SERVICE

Committee Work

- Fall 2004 to Present
 Social Work Division Faculty Committee
 Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
 Chair: Helen Morrow
- Fall 2005 to Present
 Community Advisory Committee
 Social Work Division
 Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
- Fall 2005 to Spring 2009
 Service Learning Advisory Council

Teaching Learning and Technology Center
Spring 2006 to Spring 2008
Faculty Mentor
McNair Scholar's Program
Fall 2006 to Spring 2008
Personnel Committee
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Fall 2006 to Spring 2007
Sociology Search Committee
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Chair: Charlotte Dunham

Service Presentations

- Lowe, L.A. (2011, Spring). Making a bigger splash: Increasing the impact of your teaching with service learning. Teaching, Learning, & Technology, Texas Tech University.
- Laverie, D., Arrellano, I., & Lowe, L.A. (2009, Fall). An introduction to service learning. 5th Annual Jumpstart Program. Teaching, Learning, & Technology, Texas Tech University.
- Lowe, L.A. (2007, Fall). Spotlight on service learning. Presentation to Deans.
- Meaney, K.S., Arellano, I., Lowe, L.A., Tedeschi, C. (2007, Fall). Service learning and the non-profit sector. Panel presentation at the 26th Annual Center for Public Service Conference: Lubbock, Texas.
- Duran, C., Elbow, G., Lowe, L., Mercer, M. & McDonald, B. (2007, Spring). Learning in community: A faculty perspective. Pre-conference panel discussion at the 3rd Annual Teaching and Learning Conference: Texas Tech University.

Community Presentations

- Evaluating Research for the Layperson, American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support Group, Lubbock, Texas, September 2009.
- Introduction to Working with Juvenile Sex Offenders, Juvenile Justice Association of Texas Conference, Lubbock, Texas, October 2007.
- Juveniles who Sexually Abuse, Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center, April 2006.
- Juveniles who Sexually Abuse, West Texas Juvenile Chiefs Association, March 2006.
- Research Methods Review, Texas Tech University, Fall, 2004 & Spring 2005.
- Data Reduction through Factor Analysis, University of Georgia, October, 2003.
- Group Work with Juvenile Sex Offenders, University of Georgia, January, 2001.
- Social Work with Juvenile Delinquents, University of Georgia, April, 2000.
- Adolescent Sex Offenders, University of Georgia, October, 1999.
- Group Work with Juvenile Delinquents, Annual Conference for Field Instructors, University of Georgia School of Social Work, April, 1999.
- Sex Offender Dynamics and Treatment Issues, Alcove, Monroe, Ga., February 1998.
- Group Therapy with Adolescent Sex Offenders, University of Georgia, August 1997.
- Treatment of Adolescents with Sexual Aggression, University of Georgia, August 1997.

Professional Reviews

- Serve as guest reviewer for Research on Social Work Practice published by Sage Publications.
- Kirst-Ashman, K.K. (2000). *Human behavior, communities, organizations and groups in the macro social environment: An empowerment approach*. Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole. April, 2006.
- Popple, P. R. & Leighninger, L. (2002). *Social work, social welfare, and American society* (6th ed.). Boston: Allyn & Bacon. February, 2006.

Reports

- Jones, C.D., Banks, L., & Lowe, L.A. (2004). *Safe Relationships Program Evaluation Phase II: Final Report* (37 pages). Athens, GA: University of Georgia, School of Social Work.
- Hired by an interagency collaboration, we conducted an evaluation of a school programming effort addressing healthy dating and sexual relationships among high-school aged youth in Gainesville, Georgia. This effort resulting in a journal publication, “*Preventing dating violence in public schools: An evaluation of an interagency collaborative program for youth*” as well as a conference presentation, “*An evaluation of a dating violence prevention program in Georgia*”.

OTHER SOCIAL WORK EMPLOYMENT

November 2003 – June 2004	<u>Therapist</u> , Barrow County Project Pathfinders Program Family Relations, Gainesville, Georgia.
July 1997 – June 2004	<u>Contract Therapist</u> , Walton and Newton County Georgia Juvenile Courts, Monroe, Georgia.
September 2001-August 2002	<u>Treatment Coordinator West</u> , Right Track Program: Community Connections, Athens, Georgia.
March 1997 – August 1999	<u>Intensive Supervision Director</u> , Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, Monroe, Georgia.
November 1993-May 1995	<u>Community Placement Specialist</u> , Lubbock State School: State of Texas, Lubbock, Texas.
January - November 1993	<u>Social Worker III</u> , Community Services Division: Lubbock State School, Lubbock, Texas.
June 1991 - November 1992	<u>Volunteer Coordinator/Children's Advocate</u> , Williamson County Crisis Center, Round Rock, Texas
August 1990 - May 1991	<u>VISTA Volunteer</u> , ACTION, Austin, Texas.