

**AMANDA WEST, PhD, LCSW**

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**EDUCATION**

PhD	2014	University of Utah, College of Social Work, Salt Lake City, Utah.  <i>Dissertation: Invisible Children: An Exploratory Examination of Child Trafficking in the United States</i>
MSW	1999	University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work, Denver, Colorado.
BA	1995	University of Colorado at Denver. Major: Sociology/English

**LICENSURE**


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Licensed Clinical Social Worker	2002 - Present	Colorado	#992847
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	2016 – Present	Illinois	#149.018602

**EMPLOYMENT**


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2016 – Present	MSW Director of Field, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois. Major responsibilities: Administration, coordination, and development of all MSW field practicum activities, delivery of course materials, service to the university and community, production of scholarly research.
2014 – 2016	Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. Major responsibilities: Delivery of course materials and hybrid course development, production of scholarly research, pursuit and procurement of research funding, and service to the university and community.
2011-2012	Research Assistant, Utah Criminal Justice Center & Social Research Institute, College of Social Work, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. Conduct program evaluations of juvenile justice programs, implementation of qualitative and quantitative interviews, SPSS data entry, coordination of survey

participation and results, creation of literature reviews, and writing for grant submissions.

- 2012 – 2014  
Psychiatric Emergency Clinician, Children’s Hospital of Colorado, Aurora, Colorado.  
Major responsibilities: Triage and mental health evaluation of acuity and safety for emergency room patients, inpatient psychiatric hospitalization of patients, clinical treatment and disposition planning for patients and families, coordination of care with multiple healthcare providers, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and community agencies.
- 2009 - 2011  
Child and Family Outpatient Manager, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Denver, Colorado.  
Major responsibilities: Direct supervision of 12 masters level therapists, report writing, implementation and supervision of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and other evidence-based therapeutic practices, provision of trauma-focused services, management of family, individual and group therapies, supervision of graduate student social work interns.
- 2007-2009  
Child and Family Services Manager, Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network, Englewood, Colorado.  
Major responsibilities: Direct supervision of 15 masters level therapists, utilization management of inpatient and residential placements, management of home-based services, management of combined mental health and juvenile justice programming, management of family, individual and group therapies, management of ADHD clinic and Dialectical Behavior Therapy agency-wide programming.
- 2006-2007  
Inpatient Social Worker, University Neuropsychiatric Institute, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Major responsibilities: Evaluation of patients through interviews and psychosocial assessments, development of treatment and discharge plans, provision of individual, family and group therapy, advocacy for patient needs through referral sources and community resources.
- 2004 – 2007  
Private Psychotherapy Practitioner, Denver, Colorado.  
Major responsibilities: Assessment and diagnosis, trauma-focused interventions, cognitive behavioral therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, general treatment and discharge planning.
- 2002 - 2006  
Director of Navigation and Advocacy, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.  
Major responsibilities: Development and implementation of new department of multi-disciplinary outreach programs, clinical supervision, training and monitoring of clinical staff, collaboration with other senior leadership,

monitored benchmarks and performance evaluations associated with major program objectives.

Family Services Manager, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Lakewood, Colorado.

Major responsibilities: Administrative oversight of programs serving mental health needs of children and families, supervision of nine full-time clinical staff across five programs including Function Family Therapy, managed contract requirements, service utilization, negotiation and funding, oversight of hospital review team for intervention and disposition planning for highly acute clients.

Residential and Day Treatment Evaluator, Child and Family Services, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Lakewood, Colorado.

Major responsibilities: Conducted mental health evaluations, diagnostic assessment, and recovery-based treatment planning, case oversight, utilization management, service coordination and disposition planning, provided individual, family and group therapy, provided group and individual therapy under Dialectical Behavior Therapy model with adolescents and adults.

2001-2002

Adult and Child Protection Caseworker, Douglas County Human Services, Castle Rock, Colorado.

Major responsibilities: Provided crisis and ongoing casework services for individuals and families, conducted abuse and neglect investigations in accordance with state and clinical guidelines, performed institutional abuse investigations, created court reports and testified in district court, coordinated and managed services with external contracted providers.

2000-2001

Child Protection Caseworker, Jefferson County Human Services, Golden, Colorado.

Major responsibilities: Conducted assessments and evaluations of at-risk youth, executed case planning and court reports, implemented parental rights terminations, youth emancipation and out-of-home placements.

1999 - 2000

Service Coordinator, Horizons Specialized Services, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Major responsibilities: Advocated for services provided to adults with developmental disabilities, served as liaison between community members, family members and service providers, monitored implementation of individual client programs and services, investigated reports of abuse, neglect and violation of client rights.

Internships

1998 – 1999

Intake and Ongoing Caseworker, Eagle County Human Services, Eagle, Colorado.

Major responsibilities: Conducted abuse and neglect investigations, provided on-going casework for families and teens, conducted trainings for foster parents, created and implemented treatment plans.

1997 – 1998                      Therapist, Independence Pass Day Treatment, Boulder County Mental Health Center, Boulder, Colorado.  
Major responsibilities: Conducted individual and group therapy, created and implemented treatment plans, service coordination and discharge planning.

## FUNDING

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Craig, C. (2014). Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals and Paraprofessionals. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), \$1,413,150. Elder, Royse, Weeks (Co-Is).

- Activities on this grant included the provision of clinical supervision to social work graduate students establishing integrated behavioral health practices in primary health care clinics.

## GRANTS SUBMITTED

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West, A. (2014)                      Faculty Summer Stipend, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Kentucky

West, A. & Reynolds, A. (2014) Pilot Grant, College of Social Work, University of Kentucky

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**West, A. & Loeffler, D.** (2015). Victim Resistance: An exploratory study of the experiences of service providers working with victims of child trafficking. *Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk*, 6(1), article 5.

**West, A.** (2016). Child Trafficking: A concept analysis. *International Journal of Social Science Studies*. 4(5), 38-49.

**West, A.** (In press). Child Trafficking and the child welfare response. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 2(2).

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS IN REVIEW

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Miller, J. & **West, A.** (In review). Citizen review panels and child welfare decisions. *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal*.

## ONGOING SCHOLARLY PROJECTS

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**West, A.** (2016). Child Trafficking and the Dynamics of Family of Origin.

**West, A.** & Brocious, H. (2016). Provider-Based Mental Health Stigma: The Role of Social Work Education.

**West, A.** (2015-2016) Pilot Study: *Pediatric Emergency Mental Health Interventions and the Experiences and Observations of Service Providers*

#### **NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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West, A. (2016, January). Child trafficking and the bond with the trafficker. 30th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, San Diego, CA. Refereed, Accepted 8/2015.

West, A. (2016, January). Pediatric emergency mental health and the experiences of service providers. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC, Refereed, Accepted 11/2015.

West, A. (2015, July). Domestic minor human trafficking and service provider perspectives. American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. Boston, MA. Poster Presentation, Refereed, Accepted 11/2014.

West, A. (2015, March). Child trafficking: Victim resistance and implications for direct practice. Social Justice Symposium, College of Public Health, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. Conference Paper, Refereed, Accepted 2/2015.

West, A. (2014, October). Child Trafficking: Victim resistance and implications for direct practice. Council on Social Work Education annual conference. Tampa, FL. Conference Paper, Refereed, Accepted 4/2014.

West, A. (2011, March). How many social workers does it take to move a yurt? Homeless youth in Mongolia. International Social Work Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, USA. Refereed, Accepted, 01/2014.

West, A. (2010, October). Research and Homeless Youth. State University of Mongolia, Ulan Bataar, Mongolia.

#### **LOCAL PRESENTATIONS**

West, A. (2015, December). Child trafficking in the United States and service provider perspectives. College of Human & Environmental Sciences, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. Poster Presentation, Accepted 11/2015.

West, A. (August, 2013). Human Trafficking in the United States. Children's Hospital Colorado. Department of Social Work, Aurora, Colorado.

West, A. & Obermann, A. (2006) Working with traumatized children within the child welfare system. Colorado Department of Human Services, Keystone, Colorado.

### **COURSES TAUGHT AND PREPARED LECTURES**

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2015	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work	Course: Clinical Social Work Practicum MSW Track
2015	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work	Course: Assessment & Treatment Planning, MSW Track
2015	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work	Course: Evidence-Based Practice MSW track
2014	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work	Lecture: Research – Doctoral track
2014	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work	Course: Clinical Social Work Practicum MSW track
2013	University of Utah, College of Social Work	Development of trauma-informed MSW track
2012	University of Utah, College of Social Work	Course: Trauma and Social Work Practice
2012	University of Utah, College of Social Work	Lecture: Program Evaluation
2012	University of Utah, College of Social Work	Lecture: Human Trafficking in the United States
2011	University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work	Lecture: Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
2010	University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work	Lecture: International Child Welfare
2010	State University of Mongolia, School of Social Work	Lecture: Homeless Youth
2008	University of Utah, College of Social Work	Lecture: Social Work Community Practice

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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2015/2016, LGBTQ* Scholarship Committee	University of Kentucky
2015/2016, Research Committee – Chair	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work
2015/2016, Diversity Committee	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work
2015/2016, Colloquium Committee	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work
2014/2015, Diversity Committee	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work
2014/2015, Research Committee	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work
2014/2015, Search Committee – Field Coordinator	University of Kentucky, College of Social Work

2014/2015, By-Laws Committee  
2014/2015, MSW Hybrid Program Committee

University of Kentucky, College of Social Work  
University of Kentucky, College of Social Work

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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2015-2016 The Plantory	Poverty Lecture Series	Kentucky
2011-2012, University of Utah	Refugee Health Clinic	Utah
2007-2009, Douglas County Human Services	Child Protection Team	Colorado
2007-2009, Arapahoe County Human Services	Child Protection Team	Colorado
2005-2008, State of Colorado	Emergency Mental Health Responder	
2003-2005, Jefferson County Human Services	Child Protection Team	Colorado