

## **EDUCATION**

**MSW University of Illinois at Chicago** **2001**

Concentration in Community Health and Urban Development, with additional focus in Gender and Women's Studies

**B.A. Antioch College** **2007**

Degree obtained in Self, Society, and Culture with a focus in Sociology

## **Academic Experience**

**Adjunct Professor of Social Work at Northeastern Illinois University** **2011-current**

**Affiliate Faculty Member of the Gender and Women's Studies Department at Northeastern Illinois University** **2012-current**

## **Related Professional Experience**

**Program Administrator, Deborah's Place, Chicago, IL** **2008-current**

- Manage the operation of a Safe Haven housing program for chronically homeless women with severe mental illness
- Provided supervision to program staff and facilitated staff and community meetings within the Safe Haven
- Held a leadership role on the Harm Reduction and Peer Supervision Committees of Deborah's Place
- Provided clinical training and support to staff across programs at Deborah's Place

**Coordinator of EntryPoint Drop-In Program, Connections for the Homeless, Evanston, IL** **2007-2008**

- Coordinated a street outreach and drop-in program for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Provided supervision for program staff and facilitated staff meetings
- Participated in local committees regarding planning, homelessness, and housing
- Generated evaluation tools and narrative reports

**Case Manager, Better Existence with HIV, Chicago, IL**

- Maintained a high-acuity 35 client caseload.
- Obtained Ryan White and DRS case management certifications
- Completed regular client assessments and visits, both in-home and in-office.
- Updated, coordinated, and maintained the agency volunteer program

2002-2006

**Health Care Assistant, Planned Parenthood Chicago Area, Chicago, IL**

- Counseled patients and provided education about STI prevention and birth control.
- Provided options counseling for women regarding pregnancy and abortion.
- Coordinated the family planning clinic's volunteer program.

2001-2002

**Prevention and Education Program Intern, Rainbow House, Chicago IL**

- Facilitated domestic violence trainings and support groups for diverse audiences
- Represented Rainbow House at community events
- Developed curriculum and programming for the Domestic Violence Prevention Department
- Evaluated existing programming and generate reports

2006-2007

**Research Experience**

- Thesis entitled "The Crisis of Complacency: The Impact of Complacency on an AIDS Service Organization."

2001

**Academic Teaching Experience**

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
- Field Seminar
- Women's Perspectives and Values

2011

2012

**Trainings Facilitated and Areas of Expertise**

- Harm Reduction

- HIV and Women
- Homelessness and Women
- The Recovery Model
- Gender Informed Trauma Responsive Service Delivery
- Domestic Violence
- Ethics
- Social Work Practice
- Mental Health and Women
- Women and Schizophrenia

### **Affiliations/Memberships**

- Member of the Homeless Action Committee of Chicago 2010-current
- Member of the Field Advisory Committee at UIC's Jane Addams College of Social Work 2011- current

### **Interests**

- Incorporating Feminism into Social Work Practice
- Harm Reduction
- The Recovery Model
- Creating Trauma Informed services
- Domestic Violence
- Schizophrenia and Women
- Women and Homelessness