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Curriculum vitae

Seton Hall University

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**EDUCATION**

2001 J.D.

Rutgers: The State University of New Jersey

School of Law, Camden, New Jersey.

1987 M.S.W.

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey

1983 B.S.

The College of New Jersey (Trenton State College)

Trenton, New Jersey.

Criminal Justice

2nd Major: Psychology

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2007- Present:

Seton Hall University, South Orange New Jersey

2007-2011: Adjunct Social Work

2011 to Present: Fulltime Lecturer, Assistant Professor rank, Social Work

Developed Syllabi and overall course structure, administered all grades

Developed and coordinating a Forensic Social Work Concentration

Courses Taught: Theory and Practice in Forensic Social Work, Forensic Social Work in Criminal Law, Forensic Social Work in Civil Matters, Theory and Practice I & II,III, Clinical Evaluation, Administration and Supervision, Cultural Competence, Research Methods, Social Work and the Law, Family Violence, Children and Youth in Society, Introduction to Social Work, Current Issues and Trends in Social Work.

2003-2008

Essex County College, Newark New Jersey

Adjunct Instructor: Wise Women Center

Developed Syllabi and overall course structure

Courses Taught: Domestic Violence Assessment and Intervention, Love and Healthy

Relationships.

1997, 1999

Rutgers: The State University

Adjunct Instructor: Social Work New Brunswick (1997) Camden (1999)

Developed Syllabi and overall course structure, administered all grades (New Brunswick).

Courses Taught: Family violence (New Brunswick); Domestic Violence Law and Policy (Camden).

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

1997-Present

Rutgers: The State University of New Jersey

Faculty: Graduate School of Social Work, Institute for Families: New Brunswick, New Jersey

Developed Syllabi and overall course structure

Courses Taught:

Ethics in Social Work Practice

Professional Writing for Social Workers

Family Law for Social Workers

The Impact of Divorce on Families: The Legal and Emotional Intersect.

Domestic Violence

Self-care for Social Work Professionals

Legal Issues working with Children and Youth

Licensure Preparation

Faculty Special Projects:

Adult Protective Services: Courses Taught:

Post Disaster Financial Exploitation

Conflict Resolution

Faculty: New Jersey Child Welfare Training Partnership

Courses Taught:

Domestic Violence and Child Welfare Protocol

Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment: Helping Workers Develop Skills to

Help Families

Intervening with Batterers

Faculty: Center on Violence against Women and Children

Courses Taught:

The Law and Violence against Women

Financial Empowerment

Faculty: New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy

Taught Foundations Course for social workers and other professionals for certificate in Victim Assistance. Follows the model of the National Organization for Victim Assistance.

1998-2003

Rutgers: The State University of New Jersey School of Law Pro Bono Domestic Violence project.

Taught law students to provide support and advocacy for domestic violence victims in Family Court.

Facilitated an educational group for domestic violence victims participating in the Pro Bono Project.

Facilitated debriefing group for students, staff and attorneys.

2003-Present

Private Practice Attorney

Christine M. Heer. LLC, Warren, NJ

Heer & Lyons LLP, Somerville, NJ

Handled family matters utilizing litigation, mediation and collaborative processes. Also handled Adoptions, Wills and Estate planning, Ethics and Professional Responsibility matters. Of Counsel to the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women.

2001-2003

Middlesex County Legal Services Corporation. New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Staff Attorney Family Law Unit

Handled contested and uncontested dissolution, custody and parenting time, child support, and domestic violence litigation.

1995 – Present

Private Practice Clinical Social Worker

C.Heer Consultation, Warren, NJ, 2015 - Present

Bunker Hill Consultation Center, Princeton, NJ, 1995-2015

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Provided psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and families addressing a variety of clinical issues including Family Therapy, Family Violence, Trauma Recovery, Substance Abuse, and Sexual Identity concerns.

Also provided divorce and post-judgment mediation services, child custody/parenting time consultation and evaluation, and parenting coordination.

1997-2004

New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence (FKA NJCBW), Trenton, NJ

Credentialing Board Coordinator/Helpline Advocate

Responsible for management and oversight of the New Jersey Domestic Violence Specialist credentialing process.

1987-1997

Resource Center for Women and Their Families, Belle Mead, New Jersey. Program Coordinator of Education and Training

Prepared and delivered lectures and professional trainings on Domestic Violence; represented the agency in the media and provided individual and group counseling services; Served as a Field Instructor for MSW students

**AWARDS**

1999, 2000 Public Interest Law Fellowship

2000 Mary Philbrook Student Public Interest Award, Rutgers School Of Law

2001 Rutgers Domestic Violence Project Outstanding Service Award.

2001 Rutgers Pro Bono Award for Significant Service.

1994 NJLGC/Personal Liberty Fund Honor Award.

1997 New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women Award 1998 GAAMC Community Service Award

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Chapters**

1998 Heer C., Grogan, E., Clark, S., and Carson L., “Developing Services for Lesbians in Abusive Relationships: A Macro and Micro Approach" In *Battered Women and Their Families*, Roberts, A. (Ed.) Springer Publishing Co. (New York).

2009 Heer, C. “Understanding Civil and Criminal Law” In *Forensic Social Work: Psychosocial and Legal Issues in Diverse Practice Settings*, Maschi, T., Bradley, C., and Ward, K. (Eds.) Springer Publishing Co. (New York).

**Journal Articles**

2019 Corrigan, M.J. & Heer, C.M. Predictive Validity Test of The Adolescent Domain Screening Inventory With An Anti-Social Adolescent Population. *Open Journal of Criminology & Sociology, 2*(2), 29-33.

1994 Almeida, R., Woods, R., Messenio, T., Font, R., Heer, C., Violence in the Lives of the Racially and Sexually Different *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy* 5(3/4) 99-126 Haworth Press (New York).

**Other Publications**

2001 “Unsafe At Home: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children – A Training Curriculum for Educators.” Rutgers: The State University of New Jersey.

2006 Heer, C. “Professional and Ethical Responsibility for Social Workers Addressing Domestic Violence, *Social Work Today* (Fall).

**MEMBERSHIPS and Committees**

New Jersey State Bar Association

National Association of Social Workers New Jersey,

Task Force Chair, 1992 – 1994; 2005

Delegate Assembly, 2007, Elected 2020

Committee on Professional Review, 2005 – 2018, Chair 2007-2013;

Personnel Committee 2005 to 2014

Legal Consultation 2001 to Present

National Association of Social Workers, Washington D.C.

Appointed, Legal Defense Fund Board 2005-2008; Vice-chair 2007-2008.

New Jersey Association of Domestic Violence Professionals. 1994 – 2010

National Organization of Forensic Social Workers 2019-Present

Council on Social Work Education 2016-Present

State of New Jersey Joint Task Force on the Co-occurrence of Domestic Violence and

Child Abuse, Appointed 2012

Governor’s Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence; Evaluation Sub Committee,

Domestic Violence and Mediation Subcommittee

Somerset, Warren Hunterdon Court Appointed Special Advocates Steering Committee;

Board Member, Chair Public Relations Committee, 2005 to 2006.

New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Rutgers School of Social Work, Continuing Education and Professional Development

Program: Appointed Post Master’s Advisory Counsel.

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals

New Jersey Collaborative Divorce Alliance 2007 - 2008

New Jersey Collaborative Law Group 2008-2013

Somerset County Family Law Inn of Court 2009-2012

American College of Forensic Examiners Institute: Member 2010

**SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

1988 - 1996: Somerset County Police Academy, Recruit Training and Advanced

Officer Training.

1988; 1994: State of New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts: Domestic

Violence.

1987-1996: Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage: Family and Municipal Court

1991: St. John's University Degree Program, Arthur Kill Prison: Stopping

Family Violence.

1991: Seton Hall Law School- Caller ID Debate: Safety Issues for DV

1991: NJ State Police Training: Diversity Awareness.

1991 to 2004: Instructor UMDNJ UBH Addictions Recovery Saturday Seminar Series.

1996-1997: NJ Division of Criminal Justice: Domestic Violence Response Teams;

1999 STOP Violence Against Women Conference.

1996: NJ Network/P.B.S., Featured expert: Domestic Violence: Faces of Fear

Hosted by Diane Sawyer.

1997 to 2004: UMDNJ Violence Institute Conference; 1999-Present, Institute on

Human Sexuality.

1997 to 2001: Silent Witness Project, Middlesex County New Jersey.

1998: Puerto Rican Congress, Domestic Violence Conference.

1998: Domestic Violence Hearing Officers Introductory Training Series.

2000 to Present: New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women Training Institute.

2001 to Present: Legal Services of New Jersey Law Student Fellowship Training

Program.

2002: Atlantic Behavioral Healthcare: Ethics and Duty of Care for Mental

Health Practitioners.

2003: National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter Conference. Therapeutic and Legal issues in the Same Sex Divorce.

2003: American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Hartford Connecticut.

Domestic Violence/Domestic Silence: The Activist Response to Shaming Rituals.

2003, 2005: Essex County Family Division: Compassion Fatigue and Family Court.

2003: NJ Administrative Office of the Courts. Diversity Training for

Judges: Domestic Violence in the LGBTI Community.

2004: Bergen County Court: Alternatives to Domestic Violence: Ethics for

Social Workers.

2004: National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter

Conference. Therapeutic and Legal issues in Domestic Partnership and Divorce.

2004: New Jersey Psychological Association, Forensic Committee: Child

Custody Evaluations and Domestic Violence.

2005, 2007, 2010: State of New Jersey: Administrative Office of the Courts: Training

Seminars for Hearing Officers and Probation Staff; Domestic Violence in Same Sex Relationships; Domestic Partnership.

2005: Institute for Continuing Legal Education: Domestic Violence

Symposium: Parental Alienation Syndrome and Battered Women’s Syndrome in Domestic Violence Cases: Myths and Facts.

2006: Institute for Continuing Legal Education: Addressing Concerns of

Same Sex Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases.

2006: NASW NJ Annual Conference: Professional and Ethical Responsibility

for Social Workers Addressing Domestic Violence.

2006: Governor’s Conference for Women, Panelist, Issues for Non

Traditional Families.

2007: New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts, Domestic Violence

Training Program.

2008: Trainer and Consultant to the PALS (Peace, A Learned Solution) State

of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families.

2008: Practising Law Institute, Children’s Law Institute New York NY

Compassion Fatigue: Why Public Servants Have an Ethical Responsibility to Manage Stress in the Workplace.

2008: NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education: Domestic Violence Issues

in Custody Matters.

2008: Private Practice Section NASW-NJ: Protecting Your Practice from

Legal Pitfalls.

2009: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, New Jersey Chapter:

Custody Neutral Assessments.

2009: Runnels Hospital “If it ain’t in writing it Didn’t Happen: Documentation

to protect you client, your agency and yourself.

2010: Victim Assistance Academy Instructor, Institute for Families, Rutgers

School of Social Work.

2011: NASW NJ Annual Conference: “Help, I just got Served with a

Subpoena,” “”Parenting Coordination Overview,” “Mediation and Collaborative Divorce: Practical Skills.”

2011: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education: Domestic

Violence Update.

2010-Present: State of New Jersey Child Welfare Training Partnership: Domestic Violence Child Welfare Protocol, Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment: Helping Workers Develop Skills to Help Families, Intervening with Batterers.

2012: Confidentiality and Privilege for University Victims and Victim Services

2014: NJ Department of Corrections: Professional Documentation for Mental Health Staff in Corrections.

2014: NASW NJ Annual Conference: Distance Counseling for Social Workers: Beginning the Conversation.

2014: Marie Garibaldi Inn of Court “Using Mediation in Domestic Violence

Matter: Issues and Cautions.”

2014 -Present: New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy: Rutgers The State University

and New Jersey Department of Criminal Justice. Lead Instructor.

2015-2017 When Disaster Threatens to Strike Twice: Protecting Yourself and

Others from Financial Exploitation.

2015: Community College Counselors Association: Professional Writing for

Licensed Professional Counselors.

2015: NASW NJ Annual Conference: The Social Worker in Court: What it

Means, What to Expect, What to Do”

2015: Administrative Office of the Courts/Institute for Continuing Legal

Education: Mediating the Economic Aspects of Divorce in Domestic Violence Matters: Lead Instructor.

2016-: New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators. Faculty,

Present Forty Hour Mediation Training. “Domestic Violence and Mediation.

2017: NASW Annual Conference: “Legal Update for Social Workers”, and “Ethics of Social Justice Advocacy in Social Work.”

2016- Rutgers: The State University- School of Social Work: LSW, LCSW

Present Exam Preparation Course Instructor

2017-Present NASW NJ Annual Conference Forensic Social Work Track Instructor