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*Social Worker, Social Work Trainer/Educator, Social Work Program Director*

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## **SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Social Work, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August, 1999 – December, 2002: Doctoral studies in social work with dissertation research on programs for children and families around the world.**

**Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada: Theoretical and applied training in social work with individuals, families and groups, clinical counseling, community development, social services administration, social policy and social planning, September 1989 – June 1991.**

**Ph.D. studies in history, social and political thought, philosophy and theology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 1983 – May 1985.**

**Master of Arts (M.A.) in Religion and Culture, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada: Graduate studies and research on problems in the interpretation of human nature and society, January 1983 – September 1983.**

**Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.), Regent College (U.B.C.), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada: Graduate studies and training in pastoral counseling and care, theology, biblical studies, philosophy and history, September 1980 – December 1982.**

**Bachelor of Arts Honours (B.A. Hons.), Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario: Undergraduate explorations in history and philosophy, the social sciences, biology and chemistry, economics and management studies, September 1976 – May 1980.**

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## **SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

***Assistant Professor of Social Work and Social Work Program Director, Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS, August 2014 - . Duties: Teaching undergraduate courses in a BSW program at a Christian liberal arts college, providing program leadership and development and guiding the program through the CSWE accreditation process.***

***Instructor in Marriage, Child Development and Family Life, St. Paul College, Mwanza, Tanzania, June-July 2016. Taught intensive courses on marriage, family life and child development in a theological/liberal arts college and conducted a pastors' seminar on marriage, family life and child development in rural Tanzania.***

***Resident Caretaker, Main Street Ministries (Women's Shelter), Hillsboro, Kansas, October 2015 – March 2016. Duties: Lived in and assisted with delivery and management of multiple programs in a shelter for homeless women and children.***

***Adult Basic Education (ABE) Instructor***, North Island College, Bella Coola, B.C., November 2013 – June 2014. Duties: Teaching English reading/writing to adult learners who are preparing for post-secondary education in a wide variety of fields.

***Instructor in Social Work***, Thompson Rivers University, Bella Coola, B.C. Canada, April 2013 – May 2014. Duties: Teaching a broad range of university courses in counseling, social work and English to Aboriginal students in a remote community.

***Instructor in Criminology***, Northwest Community College, Smithers, B.C., Canada, January – April, 2013. Duties: Teaching in the area of crime, deviance and society.

***Child Welfare Social Worker***, B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development, Bella Coola, Bella Bella, Klemtu and River's Inlet, British Columbia, March 2006 – December 2012: Duties: Delivery of social services to children and families in a group of isolated, coastal Aboriginal communities in Northwestern British Columbia. Tasks include child and youth mental health service planning and provision, adoption services, community development, assessment of family and child welfare, liaison with police services and the courts in matters of child protection, development of child and family support services, foster parent recruitment and support, individual drug and alcohol treatment planning, liaison with Aboriginal governments and social service providers, and the ongoing provision of counseling and various support services to children and families.

***Health and Social Development Coordinator***, Kwadacha First Nation, Kwadacha (Fort Ware), British Columbia, Canada, July 2003 – December 2005. Duties: Development of a health and social services department for the Kwadacha Nation as part of the Aboriginal self-government process. This included the development of a series of major proposals, the acquisition of funding and subsequent management of a large budget, as well as staff training and recruitment and the eventual overall coordination of programs in counseling and mental health, addictions prevention and treatment, services to families and children, women's programs, employment and training programs, home and community care (elder care), various programs for children and youth and community health services.

***Program Coordinator***, Downtown Mission of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, August 2000 – October 2001.

Duties: Program coordination and development for a community based social service agency serving the downtown urban poor. Research and planning of programs to serve the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in conjunction with a variety of agencies serving a similar population in London and Toronto.

***Health and Social Services Advisor***, Kaska Tribal Council, Watson Lake, Yukon, Canada, November 1998 – July 1999.

Duties: Social development planning, programming, organizing and consulting within the Aboriginal self-government process for the Kaska communities of the

**Yukon and Northern British Columbia. Program development in the areas of addictions prevention and treatment, mental health counseling, services to families and children, and healing processes for Aboriginal individuals and communities.**

***Lecturer in Social Work, Counseling and Community Development, Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya, June 1997 – August 1998.***

**Duties: Design, development and delivery of courses in social work and counseling, family studies, community development, program planning, policy and research in the African context. Conducted research on counseling and social work in the Nairobi area and conducted a planning seminar on this topic for the university as part of the curriculum development process for a graduate program in this area.**

***Site Manager/Unaccompanied Children's Programs Coordinator, World Vision International, Rwanda Program, Byumba, Rwanda, December 1995 – April 1997.***

**Duties: Site and program management in the areas of children's services, refugee and agricultural development programs in Byumba, Northern Rwanda. Children's services included family tracing, reunification and follow-up for all children lost or abandoned during the civil war and genocide of 1994; planning, reconstruction and management of a residential center for unaccompanied children remaining in Byumba; management of a refugee transit camp for over six hundred unaccompanied children during the emergency of late 1996 and early 1997; development and implementation of a foster parent recruitment, placement and follow-up program for unaccompanied children whose families could not be traced. Site management responsibilities included the coordination of agricultural development programs operating out of the Byumba site, responsibility for all human resource issues for a staff of approximately one hundred people and any other issues pertaining to the overall management of the Byumba site of operations.**

***Social Program Officer, B.C. Ministry of Social Services, Kitimat, Kitimaat Village, Kemano, Dease Lake, Dease Lake Village, Good Hope Lake, Iskut, Telegraph Creek, Lower Post and Atlin, British Columbia, February 1993 – December 1995.***

**Duties: Delivery of social services to children and families in a series of widely scattered communities in Northwestern British Columbia. Tasks included community development, assessment of family and child welfare, liaison with police services and the courts in matters of child protection, development of child and family support services, foster parent recruitment and support, individual drug and alcohol treatment planning, liaison with Aboriginal governments and social service providers, and the ongoing provision of counseling services to children and families.**

***Mental Health Worker/Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Saint James Social Services/Wagner Hills Farm (Addictions Treatment Center), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, April 1987 – July 1989; August 1990; July 1991 – January 1993.***

**Duties: Diverse social work projects within the context of a multi-departmental inner-city social service agency serving the mentally ill, drug and alcohol addicts, low-income single parents, disadvantaged children, battered women and all other inhabitants of Vancouver's notorious 'downtown eastside'. These included the**

development and implementation of a therapeutic program for adults with mental health problems and/or drug and alcohol addictions, the design and development of a drug and alcohol treatment program for adult males in a farm setting outside the city, and the development and implementation of recreational support programs for single mothers, victims of domestic violence and their children in conjunction with a shelter for battered women and a single parents' resource center run by the agency.

*Child Care Worker*, Waterloo Youth Services, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, April 1991 – June 1991.

**Duties:** Twenty-four hour care for emotionally disturbed as well as behaviorally disordered and/or mentally handicapped children and youth in a residential center.

*Social Services Consultant*, Creative Development Development Unlimited, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, September 1990 – December 1990;

**Duties:** Assisted a senior social services consultant in program development and staff training programs throughout Southwestern and Northern Ontario, primarily in the areas of drug and alcohol treatment and Aboriginal community development.

*Psychiatric Social Worker*, Homewood Health Centre, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, July 1990.

**Duties:** Obtaining family histories of patients and assessment for treatment planning purposes in collaboration with other mental health professionals.

*Youth Worker*, Greenwood Community Association, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, April 1990 – June 1990.

**Duties:** Recreational programming and provision of informal counseling to youth belonging to a grassroots community association in a low-income neighborhood.

*Community Worker*, Cambridge Opportunities Development Association, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, December 1989 – June 1990.

**Duties:** Carried out a community research project in order to help develop more effective programs for chronically unemployed groups in an industrial community. This included participatory observation of low-income community groups and associations, evaluation of existing community programs and the design of new programs and organizational structures to address needs identified by the project.

*Pastoral Counselor and Community Worker*, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, November 1985 – June 1987:

**Duties:** Pastoral counseling and care, community work with the mentally and physically handicapped, the mentally ill and drug and alcohol addicted persons. Youth programming, group work and research on various areas of social concern.

### **Academic References**

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