

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**L. K. Jennings, MSW, LCSW, Ph.D.**

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**EDUCATION**

- May 2009                      The University of Alabama  
**Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work**  
*Dissertation: Aging in a Confined Place: Inmate Health and Healthcare*
- May 1994                      University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
**Master in Social Work**
- December 1991              Faulkner University, Montgomery, Alabama  
**Bachelors in Business Administration**
- In progress:                 The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
**MS Interactive Information Technology**

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker*, State of Texas  
#50932 Renews April 2023  
*Licensed Certified Social Worker*, State of Alabama  
#1376-C Renews June 2022

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Weng, S. Haley, K. & Jennings, L.K. (2020). Providing Social Services for People with Disabilities Experiencing Stereotypes, Discrimination, and Oppression: A Social Service Providers Perspective. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*.
- Funge, S., Crutchfield, R. & Jennings, L.K. (2019) The Challenge of Integrating Social Justice Content into Social Work Education: Making the Abstract More Concrete, *Journal of Social Work Education*, DOI: 10.1080/10437797.2019.1656566
- Farrel, D. Ray, K. Rich, T., Suarez, Z., Christe, B. & Jennings, L. (2018) A Meta-Analysis of Approaches to Engage Social Work Students Online, *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 38:2, 183-197, DOI: 10.1080/08841233.2018.1431351
- Sundvall, J. & Jennings, L. (2018) Site-based internship experiences: From research to implementation to community collaboration. *International Conference on Social Work: Conference Proceedings*; Vol. 12, No. 9 World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences

Jennings, L. & Sundvall J. (2018) Improving graduate writing skills: Best practices and outcomes. International Conference on Social Work: Conference Proceedings Vol 12: No.9 World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences

Jennings, L. & Crutchfield, R. (2016). Developing a sustainable model for a community youth development social enterprise: One agency's plan for success. *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Organizational Studies*, 11(4), 49-62. DOI:10.18848/2324-7649/CGP

Jennings, L.K., Crutchfield, R. & Funge, S. (2016) Beginning to See the Big Picture: BSW Student Reflections on Community Macro Practice. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*: 2016, Vol. 21, No. 1, pp. 79-96. <https://doi.org/10.18084/1084-7219.21.1.79>.

Jennings, L. K., Gandarilla, M. & Tan, P. (2015). Using the Native American Talking Circle: Experiential Learning on Ethnic and Cultural Diversity of Southern California, *Groupwork Journal*, December.

Jennings, L. K., & Tan, P. (2014). The Influence of Self-compassion on the Life Satisfaction of Gay Men, *Psychological Reports*, December 2014

Jennings, L. K. & Crutchfield, R. (2013). Change Agent Productions: Developing a sustainable model for community social enterprise. Final report for Bonaventures Foundation, January 2013.

Jennings, L. K. (2012). The Age of Supported Independence: Voices of In-Home Care by Beatrice Hale, Patrick Barrett, and Robin Gauld. 2010. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, Vol. 21 (2). Book Review

Riveria, E., Wilson, S., Jennings, L. K., (2011). Long-term care and life planning preferences for older gays and lesbians. *Journal of Ethnographic and Qualitative Research*, 5(3), 157-170.

Park, N. S., Jennings, L. K., Shin, H. J., Martin, S., & Roff, L. L. (2010). Religiousness and social integration in assisted living. *Journal of Religion, Spirituality and Aging*, 22(4), 291- 306.

Roff, L. L., Martin, S. S., Jennings, L., Parker, M. W., Harmon, D. K. (2007). "Long Distance Parental Caregivers' Experiences with Siblings: A Qualitative Study". *The Journal of Qualitative Social Work Research and Practice*, Vol. 6 (3), 315-334.

#### Articles Under Review:

Blawn, J., Jennings, L.K., Farouq, N., Jaime, E., Lin, T., & Martinez, A. (under review). Someone to watch over me: New strategies for California's power of attorney. Submitted to *The Gerontologist*.

Conferences

Shahbaz, Y., Thomas, A. & Jennings, L.K. HR4261 Safe Justice Act: Exploring education to strengthen a state policy. Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference 2021 (Student mentoring collaborative paper and conference presentation)

Gallegos, Y., Roberts, F., Beverly, E., Mendoza, J. & Jennings, L.K. Righting the Wrongs of Measure H: A Case Study and Alternative Policy Ideas. Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference 2021 (Student mentoring collaborative paper and conference presentation)

Estrella, N. Bidinger, K., Harvey, M., & Jennings, L.K. (2020). HR4261 Safe Justice Act: Exploring education to strengthen a state policy. Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference 2020 (Student collaborative paper and conference presentation)

Cuadros, Huynh, T., Jennings, L.K., & Torres, L. In Home Supportive Services Mandatory Caregiver Training: Expanding the parameters of a statewide policy. Journal of Social Policy (Student collaborative paper)

Altier, D., Bersing, L., Jennings, L., Quezada, T., & Ramos, R. An examination of AB 109: Change, progress and challenges. Targeted journal: Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research. (Student collaborative paper)

ACADEMIC**Independent Research Team: Focus on Technology and Undergraduate Student Support**

2009 – 2018

*Research Team Member* Social Sciences Research Team Member. Interdisciplinary research group that develops training and projects related to academic technology in the classroom and undergraduate student support. Trainings coordinated for social work faculty; research developed on effectiveness of use of technology with social work students, faculty and practitioners. Working on project to lead to publication of best practices of use of technology in/outside the classroom for professional social work practice.

**California State University, Long Beach**

2009- present

Develop workshops and recruitment materials for potential social work majors. Collaborate with university colleagues in student fairs and Community College Counselor outreach in the greater Los Angeles and Orange County areas as needed. Serve as consultant to BASW students and potential pre-Social Work majors. Conduct community outreach with counselors regarding preparation for the undergraduate program. Previous Courses taught: Social Work Case Management; Social Welfare Policy & Advocacy, Social Work Generalist/Multicultural Practice, Social Work Practice with Groups (Children, Youth and Families) - in the *Distance Education Program*: Social Welfare Policy; Social Policy and Advocacy;

Social Work Practice with Older Adults and Families; Direct Intervention with Individuals and Families: Focus on Older Adults; MSW mentoring in Applied Projects Capstone classes and MSW Thesis

### **The University of Texas at Austin, Lecturer, Adjunct Faculty**

2007- 2009 Courses taught: Clinical Assessment and Differential Diagnosis, MSW Course; Advanced Integrative Capstone in Social Work Knowledge and Practice, MSW Course; Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families, BSW Course; Foundations of Social Justice, BSW Course; Freshman Interest Group Seminar: Lecture: *Social Work Practice with Inmates and Families*; *The Integrative Capstone Course was an online undergraduate final semester course, (distance education) course I taught for two years.*

### **University of Alabama, Adjunct Faculty Distance Education Team**

2005-2007 Courses taught, MSW Program: Social Welfare Policy: Advanced Policy Analysis; Social Welfare Policy: Advanced Policy Analysis; Child and Adolescent Mental Health; Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems; Professional Seminar in Social Work Practice; Family Preservation; Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems; Social Work Practice with Communities

### **University of Alabama, Adjunct Faculty**

2004 Courses taught: Social Welfare Policy: History, Problems, Programs and Analysis, MSW Course; Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families, BSW Course

2002- 2003 *Guest Lectures:* Social Welfare Policy Analysis, BSW Course

- Lecture title: *Historical Approaches to Healthcare in the United States.*

Social Work Research Methods I, MSW Course: *Using qualitative research in social work.*

Social Welfare Policy and History, BSW Course: *The history of the poorhouse in the United States.*

### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND SKILLS**

2020 The Teaching Professor, Magna Virtual Workshops  
Effective Online Teaching Practices, Association of College & Ed Professors (ACUE)

2014 MaxQDA Beginning/Advanced Analysis Workshop, Champaign, IL.

2008 Nvivo 8 Beginning/Advanced Analysis Workshop, QUERI, Denver, CO.

2007 New Faculty Teaching, Learning and Orientation Seminar, Austin, TX.

2006 Nvivo 7 Training, The University of Georgia, Qualitative Research, Athens, GA.

- 2005 N6/Nvivo Workshop, The University of Georgia, Qualitative Research, Athens, GA.
- 2003 Rigorous and Relevant: Qualitative Research Methods in Social Work, Washington, DC.
- 2002 Workshop for New Graduate Teaching Assistants, The University of Alabama.
- 2000 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapist training, PEARL Project, The University of Alabama.

Qualitative Research:

Proficient in: HyperResearch 2.1, N6, Nvivo 7 and 8  
MaxQDA

Academic E-learning systems:

Proficient in: ECollege, Adobe Connect, Blackboard, WebCT, and Desire to Learn (D2L), Wikispaces E-Learning platforms

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2001-2005 New Day Advanced Clinical Systems, Greenville, Alabama  
*Licensed clinical social worker, Senior Care Gero-Psych Inpatient Unit*  
On-call therapist
  - Provided short-term individual and group counseling and training
  - Facilitated community-wide workshops and educational programs.
  - Referred patients and families to community resources.
  - Conducted comprehensive psychosocial assessments
  - Provided case management services.
  - Coordinated discharge planning
  
- 1999-2001 New Day Advanced Clinical Systems, Greenville, Alabama  
*Licensed clinical social worker, Senior Care Gero-Psych Inpatient Unit*  
Full-time therapist
  - Provided short-term individual and group counseling
  - Facilitated community-wide workshops and educational programs.
  - Conducted comprehensive psychosocial assessments.
  - Functioned as part of multidisciplinary team.
  - Coordinated discharge planning
  - Provided staff training in social gerontology issues.
  
- 1998-1999 Grandview Behavioral Health, Montgomery, Alabama  
*Licensed clinical social worker, Geriatric Partial Hospitalization Program*
  - Provided short-term individual and group counseling.
  - Facilitated community workshops and educational programs.
  - Developed referral program for patients and families.
  - Conducted comprehensive psychosocial assessments.
  - Functioned as part of multidisciplinary team.
  
- 1997-1998 Horizon Mental Health Management, Greenville, Alabama

*Licensed clinical social worker, Senior Care Gero-Psych Inpatient Unit*  
Full-time therapist

- Provided short-term individual counseling and group counseling
- Developed referral packets for patients and families.
- Conducted comprehensive psychosocial assessments.
- Functioned as part of multidisciplinary team.
- Coordinated discharge planning.
- Facilitated workshops and educational community programs.

1994-1997

Lee Psychiatric Medical Group, Montgomery, Alabama  
Assistant Director, Social Work screening supervisor

- Provided training and supervision to statewide clinical staff.
- Reviewed all clinical assessments on MI, MR, and DD applicants
- Supervised and assisted computer staff with data collection.
- Coordinated data for the State Department of Mental Health and Retardation, OBRA Screening Division.
- Facilitated workshops and educational programs for staff.
- Coordinated clinical notes for psychiatrist, psychologist, social workers.

1994

The State of Alabama Department of Human Resources,  
Montgomery County, Montgomery, Alabama  
*Social Work field placement, Family Options Unit*

- Counseled families on short-term basis.
- Developed community referral sources for clients including employment, health services, housing, mental health and counseling.
- Conducted comprehensive psychosocial assessments.
- Maintained case records and provided case management services.
- Functioned as part of social work team which provided short-term Intensive services keep at-risk families intact.
- Performed home visits to assess readiness for Family Options program.

1993

The First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama  
*Social Work field placement, The Caring Center*

- Conducted intake assessment of families applying for financial and social services from the community center.
- Developed community referral sources for clients including employment, health services, housing, mental health and counseling.
- Created and conducted needs assessment with agency clients to improve services.
- Designed and implemented summer activity and education program for children in the Tulane Housing Community (*Life is a Two-Lane Street*).
- Wrote community service grant (*funded \$1500*) to assist agency in providing summer educational programs for local housing community.

**GRANT EXPERIENCE**

- 2004-2005                      Alabama Department of Public Health, Montgomery, Alabama  
*Project Manager, Covering Kids and Families in Alabama Project*
- Provided management services for a health insurance project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant.
  - Supervised local coalitions in their community education efforts.
  - Increased awareness about health insurance for Alabama families.
- 2005, 1999-2002              The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
*Research Therapist, PEARL (Project to Enhance Aged Rural Living). Five-year study funded by National Institute of Health (NIH) and the National Institute of Aging (NIA).*
- Provided in-home cognitive behavioral therapy services to older adults.
  - Assisted family members in learning cognitive behavioral techniques.
  - Received extensive training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT).
  - Enhanced community awareness of project through outreach activities.

**ACADEMIC COURSE DESIGN**

Designed BSW level course for CSULB: Social Work Case Management; hybrid course

Designed Master's level course for University of Alabama School of Social Work, Distance Education Program: SW542 Social Work Practice with Communities.

Distance Education Advanced Integrative Capstone Course SW385 – co-developed online division of course with Capstone Faculty at the University of Texas at Austin.

**Academic E-learning systems:**

Proficient in: ECollege, Adobe Connect, Wikispaces, Diigo/Digolet, Padlet,  
 ELearning Platforms: Blackboard, WebCT, Desire to Learn (D2L), Moodle, Canvas

**University of Alabama, Field Instructor/Supervisor**

- 2003-2005                      *Field Placement Instructor/Supervisor, MSW Program*
- Prepared materials for supervisory visits.
  - Arranged for weekly meetings with students in field settings.
  - Provided field supervision to students in various settings.
  - Organized all field notes and reports for students.
  - Coordinated meetings between supervisor, student and field liaison.

**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

2015 Most Valuable Professor, CSULB Alumni Awards, Nominated by Outstanding Graduate

2012 Phi Alpha Honor Society, Inductee Spring 2012

2007-2009 Doctoral Fellow, Gerontology, John A. Hartford Foundation.

2007 Research Award, Center for Mental Health and Aging

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

*Member*, Alabama Conference of Social Work

*Member*, Cochrane Qualitative Research Methods Group

*Member*, Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD)

*Member*, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)