

# KATHLEEN PORTER

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## Research Interests

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With my field experience and teaching, my passion remains working with children, adolescents, and families. My emphasis is on mental health, substance use, eating disorders, and child welfare practices.

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## Education

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California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA 2005

**Masters of Social Work (Children, Youth and Family emphasis)**

Thesis: *"The Knowledge and Comfort Levels of Mental Health Professionals of the Relationship between Development of Eating Disorders and Past Sexual Trauma"*

California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA 2001

**Bachelors in Arts, Sociology**

Long Beach City College, Long Beach, CA 1999

**Associate Degree, Liberal Arts (Speech Communication emphasis)**

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## Relevant Work Experience

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**California State University Long Beach, School of Social Work** 08/2012-Present

**Lecturer**, 01/2013-Present

Bachelor of Social Work (BASW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) courses taught:

- SW 221 Intro Social Welfare Practicum, Fall 2020
- SW 330 HBSE Birth Through Adolescence, Fall 2020
- SW 331 HBSE Young Adulthood Through Old Age, Spring 2021
- SW 340 Generalist Social Work Practice, Spring 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- SW 341 Social Work Practicum, Spring 2021
- SW 592 Macro Practice Skills and Interventions, Spring 2017
- SW 593 Community Projects I, Spring 2013, 2014
- SW 596A Field Education Seminar, Fall 2016, 2017, 2018
- SW 596 B Field Education Seminar Spring, 2017, 2018, 2019
- SW 620 Advanced SW Practice Child & Family Wellbeing, Fall 2020
- SW 660 Direct Interventions for Children Youth and Family, Fall 2013
- SW 643 Social Work Practice Child Welfare Services, Summer 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- SW 680A Field Education Seminar, Fall 2018, 2019
- SW 680B Field Education Seminar, Spring 2019, 2020
- SW 693 Community Projects II, Summer 2013, 2014
- Advanced Standing Field Seminar, Summer 2018, 2020

### Faculty Duties & Committees

- Member of the School of SW Diversity Task Force – Summer 2020-Present
- Member of the Advanced Practice Sequence Committee- Fall 2020- Present
- Member of Phi Alpha Honor Society Alpha Zeta- CSULB School of Social Work- 2020-Present
- Member of the School of SW Black Lives Matter Town Hall Planning Group- Summer 2020
- Member of the Faculty and Staff Development Committee Fall 2017- Spring 2020
- Member of the SSW Lobby Days Planning Committee- 2018-2019
- Member of the Health and Human Services Wellness Week Committee- 2016 and 2017
- Member of the Joint Symposium for Field Education Committee- Fall 2016- Summer 2020
- Attend monthly Faculty meetings as a full-time grant faculty with voting rights- 2016-2020
- Member of the Strategic Planning Committee- Fall 2016-Spring 2019
- Member of the Field Education Sequence Committee-Fall 2016- Spring 2020
- Field Representative on the Culminating Experience Sequence Committee-Fall 2016- Spring 2020
- Faculty reviewer of MSW applications for incoming admissions- 2012- Present
- Faculty reviewer of BASW applications for incoming admissions- Spring 2016 - Present
- Nominated and served as the full-time grant faculty member with a voting right- 2014-2016
- Member of the Child and Family Well-being concentration curriculum team- Fall 2014
- Co-Chair of the Child and Family Well-being curriculum team -Fall 2014
- Member of curriculum team that developed the new Advanced Practice course on Social Work Practice with Groups (2013-2014)

### **CalSWEC Field Education Consultant 07/2016- 08/2020 (Full-time)**

- Served as the Coordinator for the 1<sup>st</sup> year CalSWEC MSW Interns and provide on-going support and advising for the CalSWEC BASW and MSW students
- Taught Field Education Seminar courses and conducted community agency visits
- Attended meetings and assist in the development of child welfare specialized topic curriculum with the DCFS Education and Licensure section and University Partners
- Contributed to the modification of the online Field Instructor Training for DCFS Field Instructors
- Co-facilitated trainings on campus focused on child welfare related topics to MSW student interns

### **Interim Admissions Coordinator, 11/2015-05/2016 (Part-time)**

- Oversaw the management of the school's admissions office
- Participated in coordination efforts between Enrollment Services and the School of Social Work
- Managed and coordinated the Distant Education MSW Program applicant files, maintain contact with the Distance Education Coordinator
- Oversaw, distributed, and facilitated the faculty review of over 1,200 applications for admission to the School of Social Work MSW Program
- Organized, coordinated, and attended the New Student Orientations for all incoming students

### **University Consortium of Children & Families (UCCF), formerly Inter-University Consortium (IUC)**

#### **UCCF Intern Coordinator, 08/2012-08/2014 (Full-time) & 10/2015-07/2016 (Part-time)**

- Supervised 8-16 UCCF CSULB MSW student interns at Department of Children Family Services, LA County (South County, Torrance, SF Springs and Hawthorne offices)
- Provided trainings to interns on Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Cultural Competency, Motivational Interviewing, Leadership in the Community, Sexual Abuse and Termination with clients. Trainings on Court Report Writing, Transitional-Age Youth, AB-12, Team Meetings

#### **UCCF Training Coordinator for Child Welfare Training Centre, 08/2014-10/2015 (Full-time)**

- Assisted in the development of curriculum and training for newly hired child welfare workers at the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

- Trained groups of 40-50 DCFS newly hired trainees on current trends and practices in child welfare  
**UCCF Simulation Trainer for Child Welfare Training Centre, 07/2013-10/2015 (Part-time)**
- Role-played scenarios with DCFS Children Social Worker new hires in the Simulation Labs such as walking into domestic violence situations, working with an abusive parent and conducting difficult conversations with teens in foster care
- Facilitated groups of 8-12 trainees/new hires at a time in real-life simulations in the Simulation Labs located at CSULB, CSULA, USC and UCLA

**County of Los Angeles, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) 2005-2012**  
**Children's Social Worker III (Court Officer & 241.1 Unit Liaison) - Edelman's Children's Court,**  
 07/2010-08/2012 (Full-time)

- Served as the DCFS Social Worker at Children's Dependency Court in the courtroom
- Documented the judge's orders sent to the field social workers and contact them via phone
- Facilitated communication between Juvenile Dependency Court and Juvenile Delinquency Court regarding 241.1 Youth (Probation/DCFS dependents)
- Coordinated and facilitated Multi-Disciplinary meetings with Department of Probation, Department of Mental Health, DCFS Educational Liaisons and Children's Social Workers regarding status and plan for the youth on a daily basis

**Children's Social Worker III- Runaway Outreach Unit, 12/2008-07/2010 (Full-time)**

- Coordinated runaway services program for teenagers in Los Angeles County
- Managed a caseload of up to seventy adolescents in the foster care system
- Located, placed, and stabilized children in foster care and relative care
- Collaborated with community organizations regarding adolescent issues including runaway behaviors, drugs and prostitution

**Children's Social Worker II & III- Continuing Services (Family Reunification, Family Maintenance & Permanent Placement), 07/2005-12/2008 (Full-time)**

- Managed a caseload up to forty-five children in the foster care system
- Provided monthly case management for children, adolescents and families
- Wrote and submitted court reports to Children's Dependency Court

**Center for Discovery, Adolescent Eating Disorder Center & Dual Diagnosis Center, 09/2001-07/2005**  
**Adolescent Treatment Counselor (Full-time)**

- Provided therapeutic intervention services to children, adolescents, and adults using individual, family, and group treatment
- Facilitated educational groups focused on improving self-esteem, body image, and drug intervention
- Supervised six clients, male and female ages 11-18, in the treatment milieu
- Served as the Educational Counselor, transported youth to school, and assisted with homework
- Attended weekly treatment team meetings regarding the clients' needs and progress

**The National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ- currently CCEJ), 09/2000-09/2002**  
**Assistant Youth Program Specialist and High School Recruiter (Part-time)**

- Facilitator for "Talking in Class" and Diversity Training for LBUSD High Schools & Middle Schools
- Served as a facilitator for Human Relation Education Training, Conflict Management and Police-Community Diversity Forums, and Leadership Long Beach Youth Diversity Summit
- Participated as a Co-Director and Volunteer Staff and at Building Bridges Human Relations Weekend Camps (over 20 camps) with High School students (LBUSD & Compton Unified)

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**Graduate Internships & Volunteer Experience**

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**County of Los Angeles, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), 08/2004-06/2005**  
**Children's Social Worker IUC Intern (South County)**

- Provided Case Management to Family Reunification & Permanent Placement cases for families

- In-home weekly visits to children and families, documentation, and referral follow-ups
- Utilized CWS/CMS computer system and read court reports
- Facilitated two weekly school groups for Paramount Unified School District and documented group summaries

**County of Orange Alcohol & Drug Services, Department of Behavioral Health, 08/2003-06/2004**

**Children's Social Worker MSW Graduate Intern**

**Master of Social Work Intern/ Therapist**

- Provided therapy to adults 18+ with dual diagnosis and substance abuse issues
- Facilitated individual sessions on a weekly basis focused on therapeutic interventions
- Facilitated two groups (clients 18-60 years of age) on a weekly basis to discuss their substance use and mental health issues

**Volunteer/ Community Memberships**

- End Abuse Long Beach Member- 2020-Present
- Child Welfare League of America- CWLA Member- 2020- Present
- Long Beach Human Trafficking Taskforce Member- 2019-Present
- NASW Long Beach Chapter Member- 2019- Present
- Lobby Days 2019- Volunteer at NASW Event Sacramento, CA- April 2019
- Social Workers Alumni Group (SWAG) member- 2015-Present
- SPA 8 DCFS and Community Partnership Planning Committee member- 2013-Present
- Safe Zone LGBTQ Ally at CSULB for students, faculty, and staff- 2013- Present
- Beach Recovery Program Ally for CSULB students, faculty, and staff- 2013-Present
- The National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ) Volunteer- 1994-Present (Over 20 Human Relations weekend Camps, Human Relations Education Training as facilitator)
- Transitional Age Youth Board (TAY) member, Long Beach/ South Bay- 2006-2008
- City of Long Beach Gang Intervention Program member- 2001-2002
- Leadership Long Beach Youth Diversity Summit Panelist- 1993

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**Certifications & Conferences**

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- Understanding Trauma and Attachment for Human Trafficking Service Providers (2020)
- California Conference for Community and Justice (CCEJ) Building Bridges Leadership Academy Training (2016)
- Grant Writing Workshop, Grant Writing USA, Alhambra, CA, 14 hours- (2014)
- eSuicide TALK, "Exploring issues in Suicide Prevention" (2014)
- Safe Zone Ally LGBTQ Training Certification at CSULB (2013)
- Innovative Exit Support Strategies for Sex Workers- Mary Magdalene Project (2009)
- CBEST Certified (2001)
- Human Relations Education (HRE) and Facilitator Training Certified- NCCJ (1999, 2000)

**Conferences**

- Presenters: Harkmore Lee (CSULA), Kathleen Porter (CSULB), Ana Sufuentes (USC) and Heidi Staples (UCLA), "*Using Simulation Pedagogy to Strengthen Child Maltreatment Assessment Skills of new Child Protection Workers,*" The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, January 2015
- Presenter: Kathleen Porter (DCFS Runaway Outreach Unit Children's Social Worker), "*I'll Make my Own Decisions for My Life,*" The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual It's My Life Conference, October 2008