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# JOHN M. VALENZUELA, MSW, LCSW

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Dynamic lecturer, able to provide students with both the theoretical underpinning as well as the practical application of social work skills in diverse professional settings.

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## SKILLS

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- Well versed in Critical Race Theory
- Teamwork / Collaboration
- Curriculum development
- Student learning outcomes
- Bilingual in Spanish and English
- Conference presentation
- Lesson planning
- Clear communicator of complex ideas
- Graduate advising
- Strong verbal communication
- Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist (CBT)
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Group psychotherapy expert

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## WORK HISTORY

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**Adjunct Faculty/ Lecturer**, 10/2013 to Current

**California State University** – Long Beach, CA

Areas of Academic Focus / Past Courses

- MSW Seminar Instructor / Field Liaison
- Introduction to Social Welfare (BASW Instruction)
- Social Work in Communities & Institution (BASW Instruction)
- Foundation Social Work Practice: Skills and Interventions with Groups (MSW Instruction)
- Direct Interventions with Groups: Children, Youth and Families (MSW Instruction)
- Foundation Social Work Macro Practice Skills and Interventions (MSW Instruction)

**Psychiatric Social Worker / Licensed Clinical Social Worker**, 01/2010 to Current

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health** – Los Angeles, CA

- Performed direct-service psychotherapy for previously incarcerated female clients diagnosed with co-occurring disorders

### **Psychiatric Social Worker / Licensed Clinical Social Worker (con't.)**

- Applied recovery model principles in the delivery of culturally competent individual and group mental health services
- Evaluated incarcerated female inmates on-site in county jails to determine level of psychiatric care needed and goodness of fit for enrollment into mental health programs
- Collaborated with Los Angeles County Superior Courts and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department to coordinate conditional releases of clients into community reintegration programs.
- Performed initial bio-psycho-social assessments for new returning clients
- Developed curricula for multiple psycho-educational groups, including: Grief and Loss, Healthy Relationships, Self-Esteem, and Domestic Violence Awareness
- Simultaneously supervised multiple social work interns
- Participated and directed daily multidisciplinary meetings between psychiatrists, psychologists, social worker, interns, case managers, community support workers, and departmental supervisors.
- Performed Quality Assurance and Error Correction duties for mental health center staff.

### **Field / Clinical Researcher, 01/2009 to 01/2010**

#### **Center for Behavioral Research Sciences – Long Beach, CA**

- Performed community outreach for grant-funded research studies centering on HIV/AIDS detection and prevention in the African-American, Men-who-have-Sex-with-Men (MSM) community
- Assisted chief researchers in qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis.

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## **EDUCATION**

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### **Master of Social Work: 2010**

#### **California State University, Long Beach- Long Beach, CA**

- Clinical Focus
- CalSWEC Mental Health Stipend Recipient
- University Scholars & Artists Award
- School of Social Work Diversity Award

### **Bachelor of Arts: Social Work, 2009**

#### **California State University, Long Beach - Long Beach, CA**

- 2009 Outstanding Graduate, College of Health and Human Services
- President Phi Alpha Honor Society
- President, Associated Students of Social Work
- President, Jane Addams LGBT Social Work Committee

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## LICENSES / CERTIFICATIONS

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Diplomate, Academy of Cognitive Therapy (ACT)

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW#70066)- State of California Board of Behavioral Sciences

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## PUBLICATIONS

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Lee, C.D., Montiel, E., Atchisson, J., Liza, J, Flory, P., & Valenzuela, J. (2009). An innovative approach to support social group work: A university group work club. *Groupwork: An interdisciplinary journal for working with Groups*, 19(3)

Valenzuela, J. (2010). Same-Sex Intimate Partner Abuse Sensitivity Training (SS-IPAST) for Domestic Violence Shelters: A Grant Proposal Project

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## PRESENTATIONS

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Meyer-Adams, N., Klemek, M & Valenzuela, J.M. (February, 2011). The BSW/MSW field practicum mentoring model: An example of competency-based vertical supervision. Paper presented at the 2011 Baccalaureate Program Directors' Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH

Meyer-Adams, N., Klemek, M. & Valenzuela, J. M. (October, 2010). The BSW/MSW field practicum mentoring model: An example of competency-based vertical supervision. Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Portland OR

Meyer-Adams, N., Klemek, M. & Valenzuela, J.M. (November, 2009). The BSW/MSW field practicum mentoring model: A vertical supervision pilot study. Poster presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX

Lee, C.D., Atchinson, J., Liza, J., Flory, P., & Valenzuela, J. (2008). Developing an AASWG Group Work Club at a University. Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (CSWE), Philadelphia, PA. (Refereed)