Fall 2018 Adjunct Faculty Listing

Elizabeth Allen

- BASC 5362 — Human Behavior in Social Environment: Macro and Micro Theories

Elizabeth Allen, PhD, LCSW received her MSW (1997) and PhD (2017) from UConn School of Social Work. She is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) with extensive clinical experience in mental health, substance abuse, trauma and forensic settings. She worked for 20+ years at York Correctional Institution as a Clinical Social Worker with justice-involved women and currently works with returning citizens to successfully rebuild their lives. She is also an adjunct professor in the social work programs at University of Saint Joseph and Sacred Heart University. Her research interests and publications in peer-reviewed journals focus on substance abuse, justice-involved women, desistance and community reintegration. Dr. Allen is an active member of NASW, IASWG, CSWE and SSWR where she presents regularly on desistance and the social work profession, racial and gender disparities in the criminal justice system and empowerment clinical practice with justice-involved populations. She is also the Co-Chairwoman of SSWR’s “Smart Decarceration” Grand Challenge post-incarceration working sub-group. This fall, she will be engaging in community-based participatory research with children with incarcerated parents in Bridgeport, CT as well as a Co-PI for a study investigating successful reentry with individuals living with HIV.

Walter Belsito Jr

- BASC 5390 — Macro Foundation Practice

Walter Belsito, M.S.W., Ph.D., LMSW, is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Social Work and teaches at the University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford. Mr. Belsito has worked for the Department of Children and Families for 26 yr. Mr. Belsito received his doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. He has been a Field Instructor for BSW and MSW Social Work Students for 20 yr. Mr. Belsito is a member of AAUP, CSWE, SSWR, NASW, and IFSW/International Federation of Social Workers. Primary area of research is crimmigration/immigration issues, human rights, in particular with the Brazilian/Latino population.

Ana Berrios

- BASC 5391 — Micro Foundation Practice

Kathi Crowe

- HBEL 5381 — Child Maltreatment: History, Theory, Prevention, and Intervention

Sarah Dodd

- RSCH 5341 — Advanced Research: Program Evaluation

Brunilda Ferraj

- BASC 5390 — Macro Foundation Practice

Brunilda Ferraj is the Director of Policy Research and Organizational Initiatives at The CT Community Nonprofit Alliance, the state-wide trade association for nonprofits. Her areas of focus include child welfare, behavioral...
health, Medicaid and healthcare reform. Prior to joining The Alliance, Brunilda worked as a researcher at the University of Connecticut conducting evaluations of programs that facilitate immigrant integration and inclusion. Brunilda graduated with a Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in Policy Practice from the University of Connecticut School of Social Work.

**Rick Fisher**
- HBEL 5393—Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Richard Fisher, LCSW is currently the Director of the Office of Workforce Development for the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. He has a long history working in a variety of both mental health and substance use disorder settings as a clinician and program manager. He is a long time adjunct faculty member at the UCONN School of Social Work, an instructor at the New England Institute of Addiction Studies and a former clinical instructor in psychiatry at the UCONN School of Medicine. He maintains a private practice in West Hartford.

**Jillian Gilchrest**
- BASC 5390—Macro Foundation Practice

**John Holland**
- BASC 5362—Human Behavior in Social Environment: Macro and Micro Theories

John Holland, PhD, LCSW is an administrator with the DMHAS Young Adult Service Program, a statewide service for emerging adults recovering from mental health and trauma-related disorders. His teaching and research interests include program evaluation, data-informed program management, evidence-based practice, strengths and vulnerabilities in emerging adulthood, and efforts to eliminate homelessness.

**Winston Johnson**
- DSEL 5320—Direct Practice in Schools

WINSTON B. JOHNSON, MSW, LCSW, ACSW has worked for the Hartford Public Schools for over 35 years as a school social worker and social work administrator. He retired as the Director of Prevention Intervention Services after having served in various other administrative roles system-wide. Mr. Johnson is an adjunct professor at the UConn School of Social Work. He teaches Direct Practice in School for Children with Educational Disabilities and Their Families.

**John Lachack**
- RSCH 5341—Advanced Research: Program Evaluation

I am currently a doctoral candidate at the UCONN School of Social Work. My dissertation topic is Factors that Contribute to Role Ambiguity and Role Conflict for Formal Kinship Foster Parents. I am also a training supervisor at the Department of Children and Families where I’ve been employed for close to 19 years.

**Heather LaSelle**
- IGFP 5302—Advanced Practice with Individuals, Groups and Families: Theoretical Approaches
Liane Lussier-Smith

- Skills Lab

Josey Madison Politowicz

- IGFP 5346— Clinical Conditions: Adults and Older Adults

I am a PhD student in the NYU Silver School of Social Work program. Additionally, I have worked for the Stonington Institute Starlight Military Program since 2013. The Starlight program is a residential rehab for active duty and veteran military members suffering from addiction and mental health issues. My research interests have focused on substance abuse and social workers' physical health problems. I earned my Masters in Social Work from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven.

Milagros Marrero-Johnson

- BASC 5300— Human Oppression

Alysse Melville

- IGFP 5302— Advanced Practice with Individuals, Groups and Families: Theoretical Approaches
- IGFP 5345— Clinical Conditions: Children and Adolescents

Alyse Melville Loomis is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice in West Hartford as well as a doctoral candidate at the UConn School of Social Work. Alyse specializes in clinical work with young children with a focus on early childhood trauma and attachment and she incorporates her love of clinical work and research into her teaching. Alyse has taught foundational, research, and clinical courses for UConn over the past several years.

Lorin Mordecai

- BASC 5390— Macro Foundation Practice

Lorin Mordecai, MSW, LSW is interested in studying violence against women and children, violence prevention, international social work, and sport social work. Her research primarily focuses on gender-based violence in the context of sport and addressing student-athlete wellness and safety. As a graduate research assistant, Lorin is assisting Dr. Caitlin Elsaesser on developing a scale that measures how online violence translates to in-person violence. She is also working closely with Dr. Rebecca Thomas and Dr. Miriam Valdovinos to conduct a needs assessment of human trafficking services in the state of Connecticut.

Before starting a PhD at UConn, Lorin worked at Rutgers School of Social Work’s Institute for Families coordinating statewide trainings for child welfare staff. She earned her Master's degree from Rutgers School of Social Work with a concentration in Nonprofit and Public Management and an area of emphasis in International Social Work.

Lorin currently teaches graduate courses for UConn and facilitates bystander intervention trainings for Northeastern University’s Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP). She is a founding member of the Alliance of Social Workers in Sports and chairs their Committee on College Sports.
Ruth Pearlman

- IGFP 5345— Clinical Conditions: Children and Adolescents

Ann Pratt

- CORG 5370— Grassroots Neighborhood Organizing

Krystal Rich

- BASC 5390— Macro Foundation Practice

Teresa Works

- IGFP 5302— Advanced Practice with Individuals, Groups and Families: Theoretical Approaches

Teresa Works, LCSW, ACSW is a licensed clinical social worker with twenty five years' experience in hospital and community behavioral health settings. She is a Ph.D. student in social work research at UCONN SSW. She’s currently employed at the New England Sickle Cell Institute at UCONN Health as part of a multi-disciplinary clinical / research team providing care to persons with sickle cell disease (SCD). She has presented at the SCD Association of America’s national conferences (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018) on the relationship between SCD, trauma and pain, pain and depression, medical co-morbidities in SCD, and on the use of multidisciplinary interventions in management of SCD. She has presented at CSWE (2017) on the experience of female officers in the military and she presented in (2016) as part of an expert panel at the 8th Annual Care Coordination Summit “Using Multidisciplinary Interventions and Predictive Modeling for Clinical Challenges and the Medicaid Population”. She co-authored articles accepted for publication by National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Health and Social Work Journal (1/2016) and The Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2017), on the relationship between SCD, trauma and pain.