

# ANGELA P. BELLAS, MSW

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## EDUCATION

PhD student, School of Social Work University of Connecticut, West Hartford, CT	2019 (anticipated date of completion)
M.S.W. Community Organizing University of Connecticut, West Hartford, CT	2011
B.A. Political Science/Psychology, Magna Cum Laude Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA	1998

### *Teaching and Research Interests:*

Social Movements, Social Policy, Community Economic Development, Housing Justice, Human Oppression, Human Rights, White Privilege, Queer Theory, Community Organizing

## EMPLOYMENT

### ***University of Connecticut***

#### ***School of Social Work***

*2013-present*

#### **Graduate Assistant, Adjunct Faculty**

Analysis of Social Welfare Policy and Social Service Delivery Systems, Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Macro Theories, Macro Foundation Practice in Social Work

#### ***Urban Semester Program***

*2015-present*

Urban Problems Seminar

### ***Springfield Technical Community College***

*2009-2014*

#### **Adjunct/Clinical Faculty**

Community Health Worker Theory and Methods, Field Practicum

Curriculum Development – developed and implemented pilot curriculum based on national curriculum review, state competencies and regional industry focus groups

### **Transformation Project Director**

- Managed campus work plan and budget for statewide community college workforce development initiative.
- Managed transition to college initiative for un- and under-employed individuals recruited from One-Stop Career Centers and other community based organizations.
- Supervised counseling staff in delivery of intensive counseling and case management in alignment with campus intrusive advising model.
- Managed program and curriculum development and delivery for short term and stackable certificates; managed campus initiatives relating to credit articulation, program acceleration and college and career readiness.
- Established and maintained relationships with employers and workforce development partners.
- Facilitated campus systems change in collaboration with academic deans, faculty, student services staff and community partners; participated in statewide planning and evaluation teams.

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## **Project Coordinator, Workforce STAT**

- Managed \$1.66 million Department of Labor Community Based Job Training Initiative utilizing patient simulation and targeted counseling to build access and capacity for informed pathways to healthcare education and careers.
- Responsible for budget management, partnership communications, pilot project development, staff supervision at four community colleges and project evaluation.
- Managed development of educational materials, curriculum, regional website and all grant deliverables.
- Represented the college in the Regional Healthcare Workforce Partnership of Western Massachusetts sponsored by the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County.

## ***Girl Scouts of Pioneer Valley/Central and Western Massachusetts***

*2005-2008*

### **Manager of Volunteer Training / Membership & Grant Program Manager**

- Managed membership initiatives and leadership development programming serving 1,200 girls in the city of Springfield. Managed 10-12 program staff members and a Latina outreach initiative specialist, as well as provided support to more than 150 volunteer troop leaders and key volunteers.
- Managed after school programs in 8-10 elementary schools, 4 middle schools and 3-5 community centers providing girls, ages 5-17, with quality leadership development, arts, science exploration, career exploration, teen pregnancy prevention, health and wellness programming.
- Managed volunteer training staff and council initiatives for Central and Western Massachusetts.
- Developed training curriculum in alignment with national standards. Developed and evaluated delivery systems with staff and volunteer trainers for training more than 1,000 volunteer leaders throughout Central and Western Massachusetts.

## ***The Literacy Project***

*2004-2005*

### **Adult Basic Education Instructor**

- Provided comprehensive pre-GED and GED classes to students aged sixteen and above.
- Responsible for student intakes, outreach, curriculum development, and general case management.

## ***Arise for Social Justice***

*2003-2004*

### **Development Specialist/Interim Program Coordinator**

- Provided case management and program support to homeless women and children on an interim basis; facilitated house meetings and consensus-based decision making process, performed interviews and intakes for potential residents, provided support in housing search, family budgeting, access to social and state services, and coordination of transportation and child-care.
- Participated in the drafting and submission of grant proposals and foundation reports.
- Provided supervision for Development Director of a local, anti-oppression organization.

## ***Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts***

*2001-2002*

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## **Community Health Educator**

- Provided age and culturally appropriate sexuality information to middle school and high school aged youth in classroom and community settings. Topic areas include HIV/AIDS and other STI prevention, protection methods, anatomy & physiology, gender expression, LGBTQI issues and more.
- Facilitated workshops for college students, health and education professionals on youth sexuality education.
- Represented PPLM in a variety of community and statewide coalitions and alliances including the Community Health Network Area, Maternal Health Coalition, Springfield Youth Initiative, and at a wide range of community events and health fairs.

## **American Cancer Society**

1998-2001

### **Regional Executive for Income Development**

2003-2004

- Responsible for special events planning. Managed fundraising initiatives including Daffodil Days, Relay for Life events (24-hour community fight against cancer), Recognition Dinners and silent auctions responsible for raising between \$25,000-300,000/event.
- Performed volunteer recruitment and management initiatives including orientation and training, evaluation and feedback sessions with a focus on volunteer empowerment, ownership and inclusiveness.

## **CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE**

### **Community Health Workforce Development**

2014

#### **Springfield Technical Community College**

- Conducted focus groups with regional employers, CHW's and CHW students.
- Developed and presented outcome reports.

### **Community Organizing Consultant**

2010-2012

#### **NEON, Springfield, MA**

- Facilitated strategic learning process with neighborhood organizing network.
- Developed and facilitated community organizing training modules.
- Provided staff with individual and group coaching and ongoing professional development.

### **Leadership Development & Personal Growth Teacher/Advisor**

2009-2010

#### **Holyoke Upward Bound, Holyoke, MA**

- Developed, implemented and evaluated leadership development and personal growth curriculum for Upward Bound Summer Institute.
- Facilitated development of Youth Leadership Council and served as Advisor.

## **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

University of Connecticut School of Social Work Doctoral Committee

2013-2015

(Student Representative)

HOSA State Advisory Board

2011-2014

Springfield Technical Community College Diversity Council

2011-2014

University of Connecticut PRIDE Committee

2008-2011

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## National Priorities Project

2009-2010

### Youth & Social Media MSW Intern

- Developed and piloted national *If I Had a Trillion Dollars* video campaign curriculum.
- Collaboratively launched national *If I Had a Trillion Dollars* video campaign.
- Developed, implemented and evaluated organizational social media strategies.

## Arise for Social Justice

1997-2006

- Organized and participated in advocacy, public education and grassroots organizing towards the empowerment of low-income people, the recognition of decent housing as a basic human right and other local and national anti-poverty initiatives. (*Economic Justice Committee*)
- One year of service including organizational development work with a local, grassroots, multi-issue social justice organization dedicated to anti-oppression work locally and globally. (*Board of Directors*)
- Planned and facilitated popular education style workshops for low-income community members in subject areas including harm reduction, peaceful conflict resolution and media influence in political movements. (*Myles Horton Free School*)
- Organized and participated in harm reduction outreach efforts, public forums, and utilized postcard and petitioning campaigns with the goal of being a reduction in HIV infection rates in Springfield, MA (*Springfield Harm Reduction Coalition*)
- Organized and participated in voter registration and empowerment, membership development, and participated in grassroots community organizing for just electoral systems in local government. (*Intern*)

## TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MBTI Facilitator

Cultural Competency in higher education series

Interactive Institute for Social Change Facilitative Leadership training

GSUSA Membership/Volunteer Development training

GSUSA Leadership Development training

American Cancer Society Diversity Skills Pak Trainer

## PANELS, PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- 2014 ORS Exhibition, University of Connecticut- Intersectionality and Spirituality in the LGBTQ Community
- Commonwealth Workforce Coalition, Coalition Building and Transformation
- Communications and Cultural Competence in Healthcare
- North End Campus Coalition, Community Organizing 101 series- Issue Cultivation, Conducting 1:1's, Strategy Development, Program Planning
- STCC, LGBT Safe Zone training
- LGBT 101, University of Connecticut School of Social Work
- Bay Path College, LGBT panel
- NELCWIT, Harm Reduction 101 workshops
- University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Racial Profiling Forum (Hartford, CT)