

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- 2000 MSW Washington University, George Warren Brown School of
Social Work: Concentration Health: Cesar Chavez Scholarship
- 1997 BA University of Washington
Major: Developmental Psychology

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Clinical Social Work, Health, Mental Health and Multigenerational Practice, Field Education, End of Life Services, Grief and Bereavement support services, Transplant Services, Health disparities among Latinx families, Medical Translation & Interpretation Services

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021 - Present Associate Teaching Professor and Field Faculty, School of Social Work, University of Washington
- 2020 - 2021 Assistant Teaching Professor and Field Faculty, School of Social Work, University of Washington
- 2014 - 2020 Lecturer and Field Faculty, School of Social Work, University of Washington
- 2003 - 2010 Field Instructor, Seattle University & University of Washington, School of Social Work

LICENSURES & CERTIFICATIONS

- 2016 - 2019 Trained in CBT, DBT, Motivational Interviewing
- 2015 Safe Talk Suicide Prevention Trainer, Seattle
- 2012 - Present Washington Certified Clinical Supervisor
- 2011 - Present Certified Clinical Transplant Social Worker
- 2004 - Present Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, WA (LW 00009381)
- 2000 - Present Certified Medical Interpreter & Translator
- 2000 - Present CPR certified
- 1997 - Present Certified Crisis Intervention Volunteer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 - Present	Associate Teaching Professor, Field Faculty, Office of Field Education, School of Social Work, University of Washington
2014 – 2021	Lecturer, Field Faculty Office of Field Education, UWSSW
2014 – Present	Sr. Bereavement Clinician, Seattle Children's Hospital: Journey Program, Per Diem
2014 - Present	Clinical consultant: Patient Navigation Program, Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle
2011 - 2014	Sr. Medical Social Worker, Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle
2003 - 2011	Medical Social Worker: Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle
2003 - 2014	Cultural Consultant: Administration, Seattle Children's Hospital
2001 - 2003	Medical Social Worker: Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle
2000 - 2001	Medical Social Worker: Swedish Medical Center, Seattle

SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED TEACHING AND TRAINING, UWS

2025	Lead Instructor Soc W524, Generalist Practicum Seminar, Multiple Sections
2024 - 2025	Guest Lecturer: Soc W598 Clinical Supervision & Medical Social Work
2020	Guest Lecturer: Soc W548 Advanced Practice I: Multigenerational
2020	Guest Lecturer: Soc W540 Advanced Social Work Practice in Health Settings
2019 - Present	Lead Seminar Instructor: Soc W598 Integrative seminar: Latinx Traineeship
2019 - 2022	Lecturer: Soc W523: Introduction to Field Education for Advanced Standing Cohort
2018 - 2019	Lecturer: Soc W524: Introduction to Field Education Integrative Seminar Co-Taught Sections E and F: Day Cohort
2017 - Present	Field Instructor Training, Veterans Administration
2016	Field Instructor Orientation, led two sessions on learning contracts
2016 - 2017	Lecturer: Co-taught Soc W524 Introduction to Field Education EDP Cohort
2014 - 2016	Lecturer: Co-taught Soc W523 Introduction to Field Education Advanced Standing Cohort
2016	Guest Lecturer: Soc W540 Advanced Social Work Practice in Health Settings
2015	Guest Lecturer: Soc W510 Social Work Practice: Individuals
2014	Guest Lecturer: Soc WF 200: Intro to Social Welfare Practice
2014 - Present	Field Education, (Introduction to Field Education, Soc W523, Soc W524 Foundation Practicum; Soc W525 Advanced Practicum, School of Social Work, University of Washington
2014 - Present	Practicum Placement and Liaison (Soc W524, Soc W525), Liaison for students and Field Instructors - Average 60-65 students per year as primary liaison
2014 – Present	Field – Instructor Trainings, School of Social Work, University of Washington, WA (conduct 2-3 per year)

THESIS COMMITTEES AND INDEPENDENT STUDIES

2018 - Present	Independent Studies with students (Soc W599) 1-2 per year. 1-2 credits Projects focused on special topics related to the Latino Culture. School of Social Work, University of Washington
2022 - 2023	BASW Honors Mentor
2019 - 2020	MSW Thesis Committee member. Cultural Groundings in the Reshaped Experiences of Latino Familial Caregivers: A Normative Familismo Approach Chair: David La Fasia

LEADERSHIP ROLES

2025	Facilitated two Student support groups for Self-identified Latinx Social Work students: Coping and Adjusting to the New Political Landscape
2025 - Present	Appointed as Field Co-Chair for the MSW Clinical Specialization
2024 - Present	Lead for the Clinical Faculty Appointments Program
2022 - 2023	Co-Director, Office of Field Education
2022 - 2023	Co-Chair RPT, Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee
2019 - Present	Lead Instructor and coordinator for the Latinx Traineeship Program
2019	Lead Volunteer, Service Trip to Dilley, TX. Led a group of students and Faculty to serve as Advocates at the Women and Children Detention Center
2019 - 2022	Lead, Co-Lead, Introduction for Field Education (Soc W523)
2019	Lead, Introduction to Field Education (Soc W524) Day Cohort
2018 - 2020	Co-Chair, Admissions Committee
2015 - 2020	Elected/appointed as a member of the Admissions Committee
2016 - 2017	Lead, Introduction to Field Education: EDP Cohort (Soc W524)
2014 - 2015	Lead, Introduction to Field Education (Soc W522)

CONFERENCE AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Wells, Aida & Kanuha, Kalei (October 2024): *Lahaina Heals*. Presented on volunteer work conducted in Maui in support of the survivors of the Maui Wildfires. 2024 CSWE National Conference, Kansas City, MO

Wells, Aida (March 2022). *Cultural and Linguistic Grief Support: Habla Español?* A support model for Spanish-speaking grieving families. 2022 Northwest Childhood Grief Conference, Seattle, WA

Well, Aida (April 2020). *Social Work Experience at the Texas Border*. Presented on service trip to Dilley, Texas, at the Women and Children Detention Center, Office of Field Education

Wells, Aida (2014). *Medical Social Work: Why are there social workers in a medical setting?* BASW students, University of Washington. Seattle, WA

Wells, A. (July 2011). Parents are the Key: Oral presentation: Provider Grand Rounds. Seattle Children's Hospital. Seattle, WA

Wells, A. (2009). "The offer to help: will it provide relief (or more trouble) for the family?" Provider's Grand Rounds. Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA

Wells, A. (2007). Why is it difficult to say no? The importance of professional boundaries. Oral presentation to Interpreter & Translation Services. Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle

Wells, A. (2005- 2010). Working with Spanish-speaking families: A case manager's perspective. Nursing orientation, Day 1: Seattle Children's Hospital. Seattle, WA

Wells, A. (2004). Cultural issues: the Annual Nursing Continuing Education, SPACE: Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA

COMMUNITY SERVICE

UW School of Social Work (*elected)

2025	Field Co-chair for the Clinical Social Work Specialization
2025	OFE member on the Interviewing Committee for the MSW Program Assistant Director
2025	Participate with SSW Admissions to table at the Esperanza En Educacion Conference, ECC, University of Washington
2025	Served as mentor to the Colectiva student group with the Grand Challenge Student Design Project, "Sana Mente, Healthy Minds." School of Social Work, University of Washington
2025	Served as a mentor to two students with their poster presentations during the 2025 Student Poster Symposium, School of Social Work, University of Washington
2025	Consultant, Latinx 2025 Community Resource Panel
2025 – Present	Lead, Clinical Appointments Program for Field Instructors. School of Social Work, University of Washington
2022 – 2024	Co-Lead, Clinical Appointments Program for Field Instructors. School of Social Work, University of Washington
2022 – Present	Assisted in convening Ad Hoc Review committees for Promotion to Clinical Assistant Teaching Professor and Clinical Associate Teaching Professor
2024 - Present	Admission Committee member*
2024	Represent OFE at NCORE Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI
2024	Represent OFE at CSWE Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO
2023 – Present	Ad Hoc Review Committee Member for UW Associate Teaching Professor Promotion

2022 – Present	Ad Hoc Review Committee Member for UW Clinical promotion to Clinical Associate Teaching Professor
2022 - Present	Seattle King County Health Clinic, Volunteer as medical social worker, Spanish Interpreter, and Clinical Supervisor for MSW graduate students
2020	Consultant, Latinx 2020 Virtual Community Resource Panel
2020	Clinical Advisor for a Latinx student drop-in support Series for parents of hospitalized children: Pan y Chocolate (bread & hot chocolate)
2020	Assisted and participated in the 2020 NW Field Consortium Co-facilitated two sessions on Resource Sharing
2020 - Present	Faculty member, OFE Welcome Packet committee
2020 - Present	Faculty member, Integrative Seminar work group
2019	Faculty advisor and coordinator, Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration
2019	Faculty advisor and coordinator, Tamale sale La Colectiva Fundraiser
2019 - Present	Faculty member, Clinical Work Group
2019 - Present	Mentor to newly hired field faculty
2018 - Present	Faculty advisor for student affinity group - La Colectiva de Latin American Social Workers
2018	Field Instructor Training on new CSWE competencies
2018	Faculty member, OFE STAR Committee
2018 - Present	Write an average of 5-6 letters of reference for students applying for a Fulbright and other Scholarships, summer internships or jobs. Serve as a reference for many MSW students in H/MH/MGP Concentrations for jobs following graduation
2017 - 2020	Advisory Committee - Northwest Leaders in Behavioral Health Program
2017 - Present	MSW Prospective Student Days faculty participant
2017	Assisted with MSW Manual Revisions
2016 - Present	Field Lead - Multi-Gen Faculty Team
2016 - Present	Assist and participate in the coordination of the Innovations on Aging Lunchtime series
2016 - 2017	Participated in the EDP concentrations meetings
2016 - 2018	OFE committee member (hiring Assistant Dean for Field Education)
2016 - 2019	Assist with the Field Faculty hiring process
2015 - 2020	MSW Admissions Committee*
2017 - 2020	MSW Admissions Co-Chair
2015	Assisted and participated in the 2015 NW Field Consortium; facilitated two sessions on FERPA rules & expectations
2015 - Present	Faculty Advisor/Mentor for 3-5 foundation MSW students
2015 - Present	Health and Multi-Gen concentration working faculty group
2014 - Present	Participate in the coordination of Competitive Placements and process with the Veteran's Administration (VA), Madigan Medical Center, Multicare Hospitals, CHI Franciscan and Fairfax
2014 - Present	Assist with Health, Mental Health & Multi-Gen prospective student days
2014 - Present	Presented at welcoming events and orientation events for MSW

WIDER COMMUNITY SERVICE

2025	Service Trip volunteer at the Texas Border supporting families detained at the Immigration Detention Center.
2025	Co-facilitated a workshop along with the NASW Washington Chapter Executive Director, “WA State Social Work Licensing: What You Need to Know about Licensure.”
2024 - Present	Served as a mentor for an MSW Latinx Self-Identified student from Simmons College
2022 - Present	Volunteer for the Seattle King County Annual Health Clinic as a Medical Social Worker and Spanish Interpreter
2022 – Present	Volunteer Clinical Supervisor for four MSW graduate students with the Seattle King County Annual Health Clinic
2020 - 2024	Led and coordinated the virtual annual Spanish Memorial Service, Seattle Children’s Hospital Journey Program.
2019 - Present	Volunteer Spanish interpreter for the Immigration and Justice Campaign
2015 - 2024	Lead for support workshops for grieving Spanish-speaking families
2010	Designed a self-adhesive label for medical charts to use as prompts to alert medical providers of the need for interpreters

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Social Workers

National Association of Transplant Social Workers, Clinical Social Work Association

The Compassionate Friends Association National Alliance for Grieving Children

AWARDS/NOMINATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

2025	Nominated for the 2025 MSW Student’s Choice Teaching Award
2023	Nominated by students to participate in the SSW Commencement
2022 - Present	Recognized for high student evaluations
2020	Nominated for the 2020 MSW Student's Choice Teaching Award
2019	Named faculty advisor for the Colectiva of Latin American Social Workers
2018	Named Faculty Lead for the Latinx Specialization
2008	Nominated for the Ken Feldman Diversity Award, Seattle Children's, Seattle

MEDIA COVERAGE

2024	Featured in UW Medicine: The Huddle, exemplifying trauma-informed, community-based care for volunteered clinical support provided to Maui wildfire survivors
2023	Featured in UW Medicine Right as Rain article on Día de Los Muertos and healthy grieving, promoting culturally responsive practices.

- 2013 Featured during the Seattle Children's television Special for Univision, Spanish TV channel: "Historias del Corazon, Stories from the Heart"
- 2013 Contributing consultant and guest speaker for Seattle Children's television Special for Univision, Spanish TV channel: "Salud, Mente, y Espirito: Health, Mind & Spirit"
- 2011 Developed, produced, and directed an educational video for Spanish-speaking families, "Los Padres son la Clave: Parents are the Key."

LANGUAGES

English & Spanish (native speaker)