

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Diplomate in Clinical Social Work**

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## **I. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE:**

*Board Certified in Pain Management (Fellow Status) -*  
American Academy of Pain Management - February, 1992

*Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW) -*  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - 1987

*Register of Clinical Social Workers (Registration #024520) -*  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - December, 1986

*Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) (Licensure #S04367) -*  
Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners - May, 1985

*Independent Private Practitioner Recognition Status -*  
Texas Department of Health - May, 1985

*Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW) -*  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - May, 1982

## **II. EDUCATION AND TRAINING:**

*Completed Intensive Training on Managing and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues in*  
*Cultural Diversity*  
National Multicultural Institute, Washington, DC  
June 20-24, 2002

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*Completed Comprehensive Course on Teaching Stress Management and Relaxation Skills*  
La Crosse Exercise Program, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, Wisconsin,  
November 10-14, 1985

*Masters in Social Work - Social Treatment Concentration*  
Graduate School of Social Work, University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
May, 1980

*Bachelor of Science Degree in Business*  
University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
May, 1977

**III. TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

*Clinical Associate Professor – University of Houston – Graduate School of Social Work*  
*Fall, 2005 to present*

*Clinical Assistant Professor - University of Houston - Graduate School of Social Work*  
*Fall, 1997 to present*

*Visiting Faculty - University of Houston - Graduate School of Social Work*  
*Fall, 1993 - Summer, 1997*

During the period of Fall, 1993 through Summer, 1997 have served a year to year appointment as a full-time Visiting Instructor to the Graduate School of Social Work; in Fall, 1997 received an appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor; have contributed practice experience in the ongoing teaching of such courses as Social Work Practice, Grief and Bereavement Therapy, Social Work Practice with Families, Multicultural Practice, and Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents; have developed a Distance Education Course on Grief and Bereavement which received outstanding reviews by students and community professionals; have held membership on committees such as School Social Work Task Force, Student Affairs Committee, Dean's Search Committee, and have Chaired the Practice Committee; have responsibilities as field liaison to several field agencies and serve as student advisor to approximately twenty students; served as faculty advisor to the Student Association in 1996-1997; also have provided direct guidance to several student independent study projects on topics such as grief, suicide, and school social work; have also been recognized by graduating social work students as Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2003. In addition, have been invited by graduating social work students of 2002, 2003 and 2004 to perform the hooding in the graduation.

*Adjunct Faculty - University of Houston - Graduate School of Social Work*

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*Fall 1990 – Spring, 1993*

Served as Adjunct Faculty for several semesters at the Graduate School of Social Work; taught practice related courses such as Social Treatment I and Social Treatment IV.

*Adjunct Faculty - University of Houston Clear Lake - Counseling Education  
Spring, 1990 – Summer 1995*

Served as Adjunct Faculty for several semesters in the Counseling Education Department; developed and taught an elective course on Crisis Intervention to graduate students.

*Adjunct Faculty - University of Houston Clear Lake - Human Sciences and Humanities  
Fall, 1987 – Fall, 1991*

Served as Adjunct Faculty for several semesters in the Human Sciences and Humanities Department; developed and taught an undergraduate course on Crisis Intervention which was designed as an introductory course to a field practicum experience with the Crisis Hotline.

**IV. CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:**

*Clinical Social Worker/Consultant  
Sandra A. Lopez LCSW, ACSW, Houston, Texas  
2/87 to present*

As a Clinical Social Worker provide psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and families within a clinical social work practice setting; specialty areas include treatment with grief and bereavement, especially with sudden and traumatic grief experiences, crisis intervention in the aftermath of crisis experiences, suicidal behavior, and culturally relevant issues for Hispanics; also provide stress management counseling and relaxation skills training.

As a Consultant, provide professional training, program development services, and professional consultation to a wide range of settings such as educational, corporate, public, community, medical and social services; specific consultation services include program evaluation, program development and program planning; programs have included areas such as promoting healthy lifestyle or wellness (stress management, interpersonal communication, relaxation); conflict management and resolution; teambuilding, group problem solving, management team building, and strategic planning; have worked with educational systems to plan and develop appropriate programs for crisis management and crisis intervention; and to develop peer support programs for students, as well as have provided interventions to educational systems and communities in the aftermath of tragic and traumatic deaths.

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Also as a Consultant, provide periodic clinical case consultation to mental health colleagues, especially social workers, related to crisis, suicide, ethical, cultural and clinical issues; provide clinical supervision to social workers pursuing licensure for the clinical credential.

As a recognized expert in the field of grief and bereavement, provide evaluations expert review, expert testimony to attorneys. The purpose of the evaluations is to primarily assess and to interpret grief reactions of grieving individuals and families in the aftermath of tragic or traumatic loss experiences. Also, provide expert testimony in cases related to the social work profession, clinical social work practice and established standards of care.

*Clinical Social Worker*

*St. Joseph Hospital, Social Work Department, Houston, Texas  
10/81 to 2/87*

Functioned primarily with the Cardiac Rehabilitation Inpatient and Outpatient Program; in this capacity, provided counseling and psychotherapy, relaxation skills classes, and stress management educational series to cardiac patients and their families; responsibilities also included assessment of patient's emotional state to assist in appropriate psychosocial adjustment to their current medical condition. Initially worked with several medical units such as renal dialysis, pediatrics, neonatal, geriatric, medical, and surgical, to provide social work services to patients and families.

*Social Worker/Psychotherapist*

*Family Service Center, Houston, Texas  
5/80 to 10/81*

Responsible for providing individual, family, and marital and group therapy in a special project office within the Hispanic community; functioned as facilitator for adolescent groups within the school system; co-facilitated parents' education groups using STEP program (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting); presented family life education programs to community groups, and provided professional training on working with Hispanic families.

**V. HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS:**

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May 14, 2005*

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students  
University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2004*

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*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 2003*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2003

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May 2003

*Friends of Students Award for 2003*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2003

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 2002*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2002

*Selected as Faculty to Perform Hooding of Graduating Social Work Students*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work – May, 2002

*Social Worker of the Year for 1999*

National Association of Social Workers - Texas Chapter - November, 1999

*Nominated for the Outstanding Faculty Award for 1999*

University of Houston Alumni Organization – July, 1999

*Social Worker of the Year for 1999*

National Association of Social Workers - Houston Unit - March, 1999

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1999*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work - May, 1999

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1997*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work - May, 1997

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1996*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work - May, 1996

*Outstanding Faculty of the Year for 1995*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work - May, 1995

*Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for 1991*

University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Association - May, 1991

*Volunteer of the Year for 1989*

Santa Maria Hostel

*Hispanic Social Worker of the Year for 1989*

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Hispanic Social Workers of Texas

*Outstanding Young Women of America for 1987*

*Nominated as One of Houston's Women on the Move for 1986*

Sponsored by the Houston Post, Texas Executive Women & Sakowitz - October, 1986

*Selected as One of the Ten Nominees for Fiestas Patrias Hispanic Citizen of the Year for 1986*  
September 16, 1986

*Recognition Award for Excellence in Humanitarian Contribution*

Social Work Program - Texas Southern University - March 28, 1985

*Recognition Award for One Thousand Hours of Service as Volunteer Telephone Counselor*

Crisis Hotline - January 30, 1982

*Listed in the 1979-1980 National Dean's List of Outstanding Students*

**VI. INVITED KEYNOTES, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS:**

*"Ethical Considerations in Self Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue"* –  
(Invited Keynote) - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Palliative Care Symposium, Marriott Hotel, El Paso,  
Texas, September 10, 2005.

*"Ethical Considerations in Self Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue"* –  
(Invited Workshop) - Girling Health Care, Inc., Houston, Texas,

*"Developing Critical Competencies for Addressing Challenges of the Future"* –  
(Invited Keynote) - Association of Oncology Social Work 21<sup>st</sup> National Conference,  
Hyatt Regency, Austin, Texas, May 11, 2005.

*"Ethical Considerations in Self Care: Understanding Compassion Fatigue"* –  
(Invited Workshops) - American Hospice – Series of Workshops for National Social  
Work Month, Houston, Texas, March 9, March 23, March 29, and March 30, 2005

*"Balancing Informed Consent with Cultural Sensitivity"* (Invited Keynote) –  
American Hospice/Voyager Hospice Care Second Annual Palliative Care Symposium,  
Park Plaza Hotel, Houston, Texas, November 12, 2004.

*"Clinical Supervision"* (1 ½ Day Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers –  
National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Renaissance  
Hotel, Austin, Texas, October 22-23, 2004.

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*“The Impact of Trauma on Social Workers: Understanding Compass*

*“Viva la Cultura Hispana: Celebrating our Strengths and Resiliency” (Closing Plenary) – 2004 Hispanic Family Conference, University of Houston Hilton Conference Center, September 28, 2004.*

*“Identifying the Critical Challenges in Moving Towards Cultural Competence” (General Session Keynote) – The Society for Social Work Leadership in Healthcare Texas Chapter Annual State Conference, September 20, 2004.*

*“Identifying the Critical Challenges in Moving Towards Cultural Competence” (Keynote Address) – National Association of Social Workers – Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 20, 2004.*

*“A Challenge to Social Work: An Invitation to Create Your Role in Celebrating Diversity and Healing Racism” (Invited Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers – Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 20, 2004.*

*“Balancing Informed Consent with Cultural Sensitivity” (Keynote Address) – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Palliative Care Symposium, Marriott Hotel, El Paso, Texas, March 26, 2004.*

*“Culture Centered Ethics: Doing the Right Thing” (Teleconference Workshop) – University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, March 17, 2004*

*“Suicide Assessment and Intervention” (Presentation) – Annual State Conference Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care – Texas Chapter, The Warwick Hotel, Houston, Texas, September 23, 2003.*

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop) – Texas Women’s University, Denton, Texas May 22, 2003.*

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop) – National Association of Social Workers Lubbock Unit, Lubbock, Texas, May 16, 2003.*

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop) – Memorial Hermann Social Work Department Social Work Month Celebration, March 13, 2003.*

*“The Impact of Culture on the Process of Grieving” (Workshop) – LBJ Social Work Department Social Work Month Celebration, February 26, 2003.*

*“Cultural Diversity” (Keynote Address) – Texas Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, February 2, 2003.*

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*“Appreciating and Celebrating Diversity” (Keynote Address)* – Cypress Fairbanks ISD Diversity Summit for Faculty, December 5, 2002.

*“Healing Racism: A Continuing Dialogue” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, November 9, 2002.

*“Critical Issues Impacting Social Workers in Private Practice” (Panel Presentation)* – National Association of Social Workers Texas Conference, Houston, Texas, November 8, 2002.

*“Our Continuing Dialogue of Ethics in Social Work Practice: A Closer Examination of the Five Most Critical Ethical Dilemmas” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Amarillo Unit, Amarillo, Texas, October 18, 2002.

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice and Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers El Paso Unit, El Paso, Texas, October 12, 2002.

*“Hot Ethics Topics in Social Work Practice” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Galveston Unit, October 8, 2002.

*“Ethics and Cultural Diversity” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter Leadership, Austin, Texas, July 27, 2002.

*“The Impact of Culture on Quality of Life at End of Life” (Presentation)* –Nurse Oncology Oncology Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas, June 7, 2002.

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter Annual Conference, May 17, 2002.

*“Cultural Diversity in a Changing Political Environment” (Keynote Address)* – National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter Annual Conference, May 17, 2002.

*“Living with Grief: Loss in Later Life” (Workshop)* - Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference, April 24, 2002.

*“Facing the Critical Challenges in Social Work: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers, Arkansas Chapter Annual Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, March 28, 2002.

*“The Importance of Life Review with the Elderly” (Presentation)* – MD Anderson Hospital Social Work Month Conference, March 22, 2002

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*“The Power of Social Work” (Luncheon Address)* – Methodist Hospital Case Management and Social Work Department, Social Work Month Luncheon, March 20, 2002.

*“The Sweet Hereafter” (Presentation)* – Houston Galveston Psychoanalytic Society, January 9, 2002

*“A Message of Hope and Healing”* – Second Annual Bereavement Breakfast Gathering, Memorial Hermann Children’s Hospital, December 8, 2001.

*“Family Dynamics and Cultural Diversity”* – American Cancer Society, Texas Division, Inc., Hispanic/Latino Leadership Summit, San Antonio, Texas, November 12, 2001.

*“The Fine Art of Managing Stress”* – Speaking of Women’s Health Conference, Radisson Hotel Astrodome, October 27, 2001.

*“Healing Racism in Social Work: A Continuing Dialogue” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers – Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, October 13, 2001.

*“Appreciating and Celebrating Cultural Diversity: Recognizing the Challenges and Overcoming the Obstacles” (Keynote Address)* – Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County & Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 4, 2001.

*“Grief and Loss in the Elderly” (Grand Rounds Presentation)* – Quenten Mease Hospital, Geriatric Services, Grand Rounds.

*“Compassion Fatigue: The Emotional Cost of Caregiving” (Luncheon Address)* - Memorial Hermann Hospital, Staff of Social Workers, Houston, Texas, August 23, 2001.

*“Surviving, Thriving, and Celebrating Cultural Diversity” (Keynote Address – Closing Plenary)* Case Management Society Texas Conference, Adams Mark Hotel, Houston, Texas, August 17, 2001.

*“Self Care for the Caregiver” (Keynote Address)* – Communities in Schools of Houston Annual Inservice, Houston, Texas, August 8, 2001.

*“Cultural Diversity and Ethical Issues” (Presentation)* - Council of Nephrology Social Workers, Veterans Administration Hospital, Houston, Texas, July 23, 2001.

*“Facing the Organizational Challenge: Promoting Cultural Diversity” (Plenary Keynote)*, National Association of Social Workers, Annual Leadership Conference, Crystal City Hyatt Regency, Arlington, Virginia, July 20, 2001.

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- “Social Work with Culturally Diverse Families: Developing Ethical Practice & Cultural Competence” (Workshop)* – University of Mary Hardin Baylor, Social Work Program, Belton, Texas, May 5, 2001.
- “End of Life Issues” (Presentation)* – Update 2001 Professional Education Symposium, National Kidney Foundation, University of Houston Hilton, March 9, 2001.
- “Cultural Diversity and Ethics” (Workshop Presentation for Field Instructors)* – University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work Field Instructor Seminar Series, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, February 1, 2001.
- “The Power of Social Work in Celebrating Diversity and Creating Oneness” (Keynote Address –Closing Plenary)* National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, November 4, 2000.
- “Exploring Inevitable Challenges in the Social Work Profession: Reclaiming Our Strength and Spirit”* – University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work, Jenkins Lecture Series, October 17, 2000.
- “Youth Violence and Loss of Innocence” (Featured Speaker)* – Barry University Graduate School of Social Work Annual Conference, Miami, Florida, October 13, 2000.
- “Social Work and Ethical Issues”(Workshop)*- Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority Multicultural Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, October 11, 2000.
- “Grief and Loss in the Health Care Environment” (Luncheon Address)* - Texas Institute of Research and Rehabilitation (TIRR) Health Care Luncheon, Marriott Hotel, September 20, 2000.
- “Responding to Adolescent Suicide” (Workshop)* – Regional Adolescent Health Conference, Dallas, Texas, May 12, 2000.
- “Diversity in the Workplace: Cultural Aspects of Dealing with Grief” (Workshop)* – Employee Assistance Roundtable Spring Meeting, Jekyll Island, Georgia, April 18, 2000.
- “Ethical Issues and Cultural Diversity” (Workshop)* – National Association of Social Workers Ethics Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 24, 2000.
- “Taking the Fear out of End of Life Issues” (Panel Presentation)* - University of Houston Central Campus, Blaffer Gallery, November 10, 1999.
- “Developing a Framework for Culturally Competent Practice” (Workshop)* – National

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Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Houston, Texas  
November 6, 1999.

*“Responding to Grief in the Schools”* - Conference on Grief, University of Houston  
Central Campus, UH Hilton, April 14, 1999.

*“Exploring the Impact of Culture on Service Delivery” (Keynote Address)* - M.D. Anderson  
Hospital, March 5, 1999.

*“When A Parent Dies: Supporting the Children”* - (Panel Presentation) Communities in  
Crisis Teleconference, UH Hilton Hotel, October 13, 1998.

*“Youth Suicide Prevention” (Presentation)* - Harris County Department of Education Annual  
Student at Risk Conference, UH Hilton Hotel, September 21, 1998.

*“An Invitation to Check Your Ethics” (Workshop)* - Regional Network for Children  
Conference, Omni Hotel, Austin, Texas, March 31, 1998.

*“Ethical Issues in End of Life Decision Making” (Presentation)* - St. Luke’s Episcopal  
Hospital, Social Work In-Service for Social Work Month, March 26, 1998.

*“Celebrating 100 Years of Social Work” (Presentation)* - Hermann Hospital, Social Work  
In-Service for Social Work Month, March 23, 1998.

*“Living and Working with Diverse Populations” (Keynote Presentation)* - 1998 Region VI  
Hemophilia Conference, Barton Creek Conference Center, Austin, Texas,  
March 16, 1998.

*“Ethical Issues in Supervision” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers - Texas  
Chapter, Hilton Hotel, Austin, Texas, March 13, 1998.

*“Viva La Conexion de Familia y Escuela” (Keynote Presentation - Spanish)* - Galena Park  
Independent School District, First Annual Families Conference, Galena Park, Texas,  
January 29, 1998.

*“Ayudar A Su Hijo a Tener Exito en la Escuela” (Workshop)* - Galena Park Independent School  
District, First Annual Families Conference, Galena Park, Texas, January 29, 1998.

*“Helping your Child Be Successful in School” (Workshop)* - Galena Park Independent School  
District, First Annual Families Conference, Galena Park, Texas, January 29, 1998.

*“Responding to Youth Suicide: Suicide Prevention in the Schools” (Workshop)* - Corpus  
Christi Independent School District, Corpus Christi, Texas, September 26, 1997.

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*“Grief and Loss Issues for the Injured Worker” (Presentation)* - Texas Association for Rehabilitation Professionals Conference, Clear Lake, Texas, August 15, 1997.

*“Perspectives into the Hispanic Culture” (Presentation)* - Texas Children’s Hospital - Social Service Department Conference on Perspectives on Multi-Cultural Issues, Houston, Texas, April 25, 1997.

*“Exploring the Impact of Culture on the Grieving Process” (Lecture)* - Southwest Texas State University, School of Health Professions Distinguished Lecture Series, San Marcos, Texas, April 21, 1997.

*“Social Work Supervision” (Panel Presentation)* - Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority and Harris County Psychiatric Center Conference on ASocial Work Ethics in a Changing World, Houston, Texas, March 21, 1997.

*“Practical Interventions with Grieving Children” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter Conference, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Houston, Texas, November 8, 1996.

*“Legal, Ethical, and Clinical Dilemmas Related To Assisted Suicide” (Presentation)* - First Annual Gay and Lesbian Conference, Sponsored by Montrose Counseling Center, Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Houston, Texas, September 27, 1996.

*“Grief and Bereavement Issues” (Seminar)* - Baylor College of Medicine and University of Texas Center on Aging Conference, Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Houston, Texas, September 26, 1996.

*“Grief and Bereavement Issues” (Workshop)* - DePelchin Children’s Center, August 23, 1996.

*“Developing A Culturally Sensitive Approach” (Workshop)* - Horizon Youth Center Regional Conference, Holiday Inn, South Padre Island, Texas, August 19, 1996.

*“Ethical Issues in Human Services” (Workshop)* - DePelchin Children’s Center, August 9, 1996.

*“Crisis Intervention with Hispanic Families” (Keynote Address)* - Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority Hispanic Conference, Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Houston, Texas, August 9, 1996.

*“Suicide Assessment and Intervention” (Workshop)* - 39th Annual Institute on Alcohol and Drug Studies, Sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in cooperation

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with the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, July 16, 1996.

*“Multicultural Perspective on Intergenerational Social Work” (Workgroup Session) - Futures Conference, Sponsored by the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work and National Association of Social Workers (Houston Unit), Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas, May 9 and 10, 1996.*

*“CARES Project” (Panel Presentation) - Co-Presented at the National Association of Social Workers National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1995.*

*“An Overview of Suicide” (Workshop) - Co-Presented at the National Association of Social Workers National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1995.*

*“Suicide Assessment and Intervention” (Workshop) - 38th Annual Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies, Sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, July 18, 1995.*

*“Crisis Intervention with Children” (Keynote Address) - Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority Social Work Conference, Jewish Community Service Center, March, 1995.*

*“Repressed Memories Related to Sexual Abuse” (Study Group Discussion) - National Conference of the American Psychoanalytic Society, Houston, Texas, March, 1995.*

*“Crisis Intervention” (Keynote Address) - Southeastern Dialysis Transplantation Association Conference, Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, August 12, 1994.*

*“Counseling Survivors of Suicide: Understanding The Pain” (Workshop) - 37th Annual Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies, Sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, July 12, 1994.*

*“Interpersonal Conflict Resolution Within The Context of the Hispanic Culture” (Workshop) - 37th Annual Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies, Sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, July 12, 1994.*

*“The Individual in the Context of Ethnicity and Culture: Opportunity for Enrichment of Psychotherapy” (Grand Rounds Presentation) - The Eleventh Annual Ruth Hutton Fred Lecture, Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, May 11, 1994.*

*“Balancing Work and Home: Putting First Things First” (Workshop) - St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Spring, 1994, Management Forum/Management Conference, May 3, 1994.*

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*“Appreciating Cultural Diversity: Developing A Culturally Sensitive Practice” (Presentation) - 25th Annual Institute of the Houston Group Psychotherapy Society, Embassy Suites, Houston, Texas, April 14, 1994.*

*“Understanding Grief and Loss” (Keynote Address) - Conference on Loss Happens Everyday How Can You Help? Sponsored by Community Action Coalition, Fort Bend County Mental Health Association, November 8, 1993.*

*“The Effect of Suicide on Families” (Workshop) - American Association of Suicidology Survivors of Suicide Conference on Healing After Suicide, Dallas, Texas, November 6, 1993.*

*“The Effect of Suicide on Families” (Keynote Address) - American Association of Suicidology Survivors of Suicide Conference - Healing After Suicide, Dallas, Texas, November 5, 1993.*

*“The Successful Private Practice of Clinical Social Work in the Era of Managed Care” (Workshop) - Co-Presented at the National Association of Social Workers National Annual Conference, Orange County Convention/Civic Center, November 3, 1993.*

*“Suicide Recognition and Risk Assessment” (Workshop) - Conference on School Crime in the 90's, Sponsored by the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University in cooperation with the Education Service Center, Region VI, Huntsville, Texas, October 21, 1993.*

*“Suicide Intervention” (Workshop) - Conference on School Crime in the 90's, Sponsored by the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University in cooperation with the Education Service Center, Region VI, Huntsville, Texas, October 21, 1993.*

*“Responding to Crisis Within A School Setting” (Workshop) - Annual Catholic Schools Teachers Seminar, Diocese of Galveston-Houston, Astrohall, Houston, Texas, September 24, 1993.*

*“Suicide” (Workshop) - Eighth Annual Governor’s Training Conference on Crime Victim Assistance, Omni Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas, September 17, 1993.*

*“Working with the Grief of Suicide Survivors” (Workshop) - The Grief Center of Texas Conference - From Ending to Beginning: The Power of Grief, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Houston, Texas, March 27, 1993.*

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*“Grief After Suicide” (Workshop)* - The Grief Center of Texas Conference on From Ending to Beginning: The Power of Grief, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Houston, Texas, March 26, 1993.

*“Crisis Intervention with Dialysis and Transplant Patients” (Keynote Address)* - The National Kidney Foundation of Southeast Texas Fifth Annual Symposium, Astrodome Marriott, Houston, Texas, March 19, 1993.

*Commencement Address* - Our Lady of the Lake University, December, 1992 University Graduation, San Antonio, Texas, December 19, 1992.

*“Responding to Youth Suicide” (Keynote Address)* - Earthman Forum - When Students Mourn, Sponsored by the Houston Graduate School of Theology, The Institute of Religion and Earthman Funeral Directors, October 24, 1992.

*“Ethics for the 90's” (Presentation)* - National Association of Social Workers State Conference, Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 23, 1992.

*“Legal Regulation of Social Work in Texas” (Panel Presentation)* - National Association of Social Workers State Conference, Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, Texas, October 22, 1992.

*“Managing Stress in a Stressful World” (Workshop)* - Eighth Annual Partners in Prevention Conference, George R. Brown Convention Center, October 13, 1992.

*“Suicide: Assessment, Intervention, and Postvention” (Workshop)* - White Sands Missile Range, United States Federal Government, White Sands, New Mexico, September 29, 1992.

*“Developing A Community Response to the Tragedy of Suicide” (Workshop)* - Sponsored by Greenbrier Hospital, Covington Holiday Inn, Covington, Louisiana, September 4, 1992.

*“Treatment of Adolescent Issues: Self-Destructive Behavior” (Workshop)* - National Association of Social Workers National Conference - World Assembly 1992, Washington, DC, July 19, 1992.

*“Basic Practice Management and Administrative Issues” (Workshop)* - Successful Private Practice of Clinical Social Work, National Association of Social Workers National Conference - World Assembly 1992, Washington, DC, July 18, 1992.

*“Understanding the Pain of Survivors of Suicide” (Keynote Address)* - Conference on Healing After Suicide, Sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, May 8, 1992.

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*"Healing Within The Family" (Workshop)* - Conference on Healing After Suicide, Sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, May 8, 1992.

*"Youth Suicide" (Presentation)* - IntraCare Hospital, Conference on Kids Who Kill Themselves, Houston, Texas, April 30, 1992.

*"Dealing with Potential Violence in Hospitals, In-Patient, and Clinic Settings" (Workshop)* - Sponsored by the Interagency, Information and Referral System, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, April 10, 1992.

*"Possible Solutions to Difficult Situations" (Panel Presentation)* - Sponsored by the Interagency, Information, and Referral System, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, April 10, 1992.

*"Hispanic Youth Suicide: Prevention, Assessment and Intervention" (Workshop)* - Association of Mexican American Social Workers (AMAS) Second Annual Conference, Wyndham Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, March 20, 1992.

*"Don't Let Your Teen Self-Destruct" (Community Presentation)* - Sponsored by Parkview Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, January 15, 1992.

*"Don't Let Your Teen Self-Destruct" (Community Presentation)* - Sponsored by Parkview Hospital, Salina, Kansas, January 14, 1992.

*Commencement Address* - University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work, May 1992  
Social Work Graduating Class, May 18, 1992.

*"Stress Management for the Health Care Professional" (Keynote Address)* - The National Kidney Foundation of Southeast Texas Third Annual Symposium, Marriott Hotel, Houston, Texas, March 1, 1991.

*"Suicide: Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention" (All Day Workshop)* - Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol, Houston, Texas, February 15, 1991.

*"Treatment of Adolescent Issues: Exploring the Range of Self-Destructive Behavior Among Adolescents" (Master Class)* - National Association of Social Workers 1990 Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 15, 1990.

*"Suicide is Never Final - The Survivors Experience"* - Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc., Annual Conference -- Visions of the Future, Marathon Oil Tower, Houston, Texas, September 27, 1990.

*"Adolescent Suicide" (Presentation)* - Leadership Houston Conference, Houston, Texas, March 8, 1990.

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*“Adolescent Suicide” (Master Class)* - National Association of Social Workers 1989 Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, October 12, 1989.

*“Understanding the Pain of Survivors of Suicide” (Seminar)* - Sponsored by Baywood Hospital and Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc., July 28, 1989.

*“Suicide Prevention” (Keynote Address)* - San Jacinto Girl Scouts, Inc., Annual Conference, Girl Scouts Tune in to the Future, Houston, Texas, February 21, 1989.

*“Managing Stress in a Stressful Environment” (Presentation)* - National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, Dallas, Texas, November 14, 1988.

*“Families in Transition from the Black and Hispanic Perspective” (Presentation)* - Twelfth Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, November 5, 1988.

*“Understanding the Pain of Survivors of Suicide” (Seminar)* - Seminar Series on Bereavement and Healing sponsored by Earthman Funeral Directors and Lee College, Baytown, Texas, March 1, 1988.

*“Survivors of Suicide” (Panel Presentation)* - Conference sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Marriott Hotel, Houston, Texas, February 26, 1988.

*“Intervention Strategies with the Suicidal Adolescent” (Presentation)* - Conference sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Marriott Hotel, Houston, Texas, February 25 and 26, 1988.

*“Response to Adolescent Suicide” (Workshop)* - Sponsored by the Mental Health Association of El Paso, Westin Hotel, El Paso, Texas, July 10, 1987.

*“Professional Practice - Social Work Perspective” (Panel Presentation)* - Multiple Perspectives Professional Counselor Foundation, Continuing Education Center, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, December 5, 1986; and North Harris County College, South Campus, Houston Texas, December 6, 1986.

*“Understanding the Pain of Survivors of Suicide” (Seminar)* - Practical Seminar Series on Bereavement and Healing sponsored by Earthman Funeral Directors, Houston, Texas, November 25, 1986.

*“Adolescent Depression and Suicide” (Workshop)* - The 13th Annual Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies: Substance Abuse and Related Issues, Sponsored by the West Texas

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Council on Governments, El Paso, Texas, November 3, 1986.

*“Stress Management for the Helping Professional” (Workshop)* - Texas Rehabilitation Association 1986 Annual Conference on High Touch/High Tech: A Balance, Holiday Inn Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi, Texas, July 14, 1986.

*“Health Care Practices and Hispanics” (Workshop)* - University of Texas Medical Branch, Continuing Education Program, Galveston, Texas, May 16, 1986.

*“Stress Management: The Fine Art of Balancing Your Life” (Workshop)* - Tenth Annual Fall Conference of Houston Professional Administrators, Flagship Hotel, Galveston, Texas, November 16, 1985.

*“Survivors of Suicide” (Panel Presentation)* - Harris County Hospital District and Jefferson Davis Hospital, November 8, 1985.

*“Teenage Suicide Among Hispanic Youth” (Panel Presentation)* - LULAC 56th Annual State Convention, Shamrock Hilton, Houston, Texas, May 25, 1985.

*“After Suicide: Organizing and Maintaining a Survivors Group” (Presentation)* - Conference sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas, February 7, 1985.

*“Hispanics and Suicide” (Panel Presentation)* - Conference Sponsored by Crisis Intervention of Houston, Hyatt Regency, Houston, Texas, March 2, 1984.

*“A Social Work Model for Serving the Mexican American Community” (Paper Presentation)* - University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work Conference on Social Work in a Multi-Ethnic Society: A Minority Perspective, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, December 2, 1983.

*“Grief Counseling - Support Groups” (Panel Presentation)* - Perspectives in Perinatal Care for the 80's Conference, St. Joseph Hospital, November 11, 1983.

*“Discharge Planning in Perinatal Care” (Panel Presentation)* - Perspectives in Perinatal Care for the 80's Conference, St. Joseph Hospital, November 10, 1983.

*“Dynamics of the Suicidal Crisis” (Presentation)* - National Association of Social Workers, Houston Unit Meeting, Autry House, April 28, 1983.

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*“Family Dynamics” (Presentation)* - Coping and Parent Education Workshop sponsored by the Houston Chapter of Spina Bifida Association, St. Joseph Hospital, October 16, 1982.

**VIII. SUBMITTED & ACCEPTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

*“The Impact of Trauma on Social Workers: Working Through Compassion Fatigue and Secondary Traumatization” (Workshop Presentation)* – National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas, October 22, 2004.

*“A Model for Promoting Self-Care Through a Support Group Experience with Social Work Graduate Students” (Presentation co-presented with five social work Graduate students)* –National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas, October 21, 2004.

*“Identifying Challenges in the Resolution of Complicated Grief” (Paper Presentation)* – The London Ontario International Biannual Grief and Bereavement Conference – Creating Meaning in the Face of Death – London, Ontario, Canada, May 18, 2004.

*“Developing A Framework for Culturally Competent Practice” (Workshop Presentation)* - National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Adams Mark Hotel, Houston, Texas, November 6, 1999.

*“Creating A Climate of Partnership Between Social Work and Education Interns” (Paper Presentation)* - Co-Presented at the National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, November 7, 1995.

*“Crisis Management Within the Schools” (Paper Presentation)* - American Association of Suicidology 21st Annual Conference on Suicide Prevention, Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC, April 15, 1988.

*“Intervention Strategies with the Suicidal Adolescent” (Paper Presentation)* - Eleventh Annual National Association of Social Workers - Texas State Convention, Amarillo Sheraton Hotel and Amarillo Convention Center, Amarillo, Texas, October 16, 1987.

*“Experiences with Two Models of Survivor Groups” (Paper Presentation)* - American Association of Suicidology 19th Annual Conference on Suicide: Innovations in Programs and Research, Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, April 4, 1986.

*“Understanding Survivors: Working with the Families of Suicide Victims” (Paper Presentation)* - Ninth Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, Westin-

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Galleria Hotel, Dallas, Texas, October 20, 1985.

*“The Role of the Social Worker in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program” (Paper Presentation) – Ninth Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, Westin-Galleria Hotel, Dallas, Texas, October 19, 1985.*

*“Adolescent Suicide: Basic Training in Suicide Prevention with Adolescents” (Workshop) - Eighth Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, St. Anthony Intercontinental Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, November 8, 1984.*

*“Integrating Sociocultural Factors in the Counseling of Hispanic Clients” (Paper Presentation) Seventh Annual National Association of Social Workers, Texas State Convention, Shamrock Hilton, Houston, Texas, October 13, 1983.*

*“Being Responsive to the Chicano Community: The Development and Implementation of Unique Programmatic Approaches” (Paper Presentation) - National Association of Social Workers Minority Issues Conference, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 12, 1982.*

*“Establishing a Special Office to Service the Mexican American Community” (Paper Presentation) - Family Service Association of America Biennial Conference, Marriott Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, September 10, 1981.*

*“Attitudes Toward Suicide Among Mexican Americans in Houston” (Paper Presentation) - American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, April 18, 1980.*

**IX. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/CONSULTATION:**

Since 1980 to the present, have provided training and presentations on a variety of topics including ethics, cultural sensitivity and diversity, multicultural issues, adolescent suicide, suicide risk assessment and intervention, Hispanic culture, clinical supervision, and grief and loss. Also, have provided consulting services such as program evaluation, team building, conflict resolution, and diversity training. The following list includes some of the programs I have provided services to over the last twenty four years:

Arrow Project (foster parents/staff)  
Baylor College of Medicine – Adolescent and Sports Medicine Sections  
Baylor College of Medicine – Department of Psychiatry  
Baylor Teen Health Clinic  
Ben Taub General Hospital Social Service Department  
Bering Omega  
Bo’s Place

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Casey Foundation  
Catholic Charities  
Catholic Diocesan School Office  
Child Advocates  
Children's Assessment Center  
Children's Protective Services  
City Public Health Department  
Clear Creek Independent School District  
Communities in Schools of Houston  
Council of Agencies Serving Youth (CASY)  
Crisis Intervention of Houston  
Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District  
DePelchin Children's Center  
Duchesne Academy  
El Centro de Corazon  
Family Service Center  
Fort Bend Independent School District  
Galena Park Independent School District  
Girling Home Health Care  
Harris County Psychiatric Center – Social Work Department  
Harris County Department of Education  
Hospice Care Team  
Houston Area Community Services (HACS)  
Houston Independent School District  
Humble Independent School District  
IntraCare Hospital  
Jewish Family Service Center  
Jewish Women's International Prejudice Awareness Summit  
Katy Independent School District  
Klein Independent School District  
Krause Center  
LBJ Hospital Social Work Department  
Lamar Consolidated Independent School District  
MD Anderson Hospital Social Work Department  
MD Anderson Hospital Volunteer Services  
Memorial Hermann Hospital Social Work Department  
Methodist Hospital Social Work Department  
Montrose Counseling Center  
Non-Profit Counseling  
North Harris Montgomery Community College District  
North Harris County College  
Northeast Hospice Services  
Ryan White Council  
San Jacinto College Counseling Department

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San Jacinto Girl Scouts  
St. Agnes Catholic High School  
St. Luke's Hospital Social Work Department  
St. Pius High School  
Spring Branch Independent School District – Student Assistance Program  
Spring Creek Counseling Association  
University of Texas Medical Branch – Department of Family Medicine  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center Social Work Department  
VITAS  
West Oaks Hospital

**X. PUBLICATIONS:**

Currently working on an invited chapter on culture/ethnicity and impact on end of life process for a book When the Helping Professional Weeps: Emotional and Countertransference Issues in End of Life Care, edited by Renee Katz & Therese Johnson to be published by Brunner-Routledge, New York.

Lopez, Sandra A., "The Memory Chain" in Cheung, M. (2005). Therapeutic games and guided imagery exercises. Chicago: Lyceum Books.

Lopez, Sandra A. (1999). "Role of the Supervisor in the Supervision Process", Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners Newsletter, Spring, 1999.

Lopez, Sandra A., Torres, Alberta, and Norwood, Pamela. (1998). "Building Partnerships: A Successful Collaborative Experience Between Social Work and Education". Social Work in Education. 20, 165-176.

Arroyo, Rodolfo and Lopez, Sandra A. (1984) "Being Responsive to the Chicano Community: A Model for Service Delivery", in Color in a White Society, National Association of Social Workers: Maryland.

Co-Author on several NASW National Publications--

*"Guidelines for Clinical Social Work Supervision" (1994). Washington, DC: NASW Press.*

*"Social Work Perspective on Managed Care" (1993). Washington, DC: NASW Press.*

*"Guidelines for Private Practice" (1992). Washington, DC: NASW Press.*

*"Case Management Standards for Social Work Practice" (1992). Washington, DC: NASW Press.*

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Contributing Author on articles—

*“What You Really Need To Know About Adolescent Suicide”* – Texas Department of Human Services Newsletter, (2003).

**XI. BOOK REVIEWS**

November 1, 2004 - Wadsworth Group Thompson Learning - Currently reviewing the newly revised edition of **The Social Worker and Psychotropic Medication (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)**.

September 20, 2004 – Sage Publications – Reviewed the draft manuscript for **Life Journeys: Stories of Culture and Identity**.

September 4, 2003 – Sage Publications – Reviewed the prospectus for **Life Journeys: Stories of Culture and Identity**.

January 16, 2003 – Wadsworth Publications – Reviewed newly revised edition of **Crisis Intervention Strategies**.

**XII. PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:**

*American Association of Suicidology*

- . Member - Board of Directors, 1980 - 1982; 1982 - 1984; 1984 - 1986;
- . Chair - Suicide and Minorities Committee, 1980 - 1982; 1985 - 1986;
- . Member - By-Laws Committee, 1981 - 1982;
- . Secretary - Board of Directors, 1982 - 1984

*Association for Death Education and Counseling*

- . Member - 1998

*Hispanic Social Workers of Texas (formerly Trabajadores Sociales de Aztlan)*

- . President - 1980 - 1981;
- . Chair - Fundraising Committee, 1980 - 1981;
- . Member - Program Committee, 1984 - 1985;
  
- . Member - Nominations Committee, 1987 - 1988;
- . Chair - Nominations Committee, 1990 - 1991

*National Association of Social Workers (National)*

- . Selected as one of 500 top leaders in the social work profession to attend NASW Social Work Congress 2005 in Washington, DC, March 17-18, 2005

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- . Elected Delegate for Texas Chapter – Delegate Assembly, August, 2005
- . Member - Committee on Clinical Social Work,  
January 31, 1990 - June 30, 1994;
- . Chair - National Council on the Practice of Clinical Social Work,  
July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1994;
- . Member - Workgroup to Review Clinton's Proposed Health Care Reform,  
October, 1993;
- . NASW Representative to the Coalition on Family Diagnosis for DSM IV,  
1990-1994;
- . Member - National Council on the Practice of Clinical Social Work  
July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1992;
- . Member - Case Management Standards Committee, 1991 - 1992;
- . Member - Affirmative Action Task Force, 1991-1992;
- . Member - Political Institute Advisory Committee, October, 1991

### *National Association of Social Workers (Texas State Chapter)*

- . Chair - Cultural Diversity Committee - July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2001; July 1, 2001 –  
June 30, 2003
- . Past-President - July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994;
- . President - July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1993;
- . Chair - Legal Regulation Work Group - October, 1991 - June 30, 1993;
- . President-Elect - July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991;
- . Delegate - Delegate Assembly, 1990;
- . Vice-President - July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990;
- . Board of Directors - July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1987, July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1989;
- . Chair - Membership and Organization Committee, July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1988;
- . Member - Membership and Organization Committee, July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986;
- . Member - State NASW Executive Committee,  
July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1988; July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1994;
- . Member - Texas Political Action Committee , July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

### *National Association of Social Workers (Houston Unit)*

- . Chair - Membership and Organization Committee, 1986 - 1987; 1987 - 1988;
- . Member – Women's Issues Committee, 1984 - 1985

### *University of Houston - Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Association*

- . Past President - September, 1990 - August, 1991;
- . President - October, 1988 - September, 1989; September, 1989 - August, 1990;
- . Member - Board of Directors, October, 1988 - September, 1991

## **XIII. COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

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*Asian American Family Counseling Center*

- . Board Member, May, 2001 – September, 2003

*City of Houston - Houston Police Department*

- . Bilingual Pay Selection Criteria Committee, June, 1988 - 1989

*Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc.*

- . Member - Board of Directors, 1980 - 1982; 1982 - 1984;
- . Secretary - Board of Directors, 1982 - 1983; 1983 - 1984;
- . Chair - Program Development Committee, 1982 - 1983; 1983 - 1984;
- . Chair - Agency Relations Committee, 1981 - 1982;
- . Member - Agency Relations Committee, 1980 - 1981;
- . Chair - Volunteer Services Committee, 1980 - 1981;
- . Volunteer Telephone Counselor, November, 1975 - April, 1982

*Houston Area Women's Center*

- . Member - Board of Directors, 1984 - February, 1986

*Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority*

- . Member - Hispanic Disabilities Task Force, 1995 to 2003
- . Provide Clinical Supervision for Licensing for selected Social Workers in MR Division 1998 to 2003

*Region IV Education Service Center*

- . Participant in Project "Interact" to produce five part series on suicide for school districts (Aired January 21, 1986 on the Interact Instructional Television Network), 1984 - 1986

*Santa Maria Hostel*

- . Advisory Board Member, July, 1985 - June, 1988;
- . Board of Directors, July, 1988 - June, 1991

*State of Texas Task Force on Youth Suicide*

Appointed by Governor Ann Richards to work on Task Force from 1990 to 1992 to develop policies and procedures on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, to be implemented by school districts in the State of Texas.

*Survivors of Suicide (SOS) - Program Component of Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc.*

Co-founder of this self-help support group program established in January, 1983 for family members and friends whose loved ones had completed suicide. Served as one of the key facilitators for the group for several years; currently serve as advisor to the program; also provide periodic articles in the SOS newsletter.

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*Texas Department of Family Protective Services (TDFPS)*

Through the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work Child Welfare Education Project (CWEP) provide Clinical Supervision for Licensure to selected Social Workers in DFPS (CPS)  
July 2001 to present

*Texas Task Force on Suicide Prevention*

Serving as member on the Houston and Texas state task forces to explore strategies for promoting suicide prevention strategies throughout the state of Texas

*University of Houston at Clear Lake Bachelor of Social Work Program*

. Member, Advisory Board, April 2003 to present

*University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Galveston*

. Special member of the Graduate Faculty with responsibility for serving on the supervisory committee for a graduate student thesis - 1985 - 1986.

October, 2004