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EDUCATION**Master of Social Work (MSW)**

University of Wyoming, 2002

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

University of Wyoming, 2001

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**Assistant Lecturer / BSW Part-time Field Coordinator**

Division of Social Work, University of Wyoming | August 2024 – Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Fall Semester 2024**

- **SOWK 3645-01 – Ethical Social Work Practice (via Zoom)**
Enrolled: 15
Focuses on ethical principles foundational for social work practice, ethical decision-making, and practice with various client systems in diverse settings.
Guest Speakers:
 - UW Libraries/Jessica Rardin
 - Mental Health Licensing Board/Kelly Heenan (12 years of service)
- **SOWK 3645-50 – Ethical Social Work Practice**
Enrolled: 10
Focuses on ethical principles and decision-making in social work practice, considering various client systems and practice settings.
Guest Speakers:
 - Department of Family Services/Shyanne Richards and Tazia Peterson
 - Casper Writing Center/Cynthia Huckfeldt
- **SOWK 4085/5084 – Social Work Practice with Substance Use and Addictions**
Enrolled: 25

Examines alcohol and substance abuse, behavioral and compulsive disorders, and the role of social work in various practice settings. Includes systemic, medical, social, familial, and ethical considerations in working with at-risk populations.

- **SOWK 5850-50 – BSW Social Work Practicum / Field Liaison**

Enrolled: 11

Supervises BSW students in field placements, providing mentorship and semester visits to support student success.

Spring Semester 2025

- **SOWK 3650-50 – Social Work Methods II: Groups**

Enrolled: 10

Focuses on group work within the generalist social work perspective, covering theory, ethics, values, and skills in engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation for task and treatment groups.

- **SOWK 4850 – Social Work Policy**

Enrolled: 10

Examines human rights, social welfare policy, social justice issues, and the impact of policies on systems of oppression and injustice, both in the U.S. and internationally.

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TRAININGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Clinical Social Worker License #LCSW-425
 - Certified CBT Practitioner
 - Wyoming Innovations in Learning Conference, 2024
 - Wyoming Meth and Substance Abuse Conference, 2024
 - Suicide Prevention Training, 2024
 - Trauma, Resilience, and Advanced Skills for Behavioral Health Professionals Virtual Conference, 2024
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SERVICE

Professional Service:

- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Division of Social Work

- ASSW
- Iris Clubhouse Fundraiser

University of Wyoming:

- BSW Committee
 - Field Committee
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