

Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

PhD in Social Work University of Alabama	2020
Master of Public Health University of Alabama at Birmingham Concentration: Maternal and Child Health	2009
Master of Social Work University of Alabama Concentration: Social Work with Children and Families	2009
Bachelor of Arts Samford University Majors: Psychology and Journalism/Mass Communication	2007

**HONORS/AWARDS**

2023 – Mississippi Center for Clinical and Translational Research (MCCTR) Community-Engaged Research (CEnR) Summer Institute participant  
2021-2022: Mississippi State University Community-Engaged Learning Fellow (Included \$1000 faculty development award)  
2013-2014: University of Alabama Doctoral Student Organization Secretary  
2013-2014: University of Alabama National Alumni Association Graduate Fellow  
2009: Golden Key Honor Society  
2007 - Present: Phi Alpha Honor Society

**GRANTS**

Mississippi Academic Pathways (MAP)  
Open-entitlement project  
Co-Investigator  
Fall 2023 - Present

Child Advocacy Centers of Mississippi (CACM)  
\$75,000  
Child Advocacy Studies Interdisciplinary Expansion Project (CAST IEP)  
Primary Investigator  
October 2022 – August 2024

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### Assistant Professor

Department of Sociology, Social Work Program, Mississippi State University

Assessment Coordinator

### Current Courses

SW 2023 – Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice

SW 3213 – Research Methods in Social Work

SW 4613 – Child Welfare Services

### Courses Taught

*January 2024 – May 2024*

SW 3213 – Research Methods in Social Work

SW 4613 – Child Welfare Services

*August 2023 – December 2023*

SW 3213 – Research Methods in Social Work

SW 4533 – Substance Abuse in Social Work Services

SW 4613 – Child Welfare Services

*January 2023-May 2023*

SW 4613 – Child Welfare Services

*August 2022-December 2022*

SW 3213 – Research Methods in Social Work

SW 2323 – Social Welfare Policy II

SW 4613 – Child Welfare *January 2022 – April 2022*

SW 2303 – Social Welfare Policy I

SW 3213 – Research Methods in Social Work

SW 4613 – Child Welfare Services

*August 2021-December 2021*

SW 3213 – Research Methods in Social Work

SW 3523 – Social Work Practice II – A CEL Designated Course

SW 4613 – Child Welfare Services

*January 2021-April 2021*

SW 2323 – Welfare Policy II

SW 3523 – Social Work Practice II

SW 4613 – Child Welfare Services

*August 2020 – December 2020*

SW 2303 – Welfare Policy I

SW 3013 – Human Behavior in the Social Environment I

SW 4613 – Child Welfare Services

### Assistant Professor and Director of Field Education

Department of Social Work, Judson College

Responsible for Field Education experiences of students in the Social Work Program.

### Courses Taught

*May 2020 - June 2020*

SWK 323 – Social Work Practice in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Settings

*January 2019 – April 2019*

SWK 312 – Social Work Practice II

SWK 312 Lab – Social Work Practice II Lab

SWK 361 – Preparation for Field Experience

SWK 415 – Child Welfare and Protective Services: A Critical Thinking Course

SWK 464 – Field Experience II

*August 2019 – December 2019*

SWK 311 – Social Work Practice I

SWK 311 Lab – Social Work Practice I Lab

SWK 313 – Social Work Practice with Aging Populations

SWK 463 – Field Experience I

*June 2019*

Judson in June – Math Essentials

Program offered to conditionally admitted students during the summer before their freshman year of college. The math essentials portion of the program took place for 1.5 hours each day for two weeks and focused on reviewing math concepts and skills to prepare students for college-level math courses.

*January 2019 – April 2019*

SWK 312 – Social Work Practice II

SWK 312 Lab – Social Work Practice II Lab

SWK 361 – Preparation for Field Experience

SWK 415 – Child Welfare and Protective Services: A Critical Thinking Course

SWK 464 – Field Experience II

*August 2018 – December 2018*

SWK 311 – Social Work Practice I

SWK 311 Lab – Social Work Practice I Lab

SWK 313 – Social Work with Aging Populations

SWK 414 – Practice III

SWK 463 - Field Experience I

### Adjunct Faculty

Department of Social Work, Judson College

#### Courses Taught

*January 2018 – April 2018*

SWK 312 – Social Work with Families and Groups

SWK 415 – Child Welfare and Protective Services: A Critical Thinking Course

*August 2017 – December 2017*

SWK 313 – Social Work with Aging Populations

SWK 414 – Social Work Practice III

*January 2017 – April 2017*

SWK 312 – Social Work with Families and Groups

SWK 415 – Child Welfare and Protective Services

SWK 201 – Introduction to Social Work on the Lovelady Center campus

*August 2016-December 2016*

SWK 414 – Social Work Practice III  
*January 2016-April 2016*  
SWK 312 – Social Work with Families and Groups  
SWK 415 – Child Welfare and Protective Services

Graduate Administrative Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Alabama  
*December 2014 – May 2017*

Assisted in administrative duties in the production of a peer-reviewed journal, *Best Practices in Mental Health*. Compiled recent literature for use in publications. Wrote brief descriptions of literature for publication.

Graduate Research Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Alabama  
*August 2016 – May 2017*

Assisted in reviewing literature for upcoming publications.

*August 2014 – May 2015*

Assisted in reviewing literature for upcoming publications. Helped develop data collection instrument. Collaborated to collect data, code data, and enter data into SPSS program.

Field Liaison

School of Social Work, University of Alabama  
*January 2016 – May 2016*

Participated in regular meetings, completed necessary paperwork, and provided support for 10 BSW students who were placed in various field placement assignments across central Alabama.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Alabama  
*August 2015 – December 2015*

Taught SW 210 – Family and Child Welfare

School of Social Work, University of Alabama  
*August 2014-December 2014*

Taught SW 100 – Introduction to Social Work - online via BlackBoard Learn.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Cheatham, L.P., Randolph, K.A., & **Boltz, L.D.** (2020). Youth with disabilities transitioning from foster care: Examining prevalence and predicting positive outcomes. *Children and Youth Services Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.104777>

Yang, F., Maynard, Q., Young, S.R., Kenney, J.L., Barber, B., **Boltz, L.**, Womack, B., Young, T., Nelson-Gardell, D., Zhang, X. (2019). Qualitative research skills acquisition within social work doctoral education using project-based learning. *Qualitative Social Work*.

Young, T.L., Womack, B., Maynard, Q., Yang, F., **Boltz, L.**, Brazeal, M., Barber, B., Young, S.R., & Nelson-Gardell, D. (2019) A qualitative data analysis: family victim advocates in child advocacy centers, *Journal of Family Social Work*, DOI: 10.1080/10522158.2019.1616239

**Boltz, L.**, & Vandiver, V. (2017). Mental health promotion. *Oxford Bibliographies in Public Health*. doi: 10.1093/obo/9780199756797-0113

Smith, B. D., Prichard, C., & **Boltz, L. D.** (2016). Do child welfare job preview videos reflect evidence on retention and turnover? *Children & Youth Services Review*, 71210-216. doi:10.1016/j.chilyouth.2016.11.015

**Boltz, L.** (2016). Mental health and aging. *Best Practices in Mental Health*, 12(2), 113-114.

**Boltz, L.** (2015). Immigration and mental health: Just because it's said on the web doesn't make it so. *Best Practices in Mental Health*, 11(2), 103-104.

**Boltz, L.** (2015). Website review: Trauma. *Best Practices in Mental Health*, 11(1), 95-96.

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/IN PROGRESS**

**Boltz, L.D.**, Knowles, V., and Cooper, A. (2024). Utilizing personal stories to discuss race in social work and child welfare.

**Boltz, L.D.** & Phillips, M.Y. (2023). Importance of relationships and communication when making health care decisions for children in foster care.

### **PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS**

**Boltz, L.** & V. Knowles. (2023). Using personal stories to discuss race in child welfare. Interactive workshop presented at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Lile, T. & **Boltz, L.** (2023). Preparing Students for Child Welfare Work Using Case Simulations. Panel presentation for the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL. (Presented with a current BSW student)

Bellais, M., Knowles, V. & **Boltz, L.** (2023). The Use of Child Welfare Simulations in an Inter-Disciplinary Setting. Panel presentation for the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL. (Presented with a current BSW student)

**Boltz, L.** & Germany, A. (2022). Experiential Learning in Child Welfare Using Case Simulations. Workshop Presentation for the Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Conference, Meridian, MS.

**Boltz, L., & Smith, B. (2018).** Sense of responsibility: Roles of caseworkers and foster parents in health care. Panel presentation for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Smith, B. & **Boltz, L. (2018).** Is County-Level Social Support Associated with Child Maltreatment Report Rates? Symposium presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

**Boltz, L. (2017).** Offering College Courses to Women in a Drug Rehabilitation Program. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

## **SERVICE**

### Trainings

CREATE – Train-the-Trainer by the Zero Abuse Project and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) – *September 2024*

ChildFIRST Forensic Interviewer Training – *August 2023*

FORECAST Facilitator Training – *August 2022 - Present*

Safe Zone Ally – *March 2021*

Completed trainings in Safe Zone Ally Awareness, Safe Zone Ally: QTPOC, and Safe Zone Ally: Building Allies and Supportive Environments

New Faculty Teaching Academy – *August 2020*

Online Teaching 101 – *August-November 2020*

### Community Service

Student Success Carnival – *August 2024*

Starkville Oktibbeha Unity League (SOUL) Racial Dialogue Group Participant – *March 2023 – October 2023*

Consultant for Peer-Facilitated Victim Support Group – *September 2022 - Present*

Co-Facilitator of Child Welfare Training for Child and Family Services Department of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians – *August 2022*

Child Welfare Expert for WLBT News – *July 2022*

Advocate for Needmore Community Members at Board of Aldermen Meeting in Starkville, MS – *July 2022*

Association of Students in Social Work Faculty Co-Advisor – *August 2020 – Present*

Assist social work students in facilitating meetings

Participate in regular association meetings and activities

Strengthening Families Group Facilitator/Assistant – *January 2019 – June 2020*

Assist social work students in leading weekly group sessions with parents from the Perry County community. Prepare activities related to the topics for group sessions. Debrief with social work students about their experiences during the group sessions.

Perry County Community Coalition Member – *October 2018 – June 2020*

Network with community partnerships to address drug and alcohol use among teens in Perry County, AL. Work with community members to plan events to help families in Perry County, AL.

DC Fly-In Participant – *March 2018*

Participated in advocacy activities in Washington DC. Met with staff members of Senators and Representatives to advocate for HR 2512 – The Foster Youth and Driving Act. Attended meetings to learn about ways to advocate for social work issues at the federal, state, and local levels.

### Professional Service

Interdisciplinary Minor Degree Program Development – *Summer 2019*

Worked with faculty from other departments and divisions to develop a new minor option for students at Judson College. Researched and prepared proposal to academic counsel and faculty. *Equine-facilitated mental health* minor approved at Judson College for students majoring in social work or psychology.

CSWE Reaffirmation – *2017 – June 2020*

Assisted Judson College in completing the CSWE reaffirmation of the Social Work program.

Peer Reviewer – *August 2016 – Present*

*Child and Family Social Work*  
*Child Welfare*  
*Health and Social Work*  
*Journal of Public Child Welfare*  
*Social Work & Christianity*  
*Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*

Editorial Board Member – *December 2014 – May 2017*

Best Practices in Mental Health

Data Analyst – *August 2016*

Analyzed data that was presented in an executive summary to the Policy Subcommittee of the Board of Alabama Children First

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

*November 2023*

**Boltz, L., Knowles, V., Cooper, A., & Bellais, M. (2023).** Preparing students for child welfare work using case simulation: Experiences of faculty and students. Invited speakers at the One Loud Voice Conference, Biloxi, MS. (Presented with 2 current BSW students)

**Boltz, L. & Knowles, V. (2023).** Preparing students for child welfare work using case simulations. Sociology Brown Bag.

*August 2022*

Presented at the Foster Parent monthly meeting at First Baptist Church Starkville

*April 2022*

Presented at the Mississippi State University Psychology Department Brown Bag Series

*January 2021*

Presented at the Field Instructor Training for Mississippi State University's Social Work Program

May 2018

Spoke at the University of Alabama School of Social Work Faculty Exchange about the Washington DC Fly-In experience

February 2017

Spoke to a women's group at The Church at Clanton  
Topic: Foster Care

## **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

### **Senior Social Worker**

Jefferson County Department of Human Resources (JCDHR), Bessemer Division – Bessemer, AL

*February 2010 – July 2013*

Full-time - Provided case management for children and teenagers who were in the custody of the state of Alabama. Worked cooperatively with service providers to allow clients access to needed resources. Monitored children and teenagers in their out-of-home placements. Taught teenagers independent living skills so that they could be self-sufficient after leaving state custody. Completed documentation required by JCDHR, Jefferson County Family Court, and other service providers.

### **Social Work/Public Health Field Placement (Intern)**

Children's Harbor Family Center at Children's Hospital, Birmingham, AL

*May 2009 – August 2009*

Full-time - Worked as part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide care to children diagnosed with a chronic illness. Contacted community resources to find ways to meet the needs of patients at Children's Hospital. Researched the use of social media for the top ten children's hospitals in the United States in order to present the findings to the Children's Harbor Family Center staff.

### **Social Work Field Placement (Intern)**

Tuscaloosa County Office of the Public Defender, Tuscaloosa, AL

*January 2008 – May 2008*

Full-time - Co-led a 10-week anger-management group in Tuscaloosa County Jail. Worked together with lawyers, clients, and clients' families to set up appointments and organize clients' treatment options. Completed drug and alcohol assessments to determine the rehabilitation needs of clients.

## **PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS & AFFILIATIONS**

### **Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)**

*October 2013 – Present*

License Number: 3594C

The State of Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners

### **Private Independent Practice (PIP)**

*August 2018 – Present*

License Number: 1429-3594C

Licensed in Social Case Work

The State of Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners

### **Member**



Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)