

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Current Doctoral Candidate, University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work.

Masters of Education in Counseling, University of North Texas, 1997

Bachelors of Science in Psychology, Texas A&M University Main Campus, 1993

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certified by the National Board For Certified Counselors, 1998 to present.
Certification number 49084

Licensed by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, 2001 to present. License number 16773

Approved Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, 2006 to present.

Approved Continuing Education Provider in Texas for:

- Licensed Professional Counselors, 2001 to present. Provider number 441
- Licensed Social Workers, 2001 to present. Sponsor number 3319
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, 2003 to present. Provider number 172

Approved Supervised Visitation Network Trainer, 2007 to 2008 (certification program no longer active)

Collaborative Family Law Interdisciplinary Training, 2006

Advanced Family Mediation Training, Dispute Resolution Services, 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Robb, A. (2012). Zero to three: Parenting issues and parenting plans for young children. *American Journal of Family Law* 26(1), 15-22.

Robb, A. (2007, October 31). Failing to plan is planning to fail. *Sitting In*, 10-13, 25.

Robb, A. (2006). Strategies to address clinical bias in the child custody evaluation process. *Journal of Child Custody* 3(2), 45-69.

Robb, A. (2006). Book review: *Creative Child Advocacy* edited by Ved Kumari and Susan L. Brooks. *International Journal of Social Work* 49(1), 142-144.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Arlington Professional Development Program

“The Perils of Family Court: Child Custody Dynamics and Parenting Issues in Divorce and Custody Modification Cases” Continuing Education Seminar, 2008 – present.

“Child Custody Evaluation Issues for the Lone Star State: Private Social Studies for Adoptions and Contested Cases” Continuing Education Seminar, 2011 – present.

University of Texas at Arlington, Instructor of Record

Social Work 6323 “Perspectives in Mental Health” Fall 2009; Spring 2010.

DIRECT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Private practice and consulting work, 2001 to present

Forensic evaluation and court ordered examination

- Forensic evaluations (social studies) incorporate behavioral and social science in an objective investigative and fact checking exploration of personal dynamics to aid courts in decision-making.
- Social studies are conducted in compliance with the Texas Family Code and associated administrative, professional, and ethical guidelines, and are frequently used to assist courts in determination of children’s best

interests during custody and access litigation.

- Consultation and Daubert-qualified expert witness testimony regarding child custody and child welfare issues.

Therapeutic and educational activities (past and present)

- Home based therapy with children in State licensed foster care including clinical updates and consultation to Child Protective Services workers.
- Individual adult psychotherapy.
- Behavioral health pre-admission screening and referral interviewing for freestanding psychiatric facilities and multiple hospital systems' emergency departments.
- Continuing education seminars for counselors, social workers, psychologists, and attorneys.

Behavioral Health Access Clinician – Baylor All Saints Medical Center, 2005 to 2007

- Clinical triage and psychosocial assessments for psychiatric and chemical dependency in-patient program admission.
- Screening for referral to partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs.
- Initial call triage for community members seeking assistance with behavioral health and chemical dependency issues.
- Verification of managed care benefit coverage and pre-certification of inpatient admissions.
- Maintain call database, service effectiveness monitors and other administrative tasks related to continuous quality improvement.

Executive Director - Hannah's House Supervised Visitation and Exchange Center, 2003 to 2004

- Conducted program development and maintenance, including ongoing contacts with district courts for needs assessment, grant and donor funding development, and program/policy creation and evaluation.
- Personally wrote and obtained more than \$20,000 in grant funding.
- Supervised staff and volunteers, including recruitment, job development and provision of services to clients by staff members.
- Provided staff and volunteer training regarding domestic violence, sexual abuse, custody litigation, and other forensic issues.
- Participated in community education programs to publicize agency services and help minimize the impact of divorce, family dissolution, and litigation on children.

Family Court Counselor – Dallas County Family Court Services, 2001 to 2003

- Prepared court ordered social study evaluations in compliance with Texas Family Code requirements and local court rules for both contested custody and adoption cases.
- Provided mediation services to parties in the Dallas Family Courts.
- Maintained a high volume, rapid turnaround in submission of reports to the court following extensive interviews.
- Conducted emergency courthouse interviews of children and families for critical cases regarding short-term issues.

Caseworker - Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, 1997 to 2001

- Conducted on-going evaluations of family functioning to assess need for therapeutic services.
- Developed treatment plans for both in-home clients and children in state foster care.
- Provided direct therapeutic intervention in structured group and in-home therapy sessions.
- Authored social studies and other reports to district courts and testified in numerous hearings on child welfare issues.
- Secured relative, kinship, foster home, and residential treatment placements for children unable to remain with families.
- Coordinated multidisciplinary treatment teams for children in foster care.

Counselor - Denton County Children's Advocacy Center, 1998 to 1999

- Provided direct counseling services to sexually abused children, their parents, and family members including leading groups for mothers of incest survivors, and individual play and talk therapy sessions.
- Generated treatment plans, DSM IV diagnosis of conditions to address therapeutic issues, and maintained charting of client progress in compliance with VOCA grants.
- Clinical oversight for Child Protective Services interviews of children.
- Administered various diagnostic testing instruments, wrote applications to the Texas Crime Victim's Compensation Fund, and expanded intern training.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC HONORS

University Scholar, University of Texas at Arlington, 2008

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, inducted 2007

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 2007

NASW Texas, Dallas Branch Social Work Student of the Year, 2006

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Member 1999-present

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Member 2001-present

President/President-Elect, Texas State Chapter, 2006-2007

Secretary, Texas State Chapter, 2004-2005

Board of Directors, Texas State Chapter, 2003

Texas State Conference Committee, 2001-2010

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Volunteer, Collin County, 2003-present

Editorial Board member, *Journal of Child Custody*, Taylor & Francis Group, 2011-present

National Association of Social Workers, Member 2004-present

National Organization of Forensic Social Work, Allied Member 2004-present

Reviewer, *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, Taylor & Francis Group (formerly under Haworth Press), 2007-present

Supervised Visitation Network, Agency Member, 2006-present

Tarrant County Family Law Bar, Associate Member, 2004-present

Texas Association for the Protection of Children (TexProtects)/Prevent Child Abuse Texas Advocacy Branch, Member 2004-present

Texas Counseling Association, Member 1996-present

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research User Advisory Group Member, 2004-2005

Advanced Certified Child Protective Services Specialist, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, 1999-2002

Graduate Student Representative, University of North Texas College of Education Dean Search Committee, 1995-1997

PRESENTATIONS

“Parenting Coordination/Facilitation: Interventions for high conflict families” advanced practice seminar co-presented with Bradley Craig, February 2012

“Court Involved Therapists – Professional Guidelines and Best Practices” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the Texas Association of Family and Conciliation Courts/Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices conference October, 2011

“Parenting coordination, parenting facilitation, and other innovative interventions for high conflict families in divorce and child custody litigation” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas State Conference, October, 2011

“DSM-5 and you: upcoming changes and ongoing controversies” presented at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas State Conference, October, 2011

“Zero to three: Parenting issues and parenting plans for young children” encore teleseminar co-presented with Richard Gould-Saltman for the American Bar Association, July 2011

“When therapy is part of the problem: Recognizing and intervening with problem therapy” co-presented with Lyn Greenberg and the Honorable Hugh Starnes at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 48th Annual Conference, June 2011

“Parenting Plans” presented at the Tarrant County Dispute Resolution Services Advanced Family Mediation Training seminar, March 2011

“Parenting Coordination/Facilitation: Interventions for high conflict families” advanced practice seminar co-presented with Bradley Craig, March 2011

“Families in transition: Abuse and neglect in the divorce and child custody context” co-presented with Bradley Craig, Kim England and Mindy Harrison at the Prevent Child Abuse Texas annual conference, February, 2011

“Family dynamics and stages of childhood development for mediators”
presented at Texas Women’s University, November 2010

“Zero to three: Parenting issues and parenting plans for young children” co-
presented with Richard Gould-Saltman at the American Bar Association
Section of Family Law Fall Meeting, October 2010

“Child development issues in family law mediation” presented at the Texas
Wesleyan School of Law, June 2010

“Interdisciplinary Social Study Training” presenter and co-course director with
Kelly Erickson, for the Denton County Bar Association, June 2010

“An overview of domestic violence and its impact on the family” presented at
the Denton County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Advanced Family
Law Mediation Training, April, 2010

“Ethical approaches to assessing domestic violence: New typology and
interventions” presented at the National Association of Social Workers North
Central Texas Branch conference, March 2010

“Parenting coordination, parenting facilitation, and H.B. 1012” presented at the
Collin County Family Law Section meeting, January 2010.

“Domestic violence in a collaborative law context: Tools for practitioners”
presented at the Denton County Collaborative Professionals meeting,
September 2009.

“Parenting Plans” presented at the Tarrant County Dispute Resolution Services
Advanced Family Mediation Training seminar, August, 2009

“Child interviewing: Research and practical skills” presented at the Travis
County Domestic Relations Office, August 2009.

“Controversial issues in Family Court: Opinion, theory, and research”
presented at the Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices 22nd Annual
Training Conference, October 2008.

“Parenting coordination-spectrum services for domestic violence cases: Not just
a rose by any other name...” presented at the Texas Chapter of the Association
of Family and Conciliation Courts State Conference, October 2008.

“House Bill 772 – Professional Requirements for Social Studies at Last?” encore
presentation at the Denton County Family Law Section, April 2008.

“Families in Conflict, Therapists in the Middle: Therapeutic Jurisprudence, The Interface of Family Law and Social Services in Texas” presented at the Dallas Association of Marriage and Family Therapists annual training, February, 2008.

“House Bill 772 – Professional Requirements for Social Studies at Last?” presented at the Collin County Family Law Section, January 2008.

“Parenting Coordinators and Parenting Plans – New Amendments from the Legislature” co-presented with the Honorable Jeff Coen at the Southern Methodist Law School Forensic Forum, September, 2007.

“Shared Parenting Concepts” presented at the Dallas County Family Law Courts *amicus attorney* and *ad litem* training, September, 2007.

“Parenting Coordinators: Beyond the Statute” co-presented with the Honorable Jeff Coen at the Dallas County Family Law Section meeting, June 2007.

“Families in transition: Helping parents cope with the interrelated legal and emotional issues of divorce and child custody disputes” co-presented with Brad Craig and Carol Mapp at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas State Conference, October 2006.

“Defending against Daubert, effective courtroom testimony and standards for preparation of a social study” co-presented with Hector Mendez and Trevor Townes at the Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices 22nd Annual Training Conference, October 2006.

“Substance abuse issues” presented at the Katrina Case Management Academy, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, April 2006.

“Issues in training for Social Workers conducting child custody evaluations in divorce and custody modification cases” presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, February 2006.

“Collaborative Family Law: Divorce with Dignity” co-presented with Diane Wanger at the University of North Texas 14th Annual Conference on Parent Education, February 2006.

“New Texas Legislation: Divorce, High Conflict Families, and Parent Coordination” co-presented with Michael Booth at the University of North Texas 14th Annual Conference on Parent Education, February 2006.

“Parenting Coordination Training” co-presented with Bradley Craig at Dispute Resolution Services of North Texas, January 2006.

“Basics of supervised visitation services” presented at the Galaxy Counseling Center staff training seminar, November 2004.

Featured guest, KDTX-TV 58 (Dallas) Joy in Our Town series, October 2004. Topic: Domestic Violence.

Featured guest panelist, KERA 90.1 (Dallas) The Glen Mitchell Show, September 2004. Topic: Child Abuse Prevention Advocacy.

Guest speaker, Irving Human Services Council, August 2004. Topic: Supervised visitation services.

Invited testimony (with TexProtects), Texas House of Representatives Select Interim Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care, August 2004.

Featured panelist, CBS 11 (Dallas) Ask the Experts Series, May 2004. Topic: Divorce in Texas.

“Assessing and addressing bias in the custody evaluation process” presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 41st Annual Conference, May 2004.

“Co-parenting education: Supporting divorcing parents and teaching new strategies for families in transition” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the University of North Texas 12th Annual Conference on Parent Education, February 2004.

“Forensic Counseling & the Family Court System: Working With Clients in Legal Conflicts” presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, November 2003.

“Effective involvement with the Family Courts: What every Social Worker should know” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas State Conference, October 2003.

“Clients in Litigation: Ethical issues working with the Family Courts” advanced professional training seminar, co-presented with Bradley Craig, July 2003 and August 2003

“Family Violence and Child Custody” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the Galaxy Counseling Center's Fourth Annual Odyssey of Family Violence Conference, June 2003

Guest speaker, Denton County Family Law Section, January 2003. Topic: The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Family Court Services ongoing Adoption Workshop series, 2003.

Featured speaker, Children in the Middle Television Series, January 2002.

Topic: Dallas County Family Court Services