

Shelly-Ann N. Dewsbury, LCSW

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

- A skilled communicator; able to maintain cultural sensitivity, establish rapport with members of diverse groups, and promote team cohesiveness. An efficient supervisor, leader and trainer; able to explain information clearly, recognize excellence in individuals, and inspire team members to achieve their potential while working toward common goals.

EDUCATION:

Kutztown University, School of Social Work, Kutztown University, PA *Graduation Expected Dec 2021*
Doctorate in Social Work (DSW) – Teaching and Leadership

Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA

Master of Social Work, (MSW) Macro – Children, Youth & Family, May 2010

- Dean's Leadership Award Recipient, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work (BCGSSW) 2010
- Executive Coordinator of Student Collective, BCGSSW
- Co-leader Umoja – Student of Color group, BCGSSW

University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

Bachelor Science, (BSW) Social Work – November 1999

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

- Youth Leadership Development
- Children and Families
- Program Management
- Diversity & Cultural Humility trainings
- College Student Affairs/ Service Learning
- Case Management

HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Azusa Pacific University, School of Social Work, Azusa, CA

Assistant Professor, August 2019 – Present

- Teach courses across the generalist curriculum – Social Justice, Intro to Social Work, Practice with Community and Organizations
- Assist in student advising, program assessment and student admissions.
- Participation in the life of and service to the department and greater university community.
- Contribute to the development and dissemination of knowledge and expertise to advance the social work profession.

Simmons College, School of Social Work, Boston, MA

Director of Field Education & Associate Professor of Practice, July 2015 – July 2019

- Manage programmatic and administrative aspects of field placement for BSW Juniors and Seniors
- Provide support and mentoring for field supervisors
- Teach 5 courses each academic year including Field Seminars
- Advise and mentor students
- Teach in both BSW and MSW program
- Manage service-learning components for lower classmen
- Faculty liaison for Phi Alpha Social Work honor society
- Create and develop new placements and partnerships
- Maintain policy manual and update Field Education policies and procedures as needed
- Participate in School of Social Work and Undergraduate college committees

Boston College, Campus Ministry, Chestnut Hill, MA

Graduate Assistant, Appalachia Service Trips, Sept 2009 – May 2010

- Trained trip leaders in leadership styles, conflict resolution, diversity issues and facilitating small group reflections
- Planned, organized and facilitated training retreats for trip leaders

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- Led and facilitated Formation Advisory Board meetings
- Oversaw and facilitated discussions on community building and service learning strategies
- Assisted with some logistics planning for service trips

Boston College, Office of **AHANA** Student Programs (OASP), Options through Education

Counselor, Summer 2009

- Supported the holistic development of 48 incoming freshman excelling in spite of financial and/or educational obstacles and other non-normative life events during the summer transitional program
- Counseled a caseload of 16 students discussing topics such as transitioning to college, academics, career exploration, cultural identity, and emotional well-being
- Co-developed and co-facilitated gender based group discussions with students during the program
- Provided opportunities for discussion about diversity and race at a PWI
- Represented the counselor staff at weekly meetings of the OTE Council, a leadership and advocacy board
- Communicated regularly with instructional staff, office staff, and residential staff regarding student progress through weekly meetings, office hours, and student meeting notes

University of the West Indies, Department of Admission, Kingston, Jamaica

Admissions Intern, May 1999 – September 1999

- Assisted with preparation of registration packets
- Made phone calls to accepted students to confirm registration attendance
- Assisted students with registering for classes
- Led Campus tours
- Facilitated information sessions for incoming and interested students
- Provided information on financial aid and residence hall requirements
- Assisted Dean with planning of orientation program
- Prepared orientation welcome packages

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Horizons for Homeless Children, Roxbury, MA

Community and Schools Coordinator – August 2014 – Present (Promotion)

- Member of agency's Leadership Team and Strategic Planning Team
- Manage and oversee Head Start portfolio
- Meet with parents to develop long term educational plans for children transitioning to Kindergarten or High school
- Connect parents with College Prep programs for older siblings
- Provide mentoring and coaching to Family Advocate staff
- Manage and support families in Catholic school partnership enrollment
- Network and outreach with elementary and charter schools
- Support families through Boston Public School, school choice and registration process

Family Advocate (Edgerley Children's Center & Putnam Investments Family Children Center), June 2010 – August 2014

- Conduct intake interviews for families and collaborate with shelter workers to help families meet their goals
- Supervised high school, BSW and MSW interns
- Support clients through college application and enrollment and/or job search process
- Worked with homeless families navigating systems and support services
- Plan and facilitate parent workshops and lead parent training program
- Meet with clients bi monthly to discuss progress on goals and offer support and resources to meet their immediate and long term needs
- Family Advocate representative on company's Brand Strategy Management team

Boston Center for Children, Youth and Families (BCYF) (Head Office & Orchard Gardens Community Center (OGCC), Boston, MA

Social Work Intern, Sept 2009 – May 2010

- Created and facilitated self-esteem and social justice curricula for pre-teen girls

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- Developed leadership curriculum for Girl Scout group at OGCC
- Wrote and researched grants for BCYF girls' programs
- Assisted Program Coordinators with after school program at OGCC
- Prepared and collated 170 grantee reports for program evaluation

Wediko Children's Services, Boston, MA

Social Work Intern in Development Office, *Sept 2008 – May 2009*

- Helped create opportunities to increase diversity in Summer Program staff
- Wrote grants and conducted grant research for development office
- Assisted with annual fundraiser and direct mailing

Naparima Girls' High School, San Fernando Trinidad

Guidance Counselor, *May 2006 – June 2008*

- Conducted classes with students from Form 1 – Upper VI (Equivalent to Grade 7 – Grade 12), Topics included - self esteem, conflict resolution, adjusting to high school, career planning, college prep
- Conducted parenting workshops and mediated in parent/child conflicts
- Developed a mentorship program for junior school students and alumni
- Planned and facilitated a sexual health workshop for students
- Led leadership and team building activities for student leaders
- Created and developed curriculum for "Personal and Social Development" classes

SERVOL (Skills Training Institute), Chaguanas, Trinidad

Counselor - *October 2005 – May 2006*

- Assisted youths from low income household in job and career placement
- Planned and organized Safety Seminar for East Zone region – including, physical safety, drug awareness and safe sex
- Provided anger management and re integration counseling for Juvenile detention youths
- Conducted sessions with teenage girls on protection against domestic violence
- Worked as part of counseling team including art therapy and life coaches

Hillel Academy High School, Jamaica

Math Teacher and Guidance Counselor, *2001 – 2005*

- Assisted students with study skills, college preparation and transitioning to higher education
- Conducted classes on time management, self-esteem and healthy sexual behavior
- Mediated conflict situations with staff and students
- Organized logistical details, transportation and supervision for Community Service program

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Healthy Families Reviewer – Children's Trust
- Workshop Presenter – Children's Trust, A View from All Sides Conference (Oct 2017)
- Workshop Presenter – CASA National Conference (March 2018)
- Training - Childcare Choices of the Berkshires (May 2018)
- Teach and instruct dance workshops and choreography at various local churches
- Danced for Martin Luther King celebration at Boston College – 2011, 2014 & 2015
- Workshop presenter at National Alumnae Association of Spelman (Boston Chapter) annual Conference for Middle & High School Girls – 2010 & 2011
- Facilitated dance workshop for Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts - 2011, 2012, 2013

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS:

- Becoming a dynamic group facilitator
- Diversity and Cultural sensitivity in the workplace
- Use of Protective Factors in Strengthening families
- Quality Improvement in Family Engagement and Early Childhood Programs - Presenter