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Curriculum Vitae

Academic Preparation

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|------|------------------------|--|
| 2008 | Doctor of Philosophy | University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Department of Psychological & Social Foundations
Concentration: Counselor Education & Supervision |
| 1997 | Masters in Social Work | Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
School of Social Work
Concentration: Clinical Social Work |
| 1994 | Bachelor of Science | University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA
Department of Psychology
Psychology |

Academic Appointments

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| 2020- | <i>Associate Professor of Instruction (Promoted 8/2020)</i>
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
School of Social Work |
| 2014–2020 | <i>Clinical Instructor</i>
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
School of Social Work |
| 2011-2014 | <i>Assistant Professor</i>
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Department of Social Work |
| 2010-2011 | <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Department of Social Work |
| 2003-2010 | <i>Instructor</i>
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
School of Social Work |

Supervision/Administrative Experience

- 2024 - present *Interim Director*
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
School of Social Work
- 2014-present *Faculty Director, Social Work Clinic*
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic
- 2021-2024 *Associate Director*
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
School of Social Work
- 2019-2021 *Chair, Master of Social Work Program*
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
School of Social Work
- 2011-2012 *Interim Field Director*
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Department of Social Work
- 2002 - 2010 *Program Coordinator*
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
School of Social Work
Title IV-E Child Welfare Education Program

Clinical Experience

- 2000-present *Independent Clinical Social Worker*
- 2000 - 2006 *Contract Therapist*
Mental Health Care, Tampa, FL
Children's Services
- 2000-2002 *Senior Therapist*
Northside Mental Health Center, Tampa, FL
Family Preservation Program
- 1998-2000 *Contract Therapist*
Northside Mental Health Center, Tampa, FL
Intensive Case Management Program
- 1998-2000 *Therapist*
Northside Mental Health Center, Tampa, FL
Family Preservation Program
- 1997-1998 *Therapist*
Columbia Lakeside Hospital, Metairie, LA

Partial Hospitalization Program

- 1997-1998 *Therapist*
New Directions Behavioral Health Services, New Orleans, LA
- 1995 - 1997 *Crisis Counselor*
Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center, Baton Rouge, LA
- 1996-1997 *Social Work Intern*
Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA
Clinical Services Unit
- 1995 *Social Work Intern*
Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Teaching Experience

University of South Florida

Graduate:

- SOW 6105 Foundations of Human Behavior
- SOW 6305 Foundations of Micro Practice
- SOW 6348 Clinical Practice: Perspectives on Race and Culture
- SOW 6348 Diversity and Social Justice
- SOW 6534 Internship I
- SOW 6535 Internship II
- SOW 6536 Advanced Internship
- MHS 6800 Practicum in Counseling
- SOW 6931 Multidimensional Issues of Child Assessment
- SOW 6931 Child Maltreatment & Family Violence
- SOW 6931 Clinical Practice with Special Needs Children,
Adolescents, Families
- SOW 6931 Clinical Supervision
- SOW 6931 Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- SOW 6931 USF Peru: Global Health and Mental Health Practice

Undergraduate:

- SOW 3101 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
- SOW 3802 Happiness & Well-being
- SOW 4315 Case Management
- SOW 4341 Micro Practice
- SOW 4510 Integrated Seminar
- SOW 4552 Multicultural America
- SOW 4930 Child Maltreatment & Family Violence
- SOW 4930 Generalist Practice with Special Needs Children,
Adolescents, Families
- SOW 4930 Multidimensional Issues of Child Assessment
- SOW 4930 USF Peru: Global Health and Mental Health Practice

University of Mississippi

Graduate:

SW 623 Field Instruction III
SW 624 Field Instruction IV
SW 660 Clinical Supervision
SW 686 Traumatic Stress & Crisis Intervention

Undergraduate:

SW 321 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
SW 322 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
SW 335 Social Work Practice I
SW 339 Research Writing
SW 436 Social Work Practice II
SW 495 Social Work Internship
SW 496 Internship Seminar

Courses Developed:

University of South Florida

Graduate:

SOW 6931.901 USF Peru: Global Health and Mental Health Practice
SOW 6931.311 Cognitive Behavior Therapy
SOW 6348 Diversity and Social Justice

Undergraduate:

SOW 3802 Happiness and Well-being
SOW 4522 Multicultural America in a Global Society
SOW 4930.901 USF Peru: Global Health and Mental Health Practice

Scholarship:

* Denotes student co-author or co-presenter

Published manuscripts

1. **Simmons, C.**, Fisher, A., McNeish Taormina, *Green, K. Y., Thompson, M. & Galea, J. T. (2023). Enhancing competency-based social work practice skills through service learning and interprofessional education in a student-run free healthcare clinic. *Advances in Social Work*.
2. McNeish Taormina, R., **Simmons, C.**, & *Tran, Q. (2023). Happiness Matters: Emotional Health Factors that Contribute to Overall Health in African American Men. *Journal of Men's Studies*.
3. McNeish Taormina, R., Massey, O., Walker, C., Sowell, C., Rigg, K., **Simmons, C.**, & *Tran, Q. (2023). Building Capacity to Create Community Change (BC4): A Model to Support Successful Program Planning and Implementation. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 1(97).
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2023.102225>
4. Galea, J. T., Flynn, G., Greene, K. Y., Thompson, M., *Doering, T., Fuchs, D., *Grey, A. *Saucedo, A., *Rosler, M., & **Simmons, C.** (2022) MSW Students' Perspectives on Learning and Delivering a Protocolized, Low-Intensity Transdiagnostic Psychological Intervention: Implications for Experiential Learning. *Community Mental Health Journal*. DOI: [10.1007/s10597-022-01053-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-022-01053-2)
5. Fisher, A. K., **Simmons, C.**, & Allen, S. C. (2019). Supporting and Challenging Student Cognitions in the Classroom. *Journal of Effective Teaching in Higher Education* 2(1).

6. Fisher, A. K., **Simmons, C.**, & Allen, S. C. (2018). Introducing BSW students to social work supervision prior to field: A BSW-MSW Partnership. *Advances in Social Work* 18(4), <https://doi.org/10.18060/21556>.
7. McNeish, R., **Simmons, C.**, Watson, J., & *Tran, Q. (2018). Perceptions of emotional and physical wellness among African American men as predictors of perceived overall health. *Ethnicity and Health*, 1(14).
8. Watson, J. & **Simmons, C.** (2017). A cross-cultural comparison of the worldviews of educators and students in social work. *College Student Journal*, 51(2), 227-237.
9. **Simmons, C.**, Fisher, A. K., Barnard, M., & Allen, S. C. (2017). Exploring self-efficacy among entry-level and advanced BSW students. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2017.1324550>
10. Fisher, A. K., Moore, D., **Simmons, C.**, & Allen, S. C. (2017). Teaching social workers about microaggressions to enhance understanding of subtle racism. *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2017.1289877>
11. Fisher, A. K., **Simmons, C.**, & Allen, S. C. (2016). An experiential approach to clinical supervision training: A mixed methods evaluation of effectiveness. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 36(5), 460-476.
12. **Simmons, C.**, & Fisher A. K. (2016) Promoting cognitive development through field education. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 54 (4), 462-462.
13. Keena, L., & **Simmons, C.** (2015). Rethink, reform, reenter: An entrepreneurial approach to prison programming. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 59(8), 837-854.
14. **Simmons, C.** (2014). Graduate social work education and cognitive complexity: Does prior experience really matter? *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 34(3), 235-247.
15. Campbell, F., **Simmons, C.**, & Lester, D. (1998). The impact of gambling on suicidal behavior in Louisiana. *Omega*, 38(3), 235-239.

Book chapters

1. **Simmons, C.**, Fisher, A. K., & Simmons, B. (2015). Cognitive complexity and student veterans. In J. E. Coll and E. L. Weiss (eds.). *Student Veterans in Human Services Programs: A Primer for Administrators, Faculty, and Academic Advisors*, Chicago: Lyceum Books, Inc, p 30-54.
2. **Simmons, C.**, & Coll, J. E. (2006). The high school social worker. In Borman, K., Cahill, S., & Cotner, B. *The Praeger Handbook of American High Schools*. Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood Press.

Technical Reports

1. McNeish, R., Massey, O. T., Walker, C., Sowell, C., Vatalaro, A., **Simmons, C.**, Rigg, K., Tran, Q. & Gilbert-Smith, T. (2020). *Final evaluation report: Making connections for the mental health and wellbeing of men and boy of color and veterans*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.
2. McNeish, R., Massey, O. T., Walker, C., Sowell, C., Vatalaro, A., **Simmons, C.**, Rigg, K., Tran, Q. & Gilbert-Smith, T. (2019). *Implementation Year 3 evaluation annual report: Making connections for the mental health and wellbeing of men and boy of color and veterans*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Department of Child and Family Studies.
3. McNeish, R., Hodges, S., Tirotti, M., Walker, C. Rigg, K., **Simmons, C.**, Massey, T., *Landers, M., *Tran, Q., & Joseph, B. (2018). *Evaluation of making connections for mental health and wellbeing for men and boys: Year 2: Implementation year outcomes*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida.

4. McNeish, R., Hodges, S., Hernandez, M., Joseph, B. Rigg, K., **Simmons, C.**, Tirotti, M., & Walker, C. (2017). *Evaluation of making connections for mental health and wellbeing for men and boys: Cross-site planning year outcomes*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida.

Conference Presentations

1. *Hernandez, L., *Baker, C., McNeish, R., & **Simmons, C.** (2022, November). *Predictors of African American men's perceived health*. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
2. *Nguyen, C., *Beal, L., & **Simmons, C.** (2022, March). *Clinic workflow for tele-mental health services in a primary care setting*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society of Student Run Free Clinics, Mobile, AL.
3. *Gilyard, S., **Simmons, C.**, Thompson, M. Gonzales, E. Guerra, L. Pereira, V. Slack, G., *Fuchs, D. *Mcperebo, E. *Doering, T. *Carlson, C. *Harrison, H., & Galea, J. T. (2021, March). Covid-19 and depression among patients receiving care at a free clinic. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Society of Student Run Free Clinics [Virtual].
4. **Simmons, C.**, *Tran, Q., & McNeish, R. (2019, November). *The effect of happiness on African American men's health*. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.
5. McNeish, R., & **Simmons, C.** (2018, November). *Emotional and physical wellness among African American men*. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
6. Fisher, A. K., & **Simmons, C.** (2018, November). *Introducing BSW students to supervision prior to field*. Paper presented at the Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
7. *Melgar, M., *Clark, S., *Dellea, L., *Sullivan, S., & **Simmons, C.** (2018, February). *Enhancing Student Learning through service in USF student-run free clinic*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Society of Student Run Free Clinics, Omaha, NE.
8. Walker, C., Tirotti, M., McNeish, R., Hodges, S., **Simmons, C.**, Rigg, K., and Joseph, B (2017, November) *Collaboration across sectors to create community change*. Poster presented at the 31st Annual American Evaluation Association Conference, Washington, DC.
9. Hodges, S., McNeish, R., & **Simmons, C.** (2017, March), *Applying the concept of working alliance to community coalition building*. Poster presented at the Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health. Tampa, FL.
10. *Penn, G., *Espinal, J., *Phipps, M., *Melgar, M., & **Simmons, C.** (2017, February). *Using service learning in USF's student-run free clinic to enhance practice skills among social work students*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Society of Student Run Free Clinics, Anaheim, CA.
11. **Simmons, C.** (2016, June). *Clinical Supervision Training of MSW Students: An Experiential Approach*. Paper presented at the 12th International Conference on Clinical Supervision. Garden City, NY.
12. Watson, J., & **Simmons, C.** (2015, March/April). *African American Males: Religion, Spirituality, & Wellness*. Paper presented at the 47th Annual Conference of the National Association of Black Social Workers, Chicago, IL.
13. **Simmons, C.**, Fisher, A., & Kelly, M. (2014, October). *Comparing effects of field education and deliberate psychological education on cognitive development*. Paper presented at the Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.
14. **Simmons, C.**, Fisher, A., & Kelly, M. (2014, June). *Use of experiential learning to teach supervision and practice skills*. Paper presented at the 10th International Interdisciplinary Conference on Clinical Supervision. Garden City, NY.

15. **Simmons, C.** (Chair) (2014, April). *Experiencing incarceration and its aftermath*. First UM Conference on Rethinking Mass Incarceration in the South. Oxford, MS.
16. Fisher, A., **Simmons, C.**, & Moore, D. (2014, March). *Microaggressions: What are they and why do they matter?* National Association of Social Workers, Mississippi Chapter Annual Conference, Biloxi, MS.
17. **Simmons, C.** (June, 2013). *Effects of Field Education on the Cognitive Development of BSW Students*. Paper presented at the 9th International Interdisciplinary Conference on Clinical Supervision. Garden City, NY.
18. **Simmons, C.**, & Ricketts, H. (2013, April). *Clinical supervision: Stretching beyond administrative management*. Social Issues, Social Justice, and Social Work Practice. Oxford, MS.
19. Watson, J., & **Simmons, C.** (2012, March). *Me First: Cultural Competency Self-assessment*. National Association of Social Workers, Mississippi Chapter Annual Conference, Natchez, MS.
20. Watson, J., & **Simmons, C.** (2012, April). *Oppression and Privilege*. University of Mississippi Social Work Conference--Understanding Cultural Competency and Ethics, Oxford, MS.
21. Watson, J., & **Simmons, C.** (2011, March). *Cultural & linguistic competency*. National Association of Social Workers, Mississippi Chapter Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.
22. **Simmons, C.**, & Harrell, C. (2009, June). *Police or Helper? Rethinking Child Welfare Practice*. National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.
23. **Simmons, C.**, Mahan, J., & Howes, M. (2008, June). *A New Approach to Supervision*. National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter Annual Conference. Pre-Conference: Revitalizing Child Welfare. Boca Raton, FL. 2008

Invited Speaker

1. **Simmons, C.** (2023, November). Caring for caregivers: Fostering mental health, and wellness in interprofessional teams. USF Health 6th Annual Interprofessional Education Day. Tampa, FL.
2. **Simmons, C.** (2016, October). *The entrepreneurial mindset: A transformative approach to prison programming*. Effects of Incarceration on Offenders, Families, and Communities. Tampa, FL.
3. **Simmons, C.** (with Patrick Alexander, Otis Pickett, and Linda Keena) (2014, April). *Toward a pedagogy of "Genuine Solidarity" at Parchman*. First UM Conference on Rethinking Mass Incarceration in the South. Parchman, MS.
4. **Simmons, C.**, (2014, March). *Addressing Mississippi's social work licensure pass rates: A partnership between professional schools, the Board of Examiners, and the NASW MS Chapter: A Panel Discussion*. National Association of Social Workers, Mississippi Chapter Annual Conference, Biloxi, MS.

Trainings

1. **Simmons, C.** Licensure exam prep: A refresher. University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. 2012 - 2014
2. **Simmons, C.** *Developmental Supervision*. University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. 2008
3. **Simmons, C.** *Promoting Critical Thinking Skills among Social Work Interns* Field Instructor and Clinical Supervision Training, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. 2004-2007
4. **Simmons, C.** *Integrating Theory & Practice*. Field Instructor and Clinical Supervision Training, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. 2004-2007
5. **Simmons, C.** *Clinical Supervision*. Field Instructor and Clinical Supervision Training, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. 2004-2007

Research Funding:

1. *Comprehensive Community Collaboration Demonstration Model to Strengthen and Preserve High Risk Families (CCCDM)*, 2020 – 2025 ACYF/Stephen Group, **Role: PI**, 185,000
2. *Making Connections for Mental Health and Well-being among Men and Boys*
2015 - 2020 Movember Foundation/Prevention Institute **Role: Cross-site Evaluator/TA**, 100,000
3. *Social Entrepreneurship Project. (Pre-release Offenders)*, 2012-2013 School of Applied Sciences Interdisciplinary Working Group (IWOG). **Role: Co-PI**, 10,000
4. *The effects of supervisor complexity, working alliance, and supervision quality on the cognitive development of social work students.* 2013 School of Applied Sciences Summer Research Grant **Role: PI**, 8,050

Service

University of South Florida

Department

2019-2021	MSW Committee (<i>Chair</i>)
2015-2018	Curriculum Committee (Member)
2015-	Enhanced General Education Social Work Task Force (<i>Chair</i>)
2014-2018	Faculty Evaluation Committee (Member)
2008-2009	Race and Culture Committee
2002-2008	Field Advisory Committee
2004-2006	Practice Sequence Committee
2005-2006	Faculty Advisory Committee
2003-2005	Undergraduate Committee
2005	Counselor Education Admissions Committee
2002-2003	Graduate Committee

College/University

2022-	CBCS Faculty Council
2018-2019	CBCS Curriculum Committee (<i>Chair</i>)
2015-2018	CBCS Curriculum Committee
2020-	USF Black Faculty and Staff Steering Committee

Community

2014-	BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic
2021-	Success for Kids and Families (<i>Board Member</i>)

Social Work Profession

2016–present	<i>Ad hoc Reviewer</i> , Families In Society
2015-present	<i>Ad hoc Reviewer</i> , The Clinical Supervisor
2019	<i>Ad hoc Reviewer</i> , Journal of Cognitive Therapy
2019	<i>Ad hoc Reviewer</i> , Advances in Social Work

University of Mississippi

Department

2013 Social Work Chair Search Committee
2010-2014 Practice Sequence Committee Member
2012-2013 Social Work Instructor Faculty Search Committees (Dual Search)
2011-2012 Field Sequence Committee Chair

School

2014 Communication Specialist Search Committee
2013 Assistant Dean Search Committee
2012 HESRM Instructor Faculty Search Committee
2011-2012 Nutrition & Hospitality Management Tenure Track Faculty Search
Committee
2012 Strategic Planning Committee

University

2013 Mass Incarceration Conference Committee
2011-2014 Faculty Mentor for Social Work Majors

Community

2012-2013 Ice House Entrepreneur Project, Co-Facilitator, Mississippi State
Penitentiary, Parchman, MS.
2012-2014 MS Juvenile Detention and Alternatives Task Force, Member, Mississippi
Department of Juvenile Justice, Jackson, MS
2012-2013 Mound Bayou Project, Member, Mound Bayou, MS.
2010-2011 Northern District Citizen Review Board, Faculty Liaison, Mississippi
Department of Human Services,
2011 United Way, Early Child Care and Education Coalition, Oxford, MS.