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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Academic administrator and professor in CSWE accredited undergraduate and graduate social work programs. Social work agency director, advocate. Congregational social worker: facilitating community organizing, support groups, and local social ministry.

ACADEMIC HISTORY

- 2009 Doctor of Education, Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development, University of Rochester, NY
Dissertation: *Education for the Social Work Profession: Innovation in Three Evangelical Institutions between 1960 and 1985*
- 1972 Master of Social Work, Graduate School of Social Work, Rutgers, the State University, New Brunswick, NJ
Concentration: Administration, Policy and Planning
- 1970 Bachelor of Science in Bible, Philadelphia Biblical University (Now Cairn University), Langhorne, PA with specialization in social work

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

ACADEMIC CONTEXTS

July 2016 – Present – Professor of Social Work, Director, MSW Program, Nyack College, 2 Washington Street, New York, NY 10004. Teach foundation year Field Instruction and Seminar I & II and Advanced Practice Leadership and Organizations I & II in first year of **new MSW program.**

August 2014 to July 2015 – Assistant Dean/Director of Social Work, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ. Led faculty in preparing MSW Benchmark I document process, leading to candidacy for accreditation of MSW program and BSW reaffirmation self-study.

January 1, 2009 to July 31, 2014 – Professor, School of Social Work, Union University, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, TN. Director, MSW Program, led program through benchmark process to successful accreditation by CSWE granted in February 2012: 2009 - 2013; **Associate Dean and Chair** August 1, 2009 to January 31, 2013.

Courses taught: MSW Administration in Community Development; BSW Senior Seminar; Faith-based Social Work

August 1996 to December 31, 2008 – Associate Professor, Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, NY; July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2008 - **Director, MSW Program,** Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY.

Courses taught: Leadership and Administration; Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (micro systems); Social Welfare History and Policy Analysis; Social and Cultural Diversity; Social Work Practice in Organizations and Communities; Physical and Mental Health Policy; Child and Family Policy; Community Practice for Church Social Work Interventions; Community Practice for Church Social Work Theories; Policy for Church and Community Practice; Administration and Leadership in Not-for-Profit Organizations; Group Treatment; Child and Family Interventions; Advanced Standing Seminar; Social Work Research; Advanced Practice in Community Development & Administration; Field Liaison and Seminar facilitator. Undergraduate courses: Social Welfare Policy; Values and Social Work Practice; Junior Field Seminar; Senior Field Seminar.

Curriculum Development: Advanced Social Policy (focus on policy as practice – social action and social change); Supervision and Consultation in Social Work; Congregational and Community Practice Concentration/Church Social Work Concentration development, including creation of courses in Church and Denominational Policy and Church and Denominational Interventions; Women in Social Reform – course created for Women Studies Minor.

March 1995 to July 1996 –Assistant Professor, Acting Dean

Carver School of Church Social Work, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS), 2528 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY; **August 1994 to March 1995 – Associate Dean, Assistant Professor.** Led the Carver School in its termination, developed a plan for faculty and administrative leadership in the closing year, established a transition team, and coordinated individual academic plans for 65 students.

Courses taught: Program Directing (management theories; cost benefit analysis; volunteer leadership; public relations; fund raising; proposal writing); Child Welfare Services; Field Seminar Facilitator and Liaison.

PRACTICE ARENA

January 1987 to July 1994 - Director, Statewide Volunteer Programs & Children's Mental Health Advocate, Mental Health Association in New Jersey 60 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042

- Directed programs in the voluntary, non-profit sector, funded through federal, state and county contracts
- Managed a statewide organization including a professional staff of 30 with over 300 volunteers; negotiated parity, program expansion, fund raising, staff training and supervision; maintained site team reviews and quality assurance procedures
- Trained staff and supervised programs linking community volunteers with chronically mentally ill adults in need of support and with families at risk of neglect or abuse of children.
- Planned and administered program budgets
- Acquired 3 year NIMH grant through Portland State University, Oregon to create support systems for parents of children with mental and emotional illness, \$45,000 annually.
- Coordinated statewide assistance for families whose children suffer mental illnesses and lack of services; testified before legislative committees in Trenton and Washington, DC
- Served as liaison between private, non-profit advocacy organization and county/regional funding systems to interpret programs and policy goals relating to advocacy issues

- Chaired state level Legal Issues Committee focused on matters pertaining to creating a seamless system of out-of-home care for children in the mental health system
- Organized 2 day statewide human service convention “Parents and Professionals in Partnership” uniting professionals and consumers on behalf of needs of the state’s most vulnerable children and their families
- Wrote, marketed and implemented curriculum for problem resolution in middle schools utilizing role playing and improvisation techniques: Project K.A.R.E.

January 1972-'77; 1981-86 - DIRECTOR, CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES

Christian Homes for Children, 275 State Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 (previously Goodwill Home and Rescue Mission Child Welfare Agency, Newark, NJ)

Administered and supervised operations and casework related to counseling and housing teen parents, adoption placement, foster care, interagency council participation in a DYFS licensed agency.

ADJUNCT FACULTY

2015 – 2016 Nyack College, Manhattan Campus, New York City

Graduate social work courses taught: Field Instruction and Seminar I and II; Leadership in Organizations I and II.

1988 – 1991 Philadelphia Biblical University, Langhorne, PA (Now Cairn University)

Undergraduate courses taught: Introduction to Services for Children and Families; Applied Social Research; Field Internship & Instruction Seminar

1977 – 1987 The King’s College, Briarcliff Manor, NY

Undergraduate courses taught: Introduction to Social Work; Introduction to Social Problems; Directed field internship program for Department of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Social Workers – since 1970

Academy of Certified Social Workers – since 1973

Council on Social Work Education – since 1994

Site Visitor since 2013 – EPAS 2008

North American Association of Christians in Social Work – since 1967

- Member NACSW Board 1987-1989; 1995 - 1997
- President of NACSW Board 1995 – 97
- Editorial Board, Social Work and Christianity, since 1998
- Co-Chair Planning Committee, 52nd Annual Convention and Training Conference, Rochester, NY, November 7-10, 2002

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Vestry Member, Christ Church Pompton Lakes, NJ 2016 – present;

Co-founder, Neighborhood Initiative

Board member, Association of Missions, Colorado Springs, CO 2010 – 2014.

Board member and chair, Jackson Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Prevention (JACO)A)
2010 – 2013, Jackson, TN.
Jackson Area Kiwanis Club, 2012 - 2014
Program and Planning Committee, the STAR Center, Jackson, TN, 2010-2014
Humanitarian trip to Empangeni, Zululand, South Africa with Lifetime Care Foundation of
Rochester, NY and Cape Town, South Africa – May 2014

PROFESSIONAL GRANTS

2012 – Faculty Development Grant, Union University

to fund presentation, “Innovation in Developing Social Work Education,” at North American Association of Christians in Social Work Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 2012

2010 – Faculty Development Grant, Union University

to fund presentation, “Who Started Social Work Programs in Evangelical Institutions?” at North American Association of Christians in Social Work Conference in Raleigh-Durham, NC.

2009– Faculty Development Grants, Union University

to fund presentation, “Faith-based Community Organizing” at North American Association of Christians in Social Work Conferences in Indianapolis, IN, October 2009

2005 - Faculty Development Summer Grant, Roberts Wesleyan College

Conducted historical archival research in three institutions tracing the development of social work education in evangelical institutions of higher education between 1960 and 1985; presentation at college lecture, February 2006

2001 – Faculty Development Summer Grant, Roberts Wesleyan College

Conducted qualitative research, wrote and presented paper on the spiritual component of Faith-based Community Organizing in Rochester, NY and Los Angeles, CA: ***What’s Spirituality Got to do with it?***

1989 – Portland State University Parents as Partners Grant - Organized parent input, wrote and administered 3 year NIMH grant through Portland State University, Oregon to create support systems for parents of children with mental and emotional illness, \$45,000 annually through the Mental Health Association in NJ.

AWARDS

2015 – Alumni Recognition Award, Cairn University, Langhorne, PA
2008 – Distinguished Service Award, Western NY Chapter, NACSW, October 16
2006 – Who’s Who among American Women

PUBLICATIONS

Furness, J. E. (in publication). Social Work Education for Christian Service: Two Evangelical Colleges Face the Challenge, for *Journal of Social Work & Christianity*, Newton, CN: North American Association of Christians in Social Work.

Furness, J. E. (2009) *Education for the Social Work Profession: Innovation in Three Evangelical Institutions between 1960 and 1985*. Doctoral Dissertation, Ed.D., University of Rochester, Rochester,

NY. UMI: No. 3392889

Furness, J. E. (2005). Book Review: Review of the book *Charity, Philanthropy and Civility in American History*. *Social Work & Christianity*, 32:4 (Winter, 2005), 366-368.

Tseng, T. and Furness, J. E. (formerly Spressart, J.F.) (2001) "Reawakening the Evangelical Social Conscience," in Evans, Christopher (ed), *The Social Gospel Today*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press.

Dever, J. and Spressart, J. F. (1998). "Social Ministry in the Community," in Gushee, David P. and Jackson, Walter C. (ed.), *Preparing for Christian Ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.

Spressart, J. F. (1992). *A New Age of Action for Children: Results of the Regional Roundtables*. Montclair, NJ: The Mental Health Association in New Jersey.

_____. (1992). "Social Action and the Church," in Garland, Diana S. (ed.). *Church Social Work* (pp 102-119). St. David, PA: North American Association of Christians in Social Work.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS and CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (Since 1990)

Furness, J. E. Chapel Speech: How did a social work program find its way into a Bible College? On the occasion of 50 years of social work education at Cairn University, Langhorne, PA, November 30, 2015.

March 7, 2014 – Training of Stephen Ministers, First United Methodist Church, Jackson, TN
"Resilience and its Meaning for Stephen Ministers."

October 28, 2012 – Plenary Speaker: Annual Meeting of Christians Supporting Community Organizing. Greenville Free Methodist Church, Greenville, IL: "Empowerment Strategies for Your Community: Lessons from Memphis."

October 2012 – Workshop Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, St. Louis, MO: "Innovation for Change: Starting Social Work Programs in Evangelical Institutions."

October 2010 – Workshop Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, Raleigh-Durham, NC: "Who Started Social Work Programs in Evangelical Institutions?"

October 2009 – Workshop Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, Indianapolis, IN: "Faith-Based Community Organizing: Empowered Congregations"

May 2007 – Keynote Speaker, Annual Meeting of Christians Supporting Community Organizing, Topic: "The Role of Social Work in Community Organizing," Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY.

October 2006 – Workshop Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, Philadelphia, PA: "Faith-Based Community Organizing: Empowered Congregations."

Workshop Presenter, NACSW, Philadelphia, PA: "Congregational and Community Practice: An Educational Model," with colleagues Johnson and Erb.

February 2006 – Faculty Summer Grant Research Presentation, *Kinder, Gentler Education: The Inception of Social Work Education in Evangelical Institutions of Higher Education, 1960 – 1985*, Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY.

October 2005 – Workshop Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, Annual Convention and Training Conference, Grand Rapids, MI: "More about the inception of social work education in evangelical institutions of higher education."

October 2004 – Reston, VA. North American Association of Christians in Social Work. Annual Convention and Training Conference; Workshop. Presenter: Remember the Rock from which you were cut: Looking at the emergence of social work education in evangelical colleges and universities.

March 31, 2004 – Chatroom Session Host, Faith-based Community Organizing: Releasing People of Power, sponsored by North American Association of Christians in Social Work.

November 2002 – Rochester, NY, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, Annual Convention and Training Conference; Convention Co-organizer, facilitator and Pre-Convention Workshop Leader: "Faith-Based Community Organizing."

February 2002 – Rochester, NY, Summer Faculty Research Grant Cultural Life Lecturer: "What's Spirituality Got to Do with It? Faith-based Community Organizing in America."

September 2001 – San Antonio, TX, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, Annual Convention and Training Conference, Workshop Presenter: Remember the Rock from which you were Cut: Looking at the emergence of social work education in evangelical colleges and universities.

April 1996 – Birmingham, AL, Workshop Presenter, Children and the Church II Conference: Parents and Professionals: a Crisis in Communication and Church Participation in Systems Change.

May 1995 – Cove Crest, GA, Retreat Leader, Christian Social Ministries Conference: Issues of Violence in the Church's Communities.

February 1995 – Louisville, KY, United Methodist Women's Conference; Speaker: The Prospects of Welfare Reform – Who Benefits?

June 1994 – New York City, NJ Representative, Region II Conference, Family Preservation and Family Support – Federal Planning Process.

June 1994 – Princeton, NJ, Presenter: New Jersey Association of Children's Residential Facilities: Supporting Parents of Children with Emotional and Behavioral Needs.

June 1991 – Three Regional Workshops, North, Central and Southern New Jersey Sponsored by the Mental Health Association in NJ; Organizer/facilitator: Child and Family Centered Systems Change in NJ.

October 1990 – Monroe, NJ, Association for Children of NJ Annual Conference; Workshop Presenter:
Parent Support Process Grows in NJ.