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EDUCATION

- 2005 **Simmons College School of Social Work**, Boston, MA
Ph.D., Dissertation title: "Adaptation and Transformation: The Transition to Parenthood For Adoptive Gay Male Couples."
- 1981—83 **Boston University School of Social Work**, Boston, MA
M.S.W., Major in Casework; Minor concentration in Community Organization, Management, and Planning.
- 1976—80 **Wesleyan University**, Middletown, CT
B.A. *cum laude*; senior semester abroad: London Polytechnic, London, England.

ADVANCED CLINICAL TRAINING

- 2013—14 **Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT)**
Completion of Externship and Core Skills towards EFT certification
- 1997—98 **Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)**
Completion of Levels I and II.
- 1994—95 **Externship:** Daniel Brown, Ph.D., Cambridge, MA
Seminar in hypnotherapy and PTSD
- 1988—89 **Family Institute of Cambridge**, Watertown, MA
Program in Systemic Therapies: provided systemic family therapy through Somerville Mental Health Center.

EMPLOYMENT

- 09/ 2005--
Present Clinical Associate Professor, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA
- Teach five courses per year focused on clinical practice, human behavior, and/or ethics for first and second year MSW students on the Charles River Campus and in Off-Campus Programs. As a faculty member in the Clinical Practice Department, participate in curriculum revision activities and forums focused on innovative teaching methods. Advise students in the Groupwork Specialization, as needed.

Courses and Number of Times Taught

CP 759: Introduction to Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups, 2005-present (taught 12 times)

CP 760: Differential Social Work with Groups, 2005-2010 (taught 13 times)

CP 770: Clinical Practice with Individuals, 2011-present (taught 8 times)

CP 771: Clinical Practice with Groups, 2011-2013 (taught 3 times)

CP 787: Clinical Practice with Couples, 2005-present (designed and taught 10 times)

CP793: Directed studies with 3 MSW students- 2007 (Men and Depression) and 2008 (Clinical Practice with Lesbian and Gay Parented Families) and 2016 (Transgender Couples).

CP 799: Brief and Time Effective Treatment, 2005 to present (taught 10 times)

CP 806: Social Work Practice with LGBT Persons, 2010-2016, (designed and taught 6 times)

HB723: Adult Psychopathology (2009, taught once)

SP741: Social Work Practice Ethics , 2009-present, (taught 10 times)

BUSSW Professional Education Programs (PEP)

Suicide Assessment and Intervention in Substance Abuse Treatment. Co-designed and delivered a day-long workshop (Co-instructor, Luz Lopes, PhD). Charles River Campus (10/2015)

Clinical Practice with Couples. Designed, directed and served as an instructor for a PEP Certificate Program. BUSSW, Charles River Campus (9/14-1/15).

To Tell or Not to Tell: Self-disclosure in Clinical Practice. Co-designed and delivered day long workshop. (Co-instructor, Meg Stafford, LICSW) BUSSW. Charles River Campus (10/ 2012).

Suicide Assessment and Intervention, Designed and delivered day-long workshop. BUSSW, Charles River Campus (06/2011).

Suicide Prevention and Intervention Update. Designed and delivered two hour-long workshop. BUSSW, BU North Campus (11/2010).

Clinical Practice with Couples. Designed, directed and served as an instructor for a PEP Certificate Program. BUSSW, Charles River Campus (03/10-06/10)

Social Work Practice with Couples, Designed and delivered day-long workshop. BUSSW, Charles River Campus (10/2009).

Secrets in Couples and Families, Co-designed and delivered day-long workshop. (Co-instructor, Janice Furlong, LICSW). BUSSW, Charles River Campus (10/2008).

Clinical Practice with Couples: Triumph of Hope and Experience!, Designed and delivered half-day workshop. BUSSW, Charles River Campus (06/2008).

SSW Committee Memberships and Related Roles

Chair, Status Review Committee which provides oversight for and disciplinary intervention with underperforming students (2009-2011, 2013-present).

Chair, Evidence Based Practice Committee which provides curriculum leadership on integration of science-based social work practice methods in the MSW curriculum (2007-present).

Faculty Liaison to the Field Education Advisory Committee, a group of community social work practitioners providing guidance to SSW on Field Education issues (2006-present)

Coordinator, Faculty Fellowship for Suicide Education Enhancement (SEEP) Project which focused on integration of suicide education in the SSW curriculum (2008-09).

Acting Coordinator, Groupwork Department and Acting Director, Groupwork Specialization: oriented new groupwork faculty to course content and teaching responsibilities; recruited students and provided guidance to those enrolled in the Groupwork Specialization (Spring-Summer, 2009).

Co-facilitator, Faculty Meeting (09/10-06/10).

Member: working group engaged in revision of Foundation Year Clinical Practice Curriculum (09/10-present).

Reader: Prospectus and Dissertation Committees for PhD student, Jennifer Meade (09/10-present).

Member, Faculty Search Committee, participated in the recruitment and hiring of clinical faculty, (2008 and 2011).

Member: Program Assessment Committee (09/06-06/07)

Member, ad hoc Curriculum Committee Think Tank (Fall, 2006)

1999—2005 **Adjunct Instructor, Simmons College School of Social Work, Boston, MA**

Taught graduate courses focused on research methods and clinical practice in the MSW Program. Served as Faculty Advisor to 6 graduate students each year performing clinical internships in range of settings.

Courses and Number of Times Taught

Advanced Clinical Practice, 2000—2005 (taught 5 times)

Introduction to Research Methods, 2000—2005 (taught 4 times).

Advanced Research Methods, 09/00—05/01 (taught 1 time)

Advanced Research Methods, 09/98—05/99 (Teaching Assistant, taught 1 time)

AWARDS

- 2012 **Boston University School of Social Work: Excellence in Teaching Award.** Annual honor voted upon by graduating MSW students to acknowledge outstanding teaching among BUSSW faculty.
- 2008 **Simmons College School of Social Work, Maida Solomon Award:** (For written work about social work in mental health settings for the peer reviewed journal article, Gianino, M., & Glick, A. (2008). Wearing two hats: Clinical and ethical implications of combining individual and group treatment. *Social Work with Groups* (31), 273-287.
- 2009 **Boston University, Curriculum Development Grant** (\$2000). Recipient of a competitive university-wide curriculum development grant to design and implement a graduate level course entitled “Social Work practice with LGBT Individuals and Families” for Summer Term 2010 at Boston University.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 1986—
Present **Private Practice**, Brookline, MA
LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER.
- Conduct short- and long-term psychotherapy for individuals, couples, families, and groups.
 - Consult and deliver in-service training and critical incident debriefing to various businesses, professional organizations, work teams, and colleagues.
- 09/89-04/00 **Massachusetts Bay Counseling**, Marshfield, MA
PSYCHOTHERAPIST in a group practice serving mental health needs in southeastern Massachusetts.
- Provided individual, group, and family psychotherapy and training.
- 12/85-08/89 **Carney Hospital**, Inpatient Psychiatry, Dorchester, MA
- CHIEF SOCIAL WORKER in a 46-bed voluntary and involuntary psychiatric unit (9/87-8/89).
Performed the following clinical responsibilities:

- Conducted individual and group supervisions for MSW and BSW staff.
- Developed and implemented short- and long-term goals for Social Work unit, e.g., student training program, family groups, quality assurance monitors, etc.
- Served as Chair of the Social Work Department's Continuing Education Committee.

SOCIAL WORKER in short-term, voluntary 21-bed psychiatric unit (¾-time position, 12/85-9/87).
Performed the following clinical responsibilities:

- Provided family assessments, short-term family treatment, discharge planning, and interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Conducted long-term individual, couple, and family therapy.

11/85-11/88 **Department of Public Welfare**, Boston, MA
CONSULTANT to the Department of Public Welfare's Prior Authorization Unit.

04/84-10/88 **AIDS Action Committee**, Boston, MA

- Conducted short- and long-term groups for men living with HIV.
- Provided workshops, seminars, and in-service trainings for mental health professionals on psychosocial impact of AIDS.

11/83—12/85 **The Center for Mental Health**, Watertown, MA
THERAPIST in an intensive psychiatric day treatment program serving adults with acute and chronic mental health problems; emphasis on groupwork and structural family therapy.

- Led and co-led numerous psycho-educational groups, e.g., group therapy, stress management, men's group, etc.
- Provided intake assessment, casework, case management, and family treatment.
- Supervised MSW student intern.

PUBLICATIONS

Gianino, M. & McLaughlin, D. (Eds). (2016). *Revitalizing our social group work heritage: A bridge to the future (Proceedings of the XXXV international Symposium of the International Association for Social Work with Groups, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June 6th-9th, 2013)*. London: Whiting & Birch, Limited.

Gianino, M., Ruth, B.J., & Geron, S.M. (2016): Social Work Continuing Education: A Statewide Case Study, *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, DOI: 10.1080/08841233.2016.1206053

Gianino, M. (2014). "Families with Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Parents." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Social Work*. Ed. Edward J. Mullen. New York: Oxford University Press.

Ruth, B.J., **Gianino, M.**, Muroff, J., McLaughlin, D. & Feldman, B. (2012). You can't recover from suicide: Perspectives on suicide education in MSW programs. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 3, 501-516.

Gianino, M. & *Novelle, M. (2012). Considerations for assessment and intervention with lesbian and gay adoptive parents and their children, in Bigner, J. J., & Wetchler, J. (Eds.). *Handbook of affirmative LGBT couple and family therapy*. Philadelphia: Routledge.

Goldberg, A. E., & **Gianino, M.** (2012). Lesbian and gay adoptive parent families: Assessment, clinical issues, and intervention. Invited chapter in D. Brodzinsky, A. Pertman, & D. Kunz (Eds.), *Gay and lesbian adoption: A new American reality*. Blackwell Publishing.

Gianino, M. Goldberg, A. E., & *Lewis, T.O. (2009) Family outings: Disclosure practices among adopted youth with gay and lesbian parents. *Adoption Quarterly*, 12, 1-24.

Gianino, M., & Glick, A. (2008). Wearing two hats: Clinical and ethical implications of combining individual and group treatment. *Social Work with Groups* (31), 273-287.

Gianino, M. (2008). Book Review: My father before me: How fathers and sons influence each other throughout their lives, by Michael J. Diamond, New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2007, 239 pp., \$24.95 (hardcover). *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal* (25), 241-244.

Gianino, M. (2008). Adaptation and transformation: The transition to adoptive parenthood for gay male couples. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies* 4(2), 205-243.

Trust, C., & **Gianino, M.** (2006, March 11). Bad-faith pitch for bigotry: Editorial/As you were saying.... *The Boston Herald*.

*Denotes PhD or MSW student participation in publication

Juried Presentations

Gianino, M. & Shannon, D. *Hook-ups versus cuddling: a gay men's group navigates young adulthood*. International Association of Social Work with Groups. Annual Symposium. New York, NY (June, 2016).

Hanbidge, A.S., Gianino, M. & Cohen, C. *Integrative Problem-based and Case-based Teaching Methods in Social Group Work Education*. International Association of Social Work with Groups. Annual Symposium. New York, NY (June, 2016).

Gianino, M. *Sex Happens: When Extra-group Relationships Become Sexual*. International Association of Social Work with Groups. Annual Symposium. Chapel Hill, NC (June, 2015).

Gianino, M, Ruth, B.J. & Sheehan, D. *A Crisis in Social Work Continuing Professional Education? A Faculty Conversation*. Think-tank. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Tampa. FL. (October, 2014).

McLaughlin, D. & Gianino, M. *One MSW Program's Approach to Gatekeeping: Challenges and Opportunities in Status Review*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Tampa, FL (October, 2014).

Geron, S.M, Gianino, M, Ruth, B.J. & Sheehan, D, A. *What's up with Continuing Social Work Education?* National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Symposium. Framingham, MA. (March, 2014).

Gianino, M, Ruth, B.J. & Stafford, M. *To Tell or Not to Tell: Self-disclosure in Clinical Practice*. National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Symposium. Framingham, MA. (March, 2014).

Gianino, M, Ruth, B.J. & Freedman, R. *The Changing Nature of Gatekeeping in Social Work Education: Context and Considerations*. Think-tank. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Washington, DC. (November, 2012).

McLaughlin, D. Gianino, M. & Lopez, L.M. *In the Here and Now: Teaching and Learning Experiential Group Work Methods*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Washington, DC. (November, 2012).

Gianino, M. & Glick, A. *Wearing Two Hats: When the Individual and Group Worker are the Same*". National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Symposium. Framingham, MA. (March 2012).

Gianino, M., & Zimmerman. *Can the Process of EBP Work for You, Your Clients and Your Students: Training for Field Instructors*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Portland,OR. (October, 2010).

Gianino, M. *Clinical and Ethical Dilemmas in Treating Secrets in Couples*. National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Symposium. Framingham, MA. (April, 2010).

Gianino, M. *People with LGBT Parents: Best Practices for Clinicians*. National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Symposium. Framingham, MA. (April, 2010)

Gianino, M., & McLaughlin, D. & Ruth, B. *Integrating suicide prevention education in social work education: Faculty perspectives*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. San Antonio, TX. (November 2009).

Ruth, B., & Gianino, M., & McLaughlin, D. *Suicide prevention education in social work education: Presentations from the Boston University Suicide Education Enhancement Project (SEEP)*. American Public Health Association. Annual Program Meeting: Session 5135.0. Philadelphia, PA (November, 2009).

Sheehan, D., Gianino, M., & Bratitotis, C. *Learning and Teaching in the MSW Cohort Model: Group Processes and Practices*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. San Antonio, TX. (November 2009).

Gianino, M. *Negotiating fatherhood: The evolution of gender, family and parenting roles in gay male couples*. Oral Presentation. First Annual Conference on Social Work with and for Men. Tuscaloosa, AL. (2008, April).

Gianino, M. *Coming out of a heterosexual marriage*. Oral presentation. National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Symposium 2008. Marlborough, MA. (2008, April).

Gianino, M., & McLaughlin, D. *Program assessment in teaching the group work method: How are we doing?*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting. Philadelphia, PA . (October 2008).

Silverstein, L., Auerbach, C., Gianino, M. *Gay Fathers: Expanding Possibilities for All of Us*. Panel Presentation: National Multi-cultural Conference and Summit of the American Psychological Association. Seattle, WA (January, 2007).

Gianino, M., McLaughlin, D., Schiller, L, and Lopez, L. *In Real Time: An Advanced Experiential Workshop for Teaching and Supervising Group Work Methods in the Classroom and in the Field.*" Presented at the International Symposium on Social Work with Groups. San Diego, CA. (October, 2006)

Gianino, M. *Adaptation and Transformation: The Transition to Adoptive Parenthood for Gay Male Couples*. Oral presentation. Real Families, Real Facts: Research Symposium on LGBT-headed Families. Philadelphia, PA. (May, 2006)

Gianino, M. *Adaptation and Transformation: The Transition to Adoptive Parenthood for Gay Male Couples*. Oral presentation. 2nd International Congress on Qualitative Inquiry. Champagne-Urbana, IL. (May, 2006).

Gianino, M. *Adaptation and Transformation: The Transition to Adoptive Parenthood for Gay Male Couples*. Oral presentation. National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Symposium 2006. Marlborough, MA. (April, 2006)

Invited Presentations

Gianino, M. *LGBTQ Affirmative Practice in Behavioral Health Settings*. South Boston Behavioral Health Center; Boston, MA (April, 2016).

Gianino, M. & McLaughlin, D. *Group work foundations: Parts 1 and 2*. Follen Community Church. Lexington, MA (March and April, 2016)

Gianino, M. *To Tell or not to Tell: Self-disclosure in Clinical Practice*. Social Work Grand Rounds, Tufts Medical Center, Department of Social Work; Boston, MA (March, 2016)

Gianino, M. *The Good, Bad and the Ugly: Conflict Resolution in Task Groups*. Ryan White Planning Council of the Infectious Disease Bureau, Boston Public Health Commission. Boston, MA (January, 2016).

Gianino, M. & Furlong, J. *Brief, and Not Shallow: Challenges and Strategies in Episodic, Outcome-informed and Client-directed Treatment*. Fenway Health Center. Boston, MA (January 2016).

Gianino, M. & Whitenect, B. *Board Member Exchange*. Association of Social Work Boards Delegate Assembly (ASWB) Symposium. Provided group facilitation for a day-long meeting to aid in board decision-making. Fort Lauderdale, FL. (November, 2015).

Gianino, M. *Suicide Assessment and Intervention (Part 2)*. Social Work Grand Rounds, Tufts Medical Center, Department of Social Work; Boston, MA (March, 2015)

Geron, S. & Gianino, M. *The Missing Link Project*. Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). Boise, Idaho. (November 14, 2014).

Gianino, M. *Suicide Assessment and Intervention*. Social Work Grand Rounds, Tufts Medical Center, Department of Social Work; Boston, MA (May, 2014)

Gianino, M. *Suicide Assessment and Intervention: A Motivational Interviewing Model*. (Two Part Staff Training with Lopez, L.). Tapestry. Springfield, MA. (May 8 and 15, 2014).

Gianino, M. *Recognizing, Affirming, and Engaging LGBT Individuals and Families*. Grand Rounds, Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Hospital, Department of Social Work; Boston, MA (June, 2013)

Gianino, M. *To Tell or Not to Tell: Self-disclosure in Clinical Practice*. Professional Training Series. Brookline Health Center. Brookline MA (October 2012)

Gianino, M. *Social Work Practice with Families Headed by Gay Men and Lesbians*. Wheelock College. (March 2012).

Gianino, M. *Social Work Practice with Families Headed by Gay Men and Lesbians*. Wheelock College. (July, 2011 and November, 2010).

Gianino, M. *The process of EBP: Can it work for you, your clients and your students?* (First Part of Two Part Field Education Training with Amodeo, M.). YOU, Inc, Worcester, MA. (October 2010).

Gianino, M. *Group Work 101*. (invited training with Carroll, H.). Boston Public Health Commission. Boston, MA. (April, 2010)

Gianino, M. *Adventures in implementing open-ended groups*. BI Deaconess Medical Center. Boston, MA (December 2009).

Gianino, M. *Decision-making processes in gay and lesbian adoption*. Fenway Health Center. Boston, MA (December 2009).

Gianino, M. *Where is Social Work Going? EBP and (not versus!?) Practice Wisdom*. (Panel Presentation). Alumni Night. Boston University. Boston, MA (December 2009).

Gianino, M. *The process of EBP: Can it work for you, your clients and your students?* (Two Part Field Education Training with Muroff, J.). Boston University School of Social Work. Boston, MA. (April and October 2009).

Gianino, M. *Issues in gay and lesbian family life*. (Guest Lecture). Boston College School of Social Work. Boston, MA. (April 2009).

Gianino, M. *I am what I say I am! Raising Healthy Transracially Adopted Children in a (not-yet) Post Racial World*. (Workshop). Family Pride and Conference. Utica, NY. (April 2009). Professional and Community Audience.

Gianino, M. "Social work practice issues in gay and lesbian family life." (Guest Lecture). Boston College School of Social Work. Boston, MA. (November 2008).

Gianino, M. *Walking Our Talk: Integrating Empowerment, Mutual Aid and Evidence-based* Gianino, M. *Group Work Practice*. Panel Presentation at Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups conference, "Claiming Our Roots: Keeping Mutual Aid and Social Justice Alive in Today's Group Work Practice." Brookline, MA (March, 2007).

Gianino, M. *Valuing Difference: Social Work Practice with Sexual Minority Families*. Presented at Massachusetts NASW conference, "From Zero to a Hundred in a Split Second: Survival 101 with Aggressive Students." Worcester, MA. (October, 2006).

Gianino, M. *Social Work Practice with Families Headed by Gay Men and Lesbians*. Boston College School of Social Work. (September, 2006).

Gianino, M. *Adaptation and Transformation: The Transition to Adoptive Parenthood for Gay Male Couples*. University of New England LGBTQ Pride Week 2006: Family Wellness & Diversity Seminar. Portland, ME. (April 12, 2006).

Gianino, M. *Social Work Practice with Gay and Lesbian Headed Families*. Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA. (January, 2006).

Gianino, M. *Understanding Alternative Families* (workshop). Simmons 2000 Conference, College School of Social Work, Boston, MA. (March, 2000).

Gianino, M. *Clinical Issues for Gay- and Lesbian-headed Families* (workshop). Brookline Health Center, Brookline, MA. (February, 2000).

Gianino, M. & Harrigan, T. *Overcoming Invisibility: Group Treatment for Gay Male Couples*. NASW Symposium, Boston, MA (April 1996)

Gianino, M. & Harrigan, T. *Overcoming Invisibility: Group Treatment for Gay Male Couples*. (Workshop). Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA . (March, 1996).

Gianino, M. *From Surviving to Thriving: The Mental Health Needs of Adult Male Sexual Abuse Survivors*. Men's Health Conference, Association for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Roxbury, MA. (February, 1996)

Gianino, M., Harrigan, T., Lew, M., & Fuller, C. *We're Not All Alike: Understanding and Valuing Differences in Relationships*. (Workshop) Men's Weekend, Provincetown, MA (November, 1995).

Gianino, M. & Tweedy, A. *Ethics and HIV*. NASW Symposium, Boston, MA. (April, 1994).

Lew, M., Harrigan, T & Gianino, M. *A Men's Recovery Weekend* (Experiential retreat for male sexual abuse survivors Kirkridge Retreat Center, Bangor, PA (August, 1992; August, 1991 and August, 1990)

Gianino, M. *Parents Coping with Sexual Abuse* (presentation and consultation to families whose children were alleged to have been sexually molested by an adult Boy Scout troop leader) Pembroke, MA. (April, 1991).

Gianino, M. *Treatment Considerations for Substance Abusing Survivors of Sexual Abuse*. Massachusetts Bay Counseling & Pembroke Hospital, Plymouth, MA (April, 1991)

Gianino, M. *Recovery for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse*. Oral presentation. Pembroke Hospital, Pembroke, MA (March, 1991).

Gianino, M. *Recovery for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse*. South Shore Mental Health Center, Quincy, MA (March, 1991)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Gianino, M. (2016). Video entitled: *Affirmative clinical practice with lesbian, gay and transgender persons*, produced by UPG Media Group, date. Invited Presentation. Designed and presented video content including lecture, live demonstration and final reflections on LGBT-Affirmative Practice.

Gianino, M . *Gay Adoption* – Guest Speaker, Chronicle, Local (Boston Channel 5). Boston, MA. (March, 2006).

Gianino, M. *Male Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse*. People Are Talking. (Boston Channel 4). Boston, MA. (October, 1990).

PODCAST PRESENTATIONS

Suicide Assessment and Intervention, Designed and delivered two-hour podcast for National Association of Social Workers (NASW) (06/2010).

RESEARCH

2012-Present: *Missing Link Project*. Conducted eleven focus groups with varied stakeholders such as social work clinical and macro practitioners, board regulators, social work faculty, NASW staff and other key informants. The Association of Social Work Boards' (ASWB) Foundation for Research and Consumer Education in Social Work Regulation funded a team of social work researchers to undertake a study of quality and effectiveness issues in continuing professional education (CPE) in the social work profession. The study is being conducted by Boston University professors Mark Gianino, Betty J. Ruth and Scott Miyake Geron.

2008-2010: *Suicide Education Enhancement (SEEP) Project* . Conducted five focus group interviews with social work faculty for the qualitative component of DPH –funded project focusing on the integration of suicide prevention and intervention content in MSW school curricula. Conducted qualitative data analysis with two dual degree MSW/MPH students, co-published findings and co-presented results nationally. Co-principal investigators, Betty Ruth, MSW, MPH and Jordana Muroff, PhD.

2007-09: Principal investigator: *Multicultural Youth Study*. The study examined the experiences of transracially adopted (TRA) youth residing in homes headed by gay and lesbian parents. 13 participants were qualitatively interviewed for this project and results were published in a peer-reviewed journal and disseminated through national and regional presentations.

Dissertation research: *Adaptation and Transformation: The Transition to Parenthood For Adoptive Gay Male Couples*.” This qualitative phenomenological study explored the experiences of adoptive gay male couples in their transition to parenthood. Specifically, the purpose was to understand the stressors these couples experience, the protective factors that buffer them from these stressors, and the impact of this transition upon their relationship. Results of the project were published and presented regionally and nationally.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

9/14-Present	Massachusetts Board of Registration for Social Workers: Board member
9/12-Present	National Associate of Social Workers (NASW) National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter, Board of Directors 2012-present.
9/12-6/13	INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS (IASWG) (Formerly known as Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG)) 2012-2013 Co-Chair, XXXV Annual International IASWG Symposium 2013 Planning Committee
9/10-Present	NASW SYMPOSIUM 2010 PLANNING COMMITTEE
9/02—06/04	NOMINATING COMMITTEE, NASW Served on state-wide committee charged with selection of candidates for NASW Board of Directors, Delegate Assembly, and Nominating Committee (elected positions).
9/95—09/97	CO-CHAIR, NASW Ethics Education Committee Provided training and education to NASW members on ethical issues relevant to social workers and mental health practitioners.
9/83—09/85	CO-CHAIR, NASW Committee on Gay and Lesbian Concerns Facilitated monthly member and steering committee meetings, and offered trainings to mental health professionals on general psychosocial issues of gay men and lesbians.

MEMBERSHIP / LICENSE

1983-Present	National Association of Social Workers
1983-Present	Licensed Clinical Social Worker (#106189, Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
2005-Present	International Association for Social Work with Groups
2006-Present	Council on Social Work Education

OTHER INTERESTS

- Member of Boston Symphony Orchestra's Tanglewood Festival Chorus (bass) since 1996.
- Numerous years of experience as a classical pianist and vocalist.
- Extensive knowledge of studio art techniques, e.g., printmaking, painting, sculpture.
- Avid gardener.