

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATIONAL RECORD

- 2021 (Expected) Doctor of Philosophy, City, Culture, & Community – Social Work. Tulane University. New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 M.S.W. Children & Families concentration, Immigration & Migration sub-concentration. Loyola University Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 M.A. Women’s Studies & Gender Studies. Loyola University Chicago. Chicago, IL
- 2007 B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies in Documentary Film Production, Anthropology, Behavioral Sciences. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL.

Study Abroad:

- 2011 Social Work Field Placement. Universidad Iberoamericana. Chiapas, Mexico.
- 2007 Photography. Edinburgh College of Art. Edinburgh, Scotland.

TEACHING/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Teaching Assistant, “Beyond the Neutral Ground,” Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking, Tulane University
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, “Trauma! A Survey Course,” School of Social Work, Tulane University
- 2017-present Coordinator, NOLA Digital Consortium, Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking, Tulane University
- 2017-present Research Assistant, Center for Natural Connections, School of Social Work, Tulane University
- 2016-present Research Assistant, Tulane Traumatology Institute, School of Social Work, Tulane University

PUBLICATIONS

Miller Scarnato, J. (Under Review) Indigenous Impact: A Regression Analysis of Ethnic Differences in Likelihood of Guatemala-U.S. Migration. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.

Miller Scarnato, J. (Forthcoming). The Value of Video Data for Qualitative Social Work Research: A Narrative Review. *Qualitative Social Work*.

DeGennaro, D., & Miller Scarnato, J. (Forthcoming). Toward Transformative Praxis: Fostering a Teacher|Leader|Learner Disposition. *Journal of Transformative Education*.

DeGennaro, D., & Miller Scarnato, J. (2016). Chapter 11: Owning Unlocking Silent Histories, Becoming Teacher/Leader: The Development of Internal Expertise. In D. DeGennaro, *Designing Critical and Creative Learning with Indigenous Youth: A Personal Journey* (197-211). Boston: Sense Publishers.

Miller, R., & Miller, J. (2015). Introduction to Section V: Organizing to Resist Neoliberal Policies and Poverty: Activism and Advocacy. In S. Haymes, R. Miller, & M. Vidal de Haymes (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Poverty in the United States* (499-500). New York: Routledge.

Miller, J. Drews, H., Korwin, J., and Lee, S. (2012). Culturally Competent Social Work Practice with Sudanese Survivors of Sexual Violence. *Praxis: Where Reflection and Practice Meet*. December, Vol. 12.

PRESENTATIONS

2017

Moving Images of Resilience: Learning from Video-Based Research with Indigenous Peoples of Mayan Descent. Paper Presentation. Pathways to Resilience International Conference. Cape Town, South Africa.

2013

Immigrants and the Affordable Care Act: Challenges and Opportunities. Paper presentation. National Immigrant Integration Conference. Miami, FL.

An Unhealthy Path to Citizenship: America's Failure to Advance Immigrant Access to Healthcare, Public Benefits, and Economic Security. Panelist. National Immigrant Integration Conference, Miami, FL.

2012

Women's Work on "The Farm:" Implications for Gender Equality. Paper presentation. International Rural Women's Studies Conference, New Brunswick, Canada.

Feminist Filmmaking and the Works of Nicole Holofcener. Paper Presentation. Popular Culture Association Conference, Boston, MA.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Internal

2017 Tulane University Stone Center for Latin American Studies Tinker Grant. "Returned Migrant Youth in Guatemala: Biopsychosocial Needs and Civil Society Responses." Jenn Miller Scarnato (PI). \$1352.

2013 Loyola University Chicago Women's Studies & Gender Studies Department Research Award. "#Feminism: Harnessing New Technology for Feminist Engagement." Jenn Miller Scarnato and Nicole Carrasco (PIs).

2012 Loyola University Chicago Graduate School Research Award. "Bringing Feminist Thought into Something that's Not Traditionally Feminist: Bridging Women's Studies/Gender Studies and Professional Development." Jenn Miller Scarnato and Stephanie Williams (PIs).

External

2012 Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County. "Local Healthcare Resources for Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Families in Lake County, Illinois." Luvia Quiñones (PI), Jenn Miller Scarnato (Consultant). \$600,00.

2012 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Community Memorial Foundation, Chicago Community Trust. "Navigating Healthcare Options as an Immigrant in Illinois: Community Resource Guide." Ahlam Jbara (PI), Jenn Miller Scarnato (Consultant). \$1.2 million

2012 Chicago Community Trust, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County, Community Memorial Foundation. "The Affordable Care Act (ACA): Reflections on Immigrant Access." Ahlam Jbara (PI), Jenn Miller Scarnato (Consultant). \$1.5 million.

EMPLOYMENT

Fall 2016 – present Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant. City, Culture, & Community Program. Tulane University. New Orleans, LA

2016 – present	Expert Contributing Writer. MSWCareers.com. Online.
2014 – 2016	Field Director, Guatemala. Unlocking Silent Histories. Lake Atitlan, Guatemala.
2012 – 2014	Program Manager. Illinois Family Resource Program. Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. Chicago, IL.
2009 – 2012	Assistant Resource Coordinator. Youth Guidance. Chicago, IL.
2007 – 2009	Recreation Leader. Rec N' Roll Program. Orange County Parks and Recreation. Orlando, FL.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

2016 – present	Planning Committee Member, Graduate Symposium for the City, Community, & Culture Program, New Orleans, LA
2016 – present	Program Representative, Graduate Studies Student Association of Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
2016 – present	Online Discussion Group Leader, Trauma1000 Massive Open Online Course, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA
2016 – present	Board Member, Maya Traditions Foundation. Panajachel, Guatemala.
2014 – present	Board Member, ADISA Center for Children with Disabilities. Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala.
2013-2014	Union Steward, National Association of Legal Services Workers. Chicago, IL.
2013-2014	Member, Illinois Department of Human Services Medicaid Advisory Council. Chicago, IL.
2013-2014	Planning Committee Member, National Refugee & Immigrant Conference. Chicago, IL.
2012-2014	Editorial Assistant, Routledge Handbook of Poverty in The United States (Ed. Maria Vidal de Haymes). Chicago, IL.
2012-2013	Editor in Chief. BROAD Magazine: A Feminist and Social Justice Publication. Chicago, IL.
2011-2013	Leadership Team Member, Women's Studies & Gender Studies Graduate Student Association at Loyola University Chicago. Chicago, IL.
2010-2013	ESL Tutor, Centro Romero. Chicago, IL.
2006-2007	President, Uncommon Grounds Feminist Student Organization at University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL.
2005-2007	Student Editor, Gender Gazette Women's Studies Journal at University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL.
2005-2007	Director and Organizer, National College V-Day Campaign at University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016	Changemaker Catalyst Award, Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking, Tulane University
2016	Unlocking Silent Histories Film Screening at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Washington D.C.
2015	Recognized by the Tz'utujil Maya as a Distinguished Community Ally, Santiago Atitlán Community

- 2014 Natic Esperanza International Fellowship, Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala
- 2013 Jimmy Fuerst Policy Writing Award for *A VAWA that Protects All: A Policy Analysis of the Violence Against Women Act's Immigrant Provisions*, Loyola University Chicago
- 2013 Mary Griffin Women's Studies Scholarship Award, Loyola University Chicago
- 2013 Graduate Student Research Award, Loyola University Chicago
- 2011 Rita Dukette International Service Award, Loyola University Chicago
- 2006 Dean's Scholarship Recipient, University of Central Florida
- 2006 Emerging Talent Award, School of Filmmaking, University of Central Florida
- 2006 Academic Scholarship, Intercontinental Hotels Group
- 2005 University Writing Award, Loyola University New Orleans
- 2004 Dean's Scholarship Recipient, Loyola University New Orleans

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Trauma and resilience, trauma testimonies
Immigration, migration, and displacement
Narrative therapy, counter narratives, visual narratives
Media production, therapeutic filmmaking
Community-engaged scholarship

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish
Beginning Kaqchikel (indigenous Mayan language of Guatemala)

MEDIA PRODUCTION SKILLS

Video editing – Adobe Premiere, Final Cut Pro
Sound mixing/editing – Adobe Audition
Field production – Canon, Sony, Nikon cameras, Rode microphones, Zoom and Tascam recorders, Lighting
Transcription, Coding, Timestamps

REFERENCES

Dr. Charles Figley, Tulane University; Paul Henry Kurzweg, MD Distinguished Chair in Disaster Mental Health, School of Social Work Professor, and Associate Dean for Research; Phone: 504-862-3473; Email: figley@tulane.edu

Dr. Vicki Mayer, Tulane University; Professor Communication, Professor of Social Entrepreneurship, Director ViaNolaVie, Affiliate Professor for City, Culture, and Community and Latin American Studies; Phone: 504-862-3035; Email: vmayer@tulane.edu

Dr. Suzanne Bost, Loyola University Chicago; Graduate Program Director, Women's Studies & Gender Studies; Professor, English; Phone: 773-508-2240; Email: sbost@luc.edu

Dr. Maria Vidal de Haymes, Loyola University Chicago; Professor, School of Social Work; Director, Institute for Immigration & Migration; Phone: 312-915-7020; Email: mvidal@luc.edu