



MARVA FURLONGUE-LAVER MSW

Curriculum Vitae



CURRENT POSITION

2023- Present – Assistant Coordinator Field Placement/Instructor Florida Atlantic University
2020 – Present - Adjunct Lecturer Jamaica Theological Seminary

EDUCATION

2023 - Ph.D. Candidate, Barbara Solomon School of Social Work and Human Services,
Walden University
Thesis: Impact of Exclusionary Practices on Leadership and Marginalization of School Social
Workers

1992 - M.Sc. School of Social Work, Columbia University

1984- B.A. Psychology, Pace University

EMPLOYMENT

2023- Present – Assistant Coordinator Field Educator/Instructor Florida Atlantic University

2020 – Present Adjunct Lecturer Jamaica Theological Seminary

2015-2023 – Instructional Facilitator/School Social Worker/Equity Liaison, Broward County
Public Schools

2013 - 2015 – School Social Worker, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

2009 – 2013 – Team Manager/Senior Practitioner, Essex County (UK) County Council

1994 - 2009 – School Social Worker, Hillsborough County Public Schools

1992 – 1994 – Clinical Social Worker, Kings County Hospital Center

1986 – 1992 - Supervisor/Caseworker – Child Welfare Administration

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2020 -**Marva A. Furlongue-Laver**, School Social Workers Advocate Eliminating Barriers for Students Using Micro, Mezzo, and Macro Interventions *NASW 2020 School Social Work Newsletter*. Spring-Summer

2014- **Marva A. Furlongue-Laver**, Introducing Solution Focus: Lessons from the Field. *InterAction*. 6:1. 75-80.

INVITED TALKS

2015 - “A Conversation about Human Services Roles” Education. Albizu University. Doral, FL. March

2018 - “Institutional Racism in Education, Fiction or Reality? School Social Workers Engaging in Courageous Conversations to Promote the Healing & Achieving of The Students We Serve” Social Work and Human Services. Walden University. Online. October 16.

2019 - “Student Services and Equity” Broward County Public Schools Student Services Leadership Team Retreat

2021 – “Social Workers are Essential” Jamaica Theological Seminary Department of Social Work and Sociology

CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL

Podium Presentations

2015 – Marva Furlongue-Laver, Field Education and Theory a Perfect Relationship

European Association of Schools of Social Work. Milan Italy. July 1.

2024 Marva Furlongue-Laver, “Adapting School Social Work: Virtual Support Strategies During the COVID-19 Pandemic” First International Conference for School Social Work Research – Empowering Global Futures Anglia Ruskin University, Essex, England September

Workshop Presentations

NATIONAL

2015 – Marva Furlongue-Laver. “Solution Focus Supervision”. International Supervision Conference. Adelphi University Long Island, NY. June

2016 – Marva Furlongue-Laver, “CHANGING LIVES THROUGH HOPE an Intervention That Supports Research and Practice” School Social Work Association of America. Baltimore, MD. March

2019 – Marva Furlongue-Laver, “Institutional Racism in Education: School Social Workers Engaging in Courageous Conversations to Promote the Healing and Achieving of our Students” School Social Work Association of America, Orlando, FL April

2019 - Marva Furlongue-Laver, “Institutional Racism in Education: School Social Workers Engaging in Courageous Conversations to Promote the Healing and Achieving of our Students” Illinois association of School Social Workers, Springfield, IL October

2020 - Marva Furlongue-Laver, “SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS: Can equity be promoted using social emotional learning?” Illinois association of School Social Workers, Tinley Park, IL October

LOCAL

2018- Marva Furlongue-Laver, “Student Services Practitioners/Equity Advocates Supporting All Students in an Environment of Equity and Excellence: Engaging in Courageous Conversations about Bias Institutional Racism and Privilege” Broward County Public Schools Equity Conference, Davie, FL June

2020 - Marva Furlongue-Laver, “Institutional Racism in Education: School Social Workers Engaging in Courageous Conversations” NASW-FL 2020 Social Work Virtual Conference June, via Zoom

2021 – Marva Furlongue-Laver, Mind-Body Medicine Workshop Self-Care for Educators – Broward County Public Schools Equity Conference June

2021 – Marva Furlongue-Laver, “Supporting Students ‘Emotional needs through Resilience Workshop” Florida Department of Education Workshop for School Based Mental Health Personnel October

2022 -2023 Marva Furlongue-Laver, Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings -Broward County Public Schools Employee, Fort Lauderdale, FL September-October

2024 – Marva Furlongue-Laver Calm the Storm: A Journey to Stress Reduction September

TEACHING

Courses Taught at Jamaica Theological Seminary Kingston Jamaica

2020 – Social Work in Mental Health Settings Masters Level Online

2020 – Intervention Planning and Strategies for Clinical Social Work Practice Masters Level Online

2021 – Environmental Justice Masters Level Online

Courses Taught at Florida Atlantic University

2024 – BSW Field Seminar – In Person

2024 – Generalist Social Work Practice with Organization and Communities Masters Level – In Person

2024 – Issues in Counseling Women – bachelor’s Level – Online

2024 – MSW Field Seminar – Online

SERVICE

2022 – Present Legislative/Advocacy Planning Committee School Social Work of America Association

2019 – Present – Secretary Florida Association of School Social Workers (FASSW) Executive Board

2013 - Present – Social Media. Florida Association of School Social Workers.

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PROFILE

Many people wonder; few take the time to visualize their dreams, and even fewer take the steps needed to realize their preferred future. The driving force of my work is supporting individuals in maximizing their potential to live their preferred, successful life. The advancement of the Social Work profession has guided my career path. I am a dedicated scholar and practitioner in school social work, driven by a passion for both education and helping others. For over 35 years, I have centered my career on the principle of H.O.P.E.— Helping Others Perform and Excel—which continues to guide my efforts in transforming lives and protecting vulnerable populations. My mission has always been to deliver comprehensive social work services to families, with a strong commitment to enhancing well-being and preventing harm.

A key extension of this mission is my dedication to training and mentoring the next generation of social workers. By equipping future professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to form effective relationships with children, families, and other stakeholders, I aim to ensure lasting impact across diverse settings.

I also bring international experience in Children and Family Services and have specialized in working with adolescents facing behavioral challenges. My strength lies in designing and implementing tailored programs that address the unique needs of adolescents, children, and families, contributing to their long-term success.

SELECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ph.D. Candidate Research Topic The Role of School Social Workers in Marginalized Contexts: This dissertation will explore the impact of exclusionary practices on leadership opportunities and the marginalization of school social workers, particularly in a South Florida Public School system. The study will examine the ways in which systemic barriers prevent school social workers from accessing leadership roles and how these practices contribute to their professional marginalization.
- Student Centered responsive social work practice – Quasi-experimental social science research measuring the effectiveness of using the Brief Solution Focus technique as part of the re-entry process for Juveniles returning to their home schools after commitment.
- Development and delivery of workshops to disseminate research findings with peers at National and State Social Work conferences
- 28 Years as an Internationally Trained Social Work Practice Educator/Field Educator. Providing students with an educational experience in an environment that allows them to experience field application of their theoretical classroom learning.

- Developed and implemented the use of forms and screening instruments to support the local school district Transition Plan.
- Developed and implemented Supervision techniques/forms for social workers, social care practitioners, and students in the United Kingdom and the United States
- Presented Workshop at European Association of Schools of Social Work June 2015 Conference – “Social Work Education in Europe: towards 2025.”
- Successfully transitioned school social work services delivery from live in person to live online telemental health and other support.

PUBLICATION

- Introducing SF: Learning Lessons from the Field
InterAction The Journal of Solution Focus in Organizations Vol 6:1
- School Social Workers Advocate Eliminating Barriers for Students Using Micro, Mezzo, and Macro Interventions *NASW 2020 School Social Work Newsletter*. Spring-Summer

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton, FL 33431

Visiting Assistant Field Coordinator/Instructor October 2023 - Present

Supporting student success through using multi-disciplinary strategies is my main goal and focus as an Assistant Field Coordinator. I am assigned to the Office of Field Education, as a visiting instructor, teaching field seminars, and other field-related practice courses. Courses are taught in person or online. I assist with various tasks related to administration and management within field education. Recruiting field agencies for the field internship program; match students with field agencies; make liaison placements; and assist in providing orientation, training, and supervision for students, field instructors, and faculty. In addition to administrative responsibilities in the Field Education Program and teaching as the visiting instructor I provided additional service to the school, college, or university in the form of being a member of various committee work ensuring compliance with all Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) regarding Field Education

I also developed and implements innovative strategies for stress reduction and improving wellbeing community workshop presentation.

Jamaica Theological Seminary

Kingston, Jamaica

Adjunct Faculty September 2020 – Present

As an adjunct faculty, my teaching portfolio has included practice courses of Intervention Planning and Strategies for Clinical Social Work Practice Masters Level Online. Environmental Justice Masters Level Online. Social Work in Mental Health Settings Masters Level Online

Broward County Public Schools

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Instructional Facilitator/Accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer/School Social Worker/Equity Liaison September 2015 – October 2023

As an essential member of the school district's Youth Mental Health Awareness Training team, I support the district's mental health initiatives as outlined in House Bill (HB) 899 Mental Health of Students. I engage in program planning and development, collaboration within Student Services and other District departments, implementation, evaluation, and reporting of outcomes. This position ensures duties related to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (MSDHPSA) such as promoting mental health awareness, prevention, and intervention are delivered to stakeholders and monitored with fidelity. I am also responsible for developing and providing mental health outreach plans, coordination, and delivery of professional development opportunities as it pertains to mental health services and social-emotional learning.

As a trained Mind-Body Medicine instructor, I continue to support Broward County Public Schools's journey towards becoming a mindful district. I provide workshops for employees in Stress Reduction, Imagery, Mindfulness and other restorative practices. I have supported high school students in a holistic manner ensuring that they achieve their preferred future of high school graduation. I successfully transitioned the delivery of school social work services from live in person to live online telemental health and other support. Maintaining the link between home school and the community; presently supporting the school in developing a preventative program for our students who are experiencing difficulties in achieving their preferred future due to various obstacles that may prove challenging. Working collaboratively with community agencies to support our youths through mentorship programs and youth grant writing activities to empower youths and provide them with alternative entrepreneurial activities. I have the opportunity to be one of the school district's inaugural Equity Liaisons. This position allows me the opportunity to support District initiatives that focus on reducing the achievement gap between students of color and their white counterparts.

Miami Dade Public Schools

Miami FL 33142

School Social Worker – Educational Alternatives Outreach Program – December 2013 – September 2015

As a Transition/Re-Entry Specialist working with students in Juvenile Justice Programs, I worked with students utilizing a Program I developed, Changing Lives Through Hope. Using an evidence-based solution-oriented perspective as a guiding principle connects theoretical concepts with practice. Empowering students through guidance as they envision their preferred futures. A key goal of this intervention is to dismantle the pipeline between School and Prison and reduce the occurrences of recidivism.

As a Key member of the Community Re-entry Team representing the School District, I ensured that the young person is placed in the most appropriate setting to ensure his/her academic success.

Essex County Council**Chelmsford Essex CM1 1DT**

Team Manager - Divisional Based Intervention Team (D-BIT)– February 2012 – November 2013

As a Team Manager, I provided support through supervision and case management to a team of Practice Supervisors, Senior Practitioners, Social Workers, and Senior Support Workers as they provided Intensive in-home therapeutic intervention to adolescents and their families because the young person was at risk of going into foster care/custody. My role also included collaborating with various community agencies such as Youth Offending Service, Homeless Response Team, and Family Group Conference Service to keep adolescents at home.

The Model of Supervision I used with the workers in the team was Strength Based Solution Focused Supervision, and I supported the team in weekly Group Solution Focused Consultation.

As a Manager in the Demonstration Project, I completed multiple evaluation tools and provided statistics measuring the effectiveness of the Team's intervention. Additional activities included Awareness activities within and outside of the County.

My other position in the United Kingdom from November 2009 to February 2012 was Senior Practitioner. I was responsible for the provision of assessments and managing complex caseloads. I engaged in case planning and identified needed services for children and their families. I acted as the professional lead in areas of clinical practice as appropriate and possessed knowledge of key legislation relevant to professional social care work, such as the 1989 & 2004 Children Act that governed my practice.

Hillsborough County Public Schools**Tampa, FL 33602**

School Social Worker - April 1994 – November 2009

Provided the link between home, school, and community for students in various school settings, such as youth service facilities, alternative education sites, and Exceptional students' education centers. Schools received assistance in intervention/screening and assessments of students. Was a member of an interdisciplinary team of professionals that developed and implemented Wraparound Services for students identified with behavioral disabilities. All services focused on supporting the students' academics with a guiding principle of ALL children can learn and as such it is important to support their varying learning styles.

Collaborative work with community agencies Department of Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare Administrative and Workforce Development to name a few.

Charter Behavioral Health System**Tampa, FL 33602**

Clinical Social Worker - January 1994 - January 1996

Participated in developing treatment plans for hospitalized children, adolescents, and adults in an inpatient psychiatric facility. Completed psycho-social assessments/developmental histories.

Clinical services were provided for the entire hospital population through psycho-educational groups, skills acquisition and enhancement groups, therapeutic groups, and individual, CO-joint, and family therapy sessions as indicated. The services provided covered a range of Psychiatric, psychological, and behavioral disorders such as Bi-Polar, Substance Abuse, Paranoid Schizophrenia, etc.

Kings County Hospital Center

Brooklyn, NY 11203

Clinical Social Worker - June 1992- January 1994

Designed and implemented services in group therapy and individual sessions for target populations within an outpatient polysubstance abuse/dual diagnoses treatment program.

Evaluative instruments were also designed to measure the effectiveness of the intervention.

Child Welfare Administration

Brooklyn, NY 11216

Supervisor II/Caseworker - June 1986 - June 1992

Supervised one (1) Supervisor I and five (5) caseworkers in a Protective Diagnostics Hospital Unit. Guided the workers in completing their investigation, becoming a resource for the caseworkers to provide their clients with the appropriate services identified.

Participated in meetings and strategic planning sessions to implement the Hospital Unit. Collaborated on developing an Interagency Agreement between the Health and Hospital Corporation and the Child Welfare Administration covering confidentiality issues and information sharing of clients' records.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Walden University, Minneapolis, MN, Expected Graduation May 2025

Major Course of Study: Social Work Family Studies & Intervention

Master of Science, Columbia University, New York, NY - May 1992

Major Course of Study: Social Work

Advanced Generalist Practitioner

Bachelor of Arts, Pace University, New York, NY - June 1984

Major Course of Study: Human Relations

Minor Course of Study: Education

Select Training

Advanced Mind-Body Medicine Training

Personality Development – Problems with Coping

Practice in Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency

Effective Social Work Interventions

Practice Education

Brief Solution Focus Therapy

Developing Powerful Presentation

Courageous Conversation about Race

Social Work Research

Social Work with Families

Assessing Attachment

Coaching Skills

Clinical Supervision

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Accreditations

Certified Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer

United Kingdom HCPC – Health & Care Professions Council – Registered Social Worker

State of Florida Department of Education – Professional Educator's Certificate – School Social Worker

University of South Florida School of Social Worker – Social Work Field Instructor

University of East Anglia United Kingdom – Practice Educator

Barry University Clinical Supervisor and Field Educator

Florida International University – Field Educator

REFERENCES-

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