

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Victim services (interpersonal violence, sexual assault, child abuse & neglect), clinical social work supervision, leadership, teaching with technology, interprofessional education [ORCID ID 0000-0002-3480-9049](#) [Google Scholar Profile](#)

EDUCATION

University of Louisville

PhD in Social Work, 2009

Dissertation: Leadership Styles of Social Work Educators

University of Southern Indiana

Master of Social Work, 2001

Kentucky Wesleyan College

Bachelor of Arts in Counseling Psychology, 1992

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Department Chair of Social Work – Western Kentucky University: January 2018 – May 2025

- Manage the day-to-day operations of a medium-sized academic team, including 16 full-time faculty, 32 part-time faculty, 2 full-time staff, multiple graduate research assistants, and student workers. Full-time faculty diversity has increased by 12%, and Part-time faculty diversity has increased by 13% since January 2018.
- Support a BSW program with 290 majors and 80 minors and an MSW program with 109 students. Oversee program and field directors in enrollment management, accreditation compliance, and development of new curricula (courses, program options, certificates, etc.). First-time freshmen enrollment increased 50%, and MSW program enrollment increased 10% in 2024-25.
- Manage budget allocations of around \$2 million, faculty teaching assignments, assignment of non-teaching responsibilities, and annual performance reviews. Make recommendations for continuation, promotion, and tenure for faculty and advancement for staff. Since 2018, four faculty have achieved professor status, four have earned tenure and promotion to associate professor, and one has achieved Instructor II status. Three staff members have earned recognition at the university level for exemplary work in the past 3 years.
- Provide leadership, including strategic planning, development activities, and engagement with internal and external stakeholders. Completed the inaugural social work department strategic plan in 2023 and substantially revised departmental Tenure & Promotion guidelines in 2024.
- Created and developed an applied research center called the LifeSkills Center for Child Welfare Education and Research in 2019. Annual grants, contracts, and gifts to the center totaled more than \$2 million in the first 5 years, exceeding \$5.6 million in 2025.

Acting BSW Program Director – Western Kentucky University: July 2022 – January 2023)

- Supported 8 full and 15 part-time faculty in teaching, research, and service activities

- Managed recruitment, admissions, advisement, and orientation of BSW students
- Coordinated curriculum development, revision, and ongoing program assessment
- Provided leadership for program approval, program review, and accreditation

MSW Program Director – Western Kentucky University: July 2015 – December 2017)

- Oversaw the creation of an MSW online program option in 2016
- Authored MSW Self-Study for CSWE in 2017 with no specific LOI questions
- Supported 5 full and 12 part-time faculty in teaching, research, and service activities
- Managed recruitment, advisement, and orientation of MSW students
- Coordinated curriculum development, revision, and ongoing program assessment
- Provided leadership for program approval, program review, and accreditation
- Evaluated applicants for admission to the program (with consultation from program faculty)
- Acted as liaison to the Graduate School

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, Bowling Green, KY (August 2006 – May 2025)

Professor Emeritus of Social Work (February 2026 to present)

Professor of Social Work (July 2022 – May 2025)

Associate Professor of Social Work (July 2016 – June 2022)

Assistant Professor of Social Work (July 2010 – June 2016)

Lecturer (August 2009 – July 2010)

Part-time Faculty (August 2006 – July 2009)

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE, Owensboro, KY

Visiting Instructor (Spring 2009)

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, Louisville, KY

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Spring 2005)

SCHOLARSHIP

Peer-reviewed Articles

Desrosiers, P., Harper, W., Laves, B., Diggs-Elliott, H. (May 17, 2021). *Increasing online support for mental wellness to [Academic Leader](#)*: Magna Publications.

Sullivan, D.J., Cappiccie, A.C., Garrett-Wright, D., **Desrosiers, P.L.**, Harper, W., Smith, L., Cooper, R.L., & Edgerton, R. (Accepted January 8, 2021). An Inter-Disciplinary Approach to Preparing Social Work and Nurse Practitioners to Utilize SBIRT to *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*.

Griffiths, A., Harper, W., **Desrosiers, P.**, Murphy, A. & Royse, D. (2020). Factors Influencing the Turnover of Frontline Public Child Welfare Supervisors. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. Available online at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15548732.2019.1652719>.

Griffiths, A., **Desrosiers, P.**, Gabbard, J., Royse, D., & Piescher, K. (2019). Retention of Child Welfare Caseworkers: The Wisdom of Supervisors. *Child Welfare*, 97(3), 61-83.

Kim, S., Canfield, J., **Desrosiers, P.**, & Harley, D. Hunn, V. (2019). Embracing inclusive excellence: Asian and Asian American College Students. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, DOI: 10.1080/10911359.2019.1647907.

Griffiths, A., Harper, W., **Desrosiers, P.**, Murphy, A. & Royse, D. (2019). “The stress is indescribable”:

- self-reported health implications from child welfare supervisors. *The Clinical Supervisor*. DOI: [10.1080/07325223.2019.1643433](https://doi.org/10.1080/07325223.2019.1643433)
- Desrosiers, P.** & Kim, S. (2019). Academics and nonprofits: Collaborative partnering for evidence-informed practice. *Journal of Nonprofit Education and Leadership*, 9(3), 258-269. DOI: 10.18666/JNEL-2019-V9-I3-9544
- Kim, S., Wills, K., Canfield, J., Kazimierczuk, F., Harley, D., Hyppolite, M., & **Desrosiers, P.** (2018). Assessment of college students with the revised conflict tactics scale (CTS2): Sociodemographic characteristics and relationship. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 28(6), 787-797. DOI: [10.1080/10911359.2018.1459218](https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2018.1459218)
- Desrosiers, P.**, Murphy, A., & Joffrion, C.* (2018). An examination of leadership in non-profit organizations: Does degree matter? *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*. 21(2).
- Desrosiers, P.** & Sullivan, D., Dickinson, T.** & Lay, C.** (2017). Victim assistance service providers training needs assessment. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 20(1).
- Desrosiers, P.**, Mallinger, G., & Bragg-Underwood, T. (2016). Promoting socially just healthcare systems: Social work's contribution. *Advances in Social Work*, 17 (2).
- Desrosiers, P.** (2015). [Leadership style in social work educational administration](#). *International Journal of Business and Social Services*, 6(3), 1-10.
- Desrosiers, P.**, Cappiccie, A., & Murray, M.* (2015). The BES Model: Student Support and Gatekeeping Tool. *Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice*, 15(6), 71-84.
- Desrosiers, P.**, Gabbard, J., & Funk, E.* (October 2015). Best practice for teaching professional graduate writing online. *The Online Journal of Distance Education and e-Learning*, 3(4), [The Online Journal of Distance Education and e-Learning Website](#)
- Cappiccie, A. & **Desrosiers, P.** (2011). Lessons learned from using Adobe Acrobat Connect in the social work classroom. *Journal of Technology in Human Services*, 29(4), 296-302. DOI:10.1080/15228835.2011.638239

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters

- Carr, M.F., Cates-Cullison, M., **Desrosiers, P.L.**, Roman, D.W., & Yagoda, L. (2021). Crime Victim Assistance Policy Statement. In Joyner, M.C. & McClain, A. (2021). [Social Work Speaks \(12th ed.\) National Association of Social Workers Policy Statements 2021-2023](#). (pp. 63-65). Washington, D.C.: NASW Press.
- Desrosiers, P.** (2013). Chapter 3: Integrating video lecture tools in online and hybrid classrooms. In Smyth, E. G., & Volker, J. X. (2013). *Enhancing Instruction with Visual Media: Utilizing Video and Lecture Capture* (pp. 1-339). Hershey, PA: IGI Global. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-4666-3962-1

Research Monographs/Technical Reports

- Desrosiers, P.** (January 2016). Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy: Final Report. Western Kentucky University: Bowling Green, Kentucky. Submitted to the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy Steering Committee, the Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal office for Victims of Crime, part of the Department of Justice.
- Desrosiers, P.** (November 2014). Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy: 2014 Annual Report. Western Kentucky University: Bowling Green, Kentucky. Submitted to the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy Steering Committee, the Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal office for Victims of Crime, part of the Department of Justice.
- Desrosiers, P.** & Betty Tonui*. (September 2014). Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy: 2014 Evaluation Report. Western Kentucky University: Bowling Green, Kentucky. Submitted to the

- Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy Steering Committee, the Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal office for Victims of Crime, part of the Department of Justice.
- Desrosiers, P.** (October 2013). Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy: 2013 Annual Report. Western Kentucky University: Bowling Green, Kentucky. Submitted to the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy Steering Committee, the Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal office for Victims of Crime, part of the Department of Justice.
- Desrosiers, P. & James, C.*** (June 2013). Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy: 2013 Evaluation Report. Western Kentucky University: Bowling Green, Kentucky. Submitted to the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy Steering Committee, the Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal office for Victims of Crime, part of the Department of Justice.
- Desrosiers, P. & Thompson, E.*** (September 2012). Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy: Annual Report. Western Kentucky University: Bowling Green, Kentucky. Submitted to the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy Steering Committee, the Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal office for Victims of Crime, part of the Department of Justice.
- Desrosiers, P. & Revert, L.*** (April 2012). Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy: Statewide training needs assessment. Western Kentucky University: Bowling Green, Kentucky. Submitted to the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy Steering Committee, the Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal office for Victims of Crime, part of the Department of Justice.
- Desrosiers, P. & Mengo, C.*** (2011). Victim services assessment project. Western Kentucky University: Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Academic Program Manuals and Related Documents

- WKU Department Head Manual.* (2021). Project developed during Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium Academic Leadership Academy peer group. Bowling Green, KY.
- Social Work Department Part-time Faculty Orientation Manual.* (2019, revised 2020, 2021). Developed to assist new and seasoned part-time faculty with making sure they understand expectations and resources. Bowling Green, KY.
- MSW Self-Study for Reaffirmation of CSWE Accreditation.* (2017). Project Coordinator and Lead Author. Submitted to CSWE for reaffirmation of the MSW program. Department of Social Work, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY.
- Western Kentucky University, MSW Student Handbook.* (2015, 2016, 2017 revisions). Department of Social Work, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY.

Media Expertise and Commentary

- Expert commentary on March 5, 2020 for WBKO news story [Social Work month - an opportunity to celebrate WKU's Social Work Department](#). Story by Amy Bingham.
- Desrosiers, P.** (2019, April 23). Becoming an awesome adjunct professor in social work [Blog Post]. Retrieved from: <https://www.laureliversonhitchcock.org/2019/04/23/becoming-an-awesome-adjunct-professor-in-social-work/>.
- Desrosiers, P.** (2019). Supporting adjunct faculty: Whose job is it anyway? *Social Work Today*, Web Exclusive at https://socialworktoday.com/archive/exc_0419_3.shtml.
- Expert commentary for the February 11, 2019 Wave 3 News story [Kentucky women's equality advocates highlight legislative priorities](#). Story by Mike Fussell.

PRESENTATIONS

National Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Trahan, M., Kernsmith, P., Felke, T., **Desrosiers, P.** & Findlay, P. (2025, October 25). Abstract peer-reviewed, and accepted "Social Work Education Administration During and After National Disasters" for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting at Denver,

CO.

- Desrosiers, P.,** Wilkes, S., Verge, V., & Temmerman, B. (May 2025). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented “The Role of Regulation: Shaping Social Work’s Future Ready Workforce” for the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Education Meeting at Portland, OR.
- Desrosiers, P.,** Forbes, R., Kominkiewicz, F., Natale, A.P., Abukari, Z., Fulmer, C.K., & Gabel, S.G. (October 2024). Abstract submitted, accepted, and presented “CSWE Connect Session: Decolonizing Social Work Education: Cocreating BRAVE Spaces Across the Curriculum” for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting at Kansas City, MO.
- Wright, E. & **Desrosiers, P.** (May 2024). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented “Anti-racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Child Welfare Education. Breakout Group Discussion presentation at the National Title IV-E Roundtable Conference in Burlington, VT.
- Travelsted, M., Neelly, K., Bland, L., **Desrosiers, P.,** Sullivan, D., Wright, D., & Malone, A*. (November 2023). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented “Challenging Conversations: Ethical Approaches to Team-Based Care.” Oral peer-reviewed poster presentation at the Interprofessional Education Collaborative Poster Fair 2023, Virtual. Note: Earned recognition as the best poster in the room on Communication Strategies, Empathy.
- Desrosiers, P.** & Wright, E. (May 2023). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented “ADEI Across the Curriculum: Planning and Assessment for EPAS 2022”. Oral peer-reviewed presentation at the National Title IV-E Roundtable Conference in New Orleans, LA.
- Desrosiers, P.** (June 2022). Paper presentation accepted and presented for the Network of Social Management’s Forward-Thinking Summit entitled “Creating a Supportive Workplace Culture to Enhance Faculty and Staff Wellbeing.” Virtual Event.
- Harper, W. & **Desrosiers, P.** (November 2021). ePoster Abstract peer-reviewed and accepted for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting entitled “Addressing Mental Health on College Campuses: An Interactive Mental Health Portal.” Orlando, FL.
- Cappiccie, A., **Desrosiers, P.,** & Darst, A.* (October 2019). ePoster Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting entitled “A Model for Academic Performance in Online MSW Education.” Denver, CO.
- Griffiths, A., **Desrosiers, P.,** & May, J.D. (May 2019). *Health? Wellness? A Child Welfare Workforce Views the Impact of Job Stress.* Oral presentation at the National Title IV-E Roundtable Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.
- Griffiths, A. G., **Desrosiers, P.,** & Johnson, A. (May 2018). *Public Child Welfare Supervisors: The Key to Reducing Workforce Turnover.* Oral presentation at the National Title IV-E Roundtable Conference in Portland, Oregon.
- Desrosiers, P.** (October 2017). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 63rd Annual Program Meeting. Electronic Poster entitled “University-Community Collaborations: Leadership Strategies for Successful Multidisciplinary Teams.” Dallas, TX.
- Griffiths, A. & **Desrosiers, P.** (October 2017). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 63rd Annual Program Meeting. Oral Presentation entitled “Public Child Welfare Supervisors: The Key to Reducing Workforce Turnover.” Dallas, TX.
- Murphy, A., **Desrosiers, P.** & Joffrion, C.* (June 2017). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the 28th Annual Management Conference of the Network for Social Work Management. Oral Presentation entitled “Exploring Differences between Social Workers' and Non-Social Workers' Executive Leadership Skills among Non-Profit Leaders.” New York, NY.
- Mallinger, G. & **Desrosiers, P.** (March 2017). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Bachelor Program Directors (BPD) Annual Program Meeting. Paper presentation entitled “Patient Navigation: An Opportunity for BSW Graduates.” New Orleans, LA.
- Cappiccie, A., Murphy, A. & **Desrosiers, P.** (November 2016). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 62nd Annual Program Meeting. Assessment Academy presentation entitled “Assessment: A Catalyst for Continuous Program Improvement.” Atlanta, GA.

- Desrosiers, P.** & Mallinger, G. (November 2016). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 62nd Annual Program Meeting. Oral Presentation entitled “Patient Navigation: An Opportunity to Advance Collaborative Health Care.” Atlanta, GA.
- Desrosiers, P.** & Gabbard, J. (February 2016). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Lilly Conference on Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning. Concurrent 50-minute Session entitled “Online and Hybrid Teaching Strategies for Improving Professional Graduate Writing.” Newport Beach, CA.
- Desrosiers, P.** & Cappiccie, A. (October 2015). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Teaching Professor Technology Conference. Presentation entitled “Using Adobe Connect Pro to Engage Students during Practicum.” New Orleans, LA.
- Desrosiers, P.**, Gabbard, W., & Grise-Owens, E. (October 2014). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 60th Annual Program Meeting. Think Tank entitled “Teaching Social Work Practice Skills in an Online Course.” Tampa, FL.
- Cappiccie, A. & **Desrosiers, P.** (May 2014). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Teaching Professor Annual Conference. Presentation entitled “Frazzled? Overwhelmed? A practical guide to challenging students”. Boston, MA.
- Desrosiers, P.**, Owens, L., & Hunt, M.* (March 2014). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Bachelor Program Directors (BPD) Annual Program Meeting. Skills Workshop entitled “International Interdisciplinary Service Learning in Belize.” Louisville, KY.
- Desrosiers, P.**, Owens, L., & Hunt, M.* (November 2013). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 59th Annual Program Meeting Skills Workshop entitled “International Interdisciplinary Service Learning in Belize.” Dallas, TX.
- Sullivan, D., Weeks, P.L., Hurt, V., **Desrosiers, P.**, & Gibson, A. (March 2013). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Bachelor Program Directors (BPD) Annual Program Meeting. Skills Workshop entitled “Experiential Learning for Child Welfare Supervisors: Implementing an Evidence-Informed and Case-Based Curriculum.” Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Desrosiers, P.** (November 2012). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting Skills Workshop entitled “Service learning in Gales Point Manatee, Belize, Central America.” Washington, DC.
- Gabbard, J. & **Desrosiers, P.** (November 2012). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program meeting entitled “Ten Effective Pedagogical Strategies for Engaging Students in Online Learning” Washington, DC.
- Gabbard, J. & **Desrosiers, P.** (June 2012). Abstract peer-reviewed and accepted for the Teaching Professor National Conference entitled “Effective Pedagogical Strategies for Engaging Students in Online Learning.” Washington, DC.
- Cappiccie, A. & **Desrosiers, P.** (October 2011). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting entitled “Online Learning in Social Work Practice Classes Using Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro” Atlanta, GA.
- Desrosiers, P.**, Hayes-Chadha, J., & Gibson, A. (October 2011). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting entitled “Infusing Leadership into the Social Work Administration and Supervision Classroom”, Atlanta, GA.
- Cappiccie, A. & **Desrosiers, P.** (October 2010). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting entitled “Using adobe connect pro in the social work classroom”, Portland, OR.
- Desrosiers, P.** (November 2009). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting entitled “Educational leadership practices in social work education”, San Antonio, TX.
- Desrosiers, P.** (October 2008). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted and presented for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting entitled “Leadership in social work

educational administration”, Philadelphia, PA.

State Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Desrosiers, P.,** Henninger, T., Joffrion, C. *, Wheat-Gilbert, R. *, & Adkins, C. * (November 2017). *Domestic Violence Services Knowledge Study*. Presented at 19th Ending Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Conference in Lexington, KY.
- Desrosiers, P.,** Starks, S., & Sun, N. (October 2016). *Social Work Goes Global—Belize, Tanzania, and South Africa: Dissecting Service-Learning Experiences Abroad*. Presented at the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (KASWE) Fall Meeting at Lake Cumberland, KY.
- Desrosiers, P.** (November 2015). *Pre-Conference CEU Workshop: Advanced Trauma-Informed Care*. Presented at 17th Ending Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Conference in Lexington, KY.
- Cappiccie, A. & **Desrosiers, P.** (November 2014). *Working with Challenging Students at Kentucky Schools of Higher Education*. Presented at the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (KASWE) Fall Meeting at Natural Bridge State Park.
- Gabbard, J. & **Desrosiers, P.** (April 2012). *Ten Effective Pedagogical Strategies for Engaging Students in Online Learning*. Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented at the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (KASWE) Spring Meeting at Bowling Green, KY.

Local Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Harper, W., **Desrosiers, P.,** Laves, K., Laves, B., Digges-Elliott, H. (January 2021). *My Mental Health #WKU: Student Website Platform for Mental Health Resources*. Presentation at WKU Student Success Summit.
- Desrosiers, P.,** Joffrion, C. * & Henninger, T. ** (March 2018). Poster entitled *What do IPV Survivors Need to Leave?* Poster presented at WKU Reach Week. Bowling Green, KY.
- Desrosiers, P.** & Cappiccie, A. (January 2018). *Student success plans: A strategy for addressing challenging Student Behaviors*. Presented to the WKU Student Success Summit.
- Desrosiers, P.** & Gabbard, J. (March 2017). Poster entitled *Effective Strategies for Teaching Professional Graduate Writing Skills: A Pilot Exercise*. Poster presented at CHHS Reach Week. Bowling Green, KY.
- Gabbard, J. & **Desrosiers, P.** (April 2014). Abstract peer-reviewed, accepted, and presented for the Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators Spring Conference. Presentation entitled *Effective Techniques for Engaging Social Work Students in Online Learning*. Bowling Green, KY.

Keynote Addresses and Invited Presentations

- Desrosiers, P.** (March 2026). *Leadership Clarity: Effective Leadership Through Clear Principles*. Voices of Women Summit 2026. Virtual Event.
- Desrosiers, P.** (February 2026). *Interpersonal Violence* Keynote Address to the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College AAUW Group. Williamson, WV.
- Desrosiers, P.** (April 2025). *Social Work Practice in Challenging Times*. Keynote address at the Phi Alpha – Delta Mu Chapter Induction Ceremony. Addressed the 2026 inductee group and audience of the WKU Social Work Honor Society.
- Desrosiers, P.** (May 2019). *Change*. Keynote address to the graduating class at the WKU-Owensboro Graduation Ceremony.
- Desrosiers, P.** DELO Workshop. (October 2013). *Uses for Adobe® Connect™*. Presented information to WKU community members regarding use of this online learning environment.
- Desrosiers, P.** FaCET Summer Conference (July 2012). *10 Effective Strategies for Engaging Students in Online Learning*. Presented information to WKU community members regarding engagement of students in online environments. Bowling Green, KY.
- Desrosiers, P.** (March 2012). *Authenticity in Social Work Practice*. Keynote address at the Phi Alpha – Delta Mu Chapter Induction Ceremony. Addressed the 2012 inductee group and audience of the

WKU Social Work Honor Society.

Desrosiers, P. (March 2011). *Women's Studies Generations Series: Women's Leadership is Transformational Leadership*. Presented information to WKU community members regarding women's leadership characteristics. Bowling Green, KY.

Desrosiers, P. Fall Online Bootcamp (Fall 2010). *Adobe Connect Pro in the Classroom*. Presented information to WKU faculty regarding the use of Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro in the graduate level classroom. Bowling Green, KY.

Desrosiers, P. (October 2010). *Women and Leadership*. Keynote address to the American Association of University Women—Owensboro Branch Meeting. Addressed the 2010 branch membership in a Member Showcase.

EXTERNAL GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education: Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund Partnership—October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2028. Principal Investigator – Working with the College of Health and Human Services School of Nursing and six healthcare partners, we developed a proposal for scholarship funding from our partners to be matched with funds from the Healthcare Workforce Investment fund to train social work students. \$299,098 from healthcare partners and \$299,098 from the state. \$598,196. Fully funded.

Department of Juvenile Justice: DJJ Social Work Supervision Award – June 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 Principal Investigator – Working with the Department of Juvenile Justice to increase the treatment capacity of DJJ workers by providing appropriate supervisors to those seeking Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) or Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC) licensure in KY. Amount funded varies by amount of supervision provided up to a maximum of \$114,400.

Fee For Service Agreement: LYFT Learning Award – March 14, 2023 – December 31, 2023 Principal Investigator with Co-Investigators: Dr. Austin Griffiths, Dr. Jenni Redifer, Rachel Wyatt, and David Roehm – Assessing the effectiveness of a foster care life skills curriculum, setting up a data set, and reporting results for LYFT Learning. \$18,488.28. Fully funded.

University Training Consortium: ECU Subaward – July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 Principal Investigator - *MSW Support/University Training Resource Center*. Funded by Eastern Kentucky University in partnership with the KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services. \$108,282. Fully funded.

Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program: HRSA Grant Subrecipient- February 2019 – 2024. Subrecipient- FloiurishCare Student Training and Scholarship Program. Funded by the University of Louisville in collaboration with Dr. Anna C. Faul and Dr. Joseph G. D'Ambrosio - \$17,500. Funded to date.

SBIRT CHAMPION- March 2016 & 2017 Co-Principal Investigator- *Infusing substance abuse content into the social work curriculum*. Funded by Meharry Medical Center in collaboration with Dr. R. Lyle Cooper - \$1,500.00 x 2. Funded.

Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant Service Priorities Needs Assessment MOA- August, 2015 Principal Investigator- Upon request from the KY Grants Management Branch Director, Ruth Edwards, submitted a proposal for completion of a needs assessment to determine the Kentucky service priorities of Kentucky in the next three years. Results are to be provided by March 2016. Requested funding totals \$15,712. Partial funding was received.

Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant Training Program for VOCA Victim Assistance Grantees May 2015 Principal Investigator- Upon request from the KY Grants Management Branch Director, Ruth Edwards, submitted a proposal for a needs assessment, strategic plan, and evaluation of newly developed training across Kentucky over 3 years. This proposal includes funding for a graduate research assistant, multiple training events, and the director of the project. Requested funding: \$379,489. Not funded.

OVC TTAC Training and Technical Assistance Grant -February 2014

Principal Investigator-Awarded an Ultimate Trainer event aimed at developing training skills and capacity within the state of Kentucky. Mentored Azalia Gongora, Graduate Assistant, through this application process. \$10,000. Fully funded.

State Victim Assistance Academy Grant-October 2011-September 2015

Principal Investigator- Awarded a \$250,000 federal grant, a collaboration between VOCA and WKU, to develop a State Victim Assistance Academy in Kentucky beginning in the 2011/2012 academic year to run for 3 years. An additional year was added to the funding due to the effective management of grant funds. Mentored Lynde Revert, Christopher James, Erica Thompson, Betty Tonui, and Azalia Gongora as Graduate Research Assistants for this project. \$250,000. Fully funded.

Interagency Collaborative Team Model-Spring 2004

Research Assistant- Facilitated completion of a \$275,000 NIH grant for a University of Louisville project relating to divorcing parents. My responsibilities included coordinating information and completing the PHS 398 form for submission to NIH. Not funded.

INTERNAL GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Global Encounters Support Grant (GES), Western Kentucky University – March 2019

Principal Investigator – Brought the Venerable Tsering Phuntsok, an international scholar, to visit at WKU and the regional campuses. He was very well received, sharing his international expertise with over 200 participants at WKU and the communities. \$1,000 funded.

QTAG- December 2016

Co- Investigator with Christopher Joffrion- *Domestic Violence Services Knowledge Study*. Barren River Area Safe Space (BRASS). Funded by the Western Kentucky University College of Health and Human Services, Quick Turnaround Grant (QTAG 17-005)- \$2,992.00. Funded.

Grant Funding for Leadership Research- November 2016

Co-Investigator with Dr. April Murphy- *Exploration of Leadership among Kentucky's Social Work Non-Profits*. Funded by the WKU Center for Leadership Excellence in collaboration with the Office of Research - \$1,250.00. Funded @ 50% of \$2,500 request.

DELO Online Learning Research Office (OLRO)-January 2014

Principal Investigator- Awarded \$8,650 for an internal research grant. *Development and Evaluation of an Online Writing Course* for the Master's in Social Work Program. Applied in collaboration with Dr. Jay Gabbard. Mentored Emily Funk, MSW student, as a research assistant. \$8,650. Fully funded.

WKU RCAP: New Faculty Grant-Spring 2011

Principal Investigator- Received a \$3,827 grant to survey victim service providers in the Warren County, Kentucky area about their service provision in the area. This grant will serve as a pilot project for a larger SVAA grant. Mentored Cecilia Mengo, Graduate Research Assistant for this project. \$3,827. Fully funded.

CONSULTATION – GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Subject Matter Expert, Standard Setting Panel for the Bachelor's Exam by appointment of the Association of Social Work Boards (10/2025 – 2/2026)

Subject Matter Expert for the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) [2025 Alignment Study Workshop](#). (9/5 – 9/6/2025)

Subject Matter Expert, Social Work Cross-Profession Minimum Data Set (SWCPMDS) Task Force, by invitation of the Association of Social Work Boards (3/2025 – 3/2026)

Consulting Grant Reviewer for the U.S. Department of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention *FY 2024 OJJDP Enhancing School Capacity to Address Youth Violence Program*.

Peer Reviewer for the journal – *Journal of Public Child Welfare* (2023-Present)

Consulting Grant Reviewer for the U.S. Department of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention *FY 2023 OJJDP Enhancing School Capacity to Address Youth Violence Program*.

Consulting Reviewer for the book – *Child and Family-Serving Systems: A Compendium of Policy and Practice [Supervision Subject Matter Expert]* (2020 –2021)

Consulting Reviewer for the book - *Social Work Speaks, 11th Ed.* Policy on Victims of Crime Subject Matter Expert (2018-2021)

Peer Reviewer for the journal - *Families in Society* (2018-Present)

Peer Reviewer for the journal - *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment* (2018- Present)

Peer Reviewer for the journal - *Violence and Victims* (2018-Present)

Subject Matter Expert/Consultant – *Kentucky’s Frontline Public Child Welfare Supervisors: Feedback from the Field.* Presentation to the Commissioner’s Office, Kentucky Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (2017)

Consulting Peer Reviewer for Technology in Social Work Education and Practice Track, CSWE Annual Program Meeting (2017-2020)

Peer Reviewer for the journal – *Advances in Social Work* (2016-Present)

Consulting Grant Reviewer for the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) FY 2018 Discretionary Training and Technical Assistance Program for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) National Victim Assistance Grantees Program (2018)

Consulting Subject Matter Expert/Peer Grant Reviewer for Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety-VOCA Fund (2014-2017)

Consulting Subject Matter Expert/Peer Grant Reviewer for Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety-VAWA Fund (2015-2017)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Kentucky Colonel Commission (July 29, 2024). This is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor of Kentucky in recognition of an individual’s noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to the community, state, and nation.

Social Work Futures Lab – Virtual Forum Delegate (May 7-10, 2024). This 4-day virtual event brings together social workers from across the nation to actively engage with foresight tools in exploration of the many potential futures, how social work can expand beyond dominant narratives to seek out new ways and systems, and how insight and anticipation can lead to transformative action to create a more just future.

National Association of Deans and Directors (NADD) Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) – The Leadership Academy for Deans & Directors, Cohort 13 (2022-2023). This year-long training program aims to strengthen leadership skills with a particular emphasis on using those skills to impact the leader’s current program. Topics included skills assessment, goals and vision development, change management, mentorship, philanthropy, and many more. Alumni chapter development was the focus of individual exploration.

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) - National Appointment to Commission on Educational Policy (COEP) (2021-2027). This commission sets the educational policy for accredited social work programs nationally and works with the Commission on Accreditation to develop the CSWE Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards. New standards were finalized in Spring 2022.

Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium Academic Leadership Academy 2020. Participated in a year-long academy designed to build relationships with other KY educational leaders. Our WKU team created a Department Head Manual by combining multiple sources of information and outlining where to find needed information which was particularly useful for new department heads and also useful for all WKU administrators. Locations were online due to COVID pandemic although the WKU subgroup did meet in person on some occasions.

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Leadership Scholars in Social Work Education Program (LSSEP) at Harvard Institutes of Higher Education (HIHE) 2019. Earned a competitive award (one of three) for a \$4,247.50 scholarship to attend the Management Development Program (MDP) at Harvard University. This two-week summer program is designed to give higher education managers the tools and insight to think strategically, balance competing demands, and engage in more forward-thinking leadership. Location: Cambridge, MA.

CSWE Program Director Academy FY2016. Awarded a \$1,200 scholarship including national conference registration and tuition costs to attend a year-long educational program which included some meals, curriculum, Learning Academy modules/webinars, and leadership texts designed to

- increase leadership and management skills for social work program directors. Locations included Alexandria, VA and Atlanta, GA.
- National Center for Victims of Crime. SVAA Leadership Symposium Scholar 2016.** Awarded a scholarship including conference registration, two nights of accommodation at the conference hotel and up to \$500 reimbursement for airfare, ground transportation, and federal per diem. This is the first SVAA Leadership Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.
- College of Health and Human Services Faculty Public Service Award. AY 2016.** Awarded the Public Service Award for work with the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy as well as community agencies such as Hope Harbor Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Center and Barren River Area Safe Space Domestic Violence Shelter. Provided many social work CEUs to the local region and the state. Nominated for WKU Public Service Award.
- Faculty Leadership Year FY2015.** Awarded a scholarship including all curriculum modules, texts, leadership assessments (such as the Strengths Finder), guest speakers and meals during the program. This leadership and management program was designed for faculty seeking or beginning administrative positions. Locations included various on campus locations in Bowling Green, KY.
- Certificate of Appreciation from Kentucky Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety, Grants Management Branch 2014.** In recognition of leadership skills and dedication to the 2014 Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy.
- Recognition of Dedication to the Social Work Students from MSW Students 2015.** For dedication to the MSW Program during the 2014-2015 academic year.
- Best Picture in a Family Drama from MSW Students 2014.** For making family therapy class enjoyable.
- Gestalt Award from MSW Students 2013.** For assisting students with the understanding that the whole of a person is greater than the sum of their parts.
- Interdisciplinary Award FY12 from WKU Office of Research.** For working with an interdisciplinary team as part of an externally funded project.
- Junior Investigator FY12 from WKU Office of Research.** For undertaking externally funded research as a junior faculty member.
- First Time Awardee FY12 from WKU Office of Research.** For receiving external funding for the first time.
- Social Justice Award from MSW Students 2012.** For providing us with opportunities to advocate for our second core value of “Social Justice”.
- Great Expectations Award from MSW Students 2011.** This professor comes from a wonderful background of clinical work. She brings great practical case examples to class for us to learn from. This professor is noted as being very, “cool” and has been known to meet students for lunch in-between breaks. She is a great social worker that many aspire to become. She is friendly and accepting of others. This professor keeps you on your toes as she expects you to “use your resources”.
- Kentucky Impact Stand for Children Award 1995.** For work as a targeted case manager for children with serious emotional disturbance as well as their families and communities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Leadership Academy for Deans and Directors (LADD), National Association of Deans and Directors (NADD), Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Cohort 13, 2022-2023

Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium
Academic Leadership Academy, 2019 -2020

Harvard University
Graduate School of Higher Education, Institutes for Higher Education
Management Development Program for Leaders in Higher Education, 2019

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Program Director Academy, 2015-2016

Western Kentucky University

Faculty Leadership Year, 2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE

Panel Expert, CSWE New Accreditation Site Visitor Training (11/14/2025)

Mentor/Facilitator, CSWE Program Director Academy (7/2024 – 7/2025)

Member, Council on Social Work Education – Commission on Educational Policy (7/2021 – present)

Event Organizer. AAUW Women’s Equality Event in Frankfort, KY. February 11, 2019.

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Policy Statement Contributor for *Social Work Speaks, 11th Ed.* Policy on Victims of Crime. (2018 – 2021)

Certified Site Visitor, Council on Social Work Education (2017 – present)

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Kentucky State President (2016-2019)

AAUW Start Smart/Work Smart Workshop Negotiator (2016-2020)

Barren River Area Safe Space Board (2016-present, 2021 – current Board Chair)

Trainer/Developer, *Advanced Trauma Informed Care for Victim Advocates* - CEUs offered (2015)

Consultant/Trainer, OASIS Training on *Organizational Goal Setting and Evaluation Planning* (2015)

Consultant/Trainer, OASIS Training on *Team Cohesion* (2014)

Hope Harbor Board (2014-2025) past President, Vice President and Secretary

American Association of University Women Owensboro Branch Member, Legal Advocacy Fund Chair, Board member (2013-2016, member since 1995)

Legal Advocacy Fund Chair, American Association of University Women, Kentucky State Board (2013-2016)

Trainer/Developer, Social Work Ethics CEU Offerings (9 times between 2013-2016)

Co-Facilitator/Developer, Owensboro Regional Recovery Staff on Diversity and Sensitivity (2013) with Dr. Amy Cappiccie

Trainer/Developer, *Trauma-informed Care of Victims* Training at Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy (2013)

Trainer/Developer, *Vicarious Trauma and Provider Self-Care Skills* Training at Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy (2013)

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Trainer/Developer, *Vicarious Trauma and Provider Self-Care Skills* Training at Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy (2012)

Trainer/Developer, CSW/LSW Prep Workshop (2012)

Volunteer Organizer/Student Mentor, Community Connect Homeless Count (2012-2017)

Co-Trainer/Developer, *10 Ideas to Facilitate Better Communication in Online Courses* (2011) with Dr. Jay Gabbard

Co-Trainer/Developer, *Self Care and Stress Management*. Presented with Allison Gibson to the HANDS Program Staff. Bowling Green, KY.

Trainer/Developer, *Working with Substance Abusing Adolescents and their Families*. (2011)

Program Manager/Trainer, Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy Program (2011-2015)

Member, Southern Kentucky Reentry Council (2011-2013)

Expert Panel Member, *Synchronous Tools in Online Learning* (2010)

Trainer/Developer, *Children Under Stress? How to Help*. Presented at the Kentucky Head Start Association Annual Conference. (2009).

Trainer/Developer, *Positive Parenting*. Presented at the Kentucky Head Start Association Annual Conference. (2008).

Consultant/Trainer, *Suicide and Depression*. Presented to the New Beginnings Rape Crisis Volunteers in Ohio County, KY.

Consultant/Trainer, *Oppositional Defiant Disorder: A Parent Perspective*. CEU presented to mental health professionals in Owensboro, KY.

LICENSURE and CERTIFICATIONS

2004-Present *Licensed Clinical Social Worker*; KY 1943

2001-2004 *Certified Social Worker*, KY 4269

2021 *Brainspotting*, Phase 1 Trained

2015 [Quality Matters](#) certified Peer Reviewer

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Council on Social Work Education (2004-present)

National Association of Social Workers (2000-present)

American Association of University Women (1995-present)

National Association of Deans and Directors (2018-2025)

Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators between (2008 – 2015)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

03/26-present **LumaQuest**, *CEO*

- Social Work accreditation consultation
- Coaching and Mentoring of social workers, faculty, and nonprofit leaders
- CEU offerings, training, speaking engagements

07/11-02/26 **Desrosiers Consulting LLC**, *President, Clinical Supervisor*

- Clinical supervision of CSW license holders
- Organizational and accreditation consultation
- CEU offerings, training, speaking engagements

9/01-3/10 **Acumen Counseling**, *Clinical Social Worker*

- Individual, Family, and Group Therapy services provided in schools and in the office
- Regular coordination with community providers such as teachers, school counselors, DCBS, physicians, and nurses required
- Expert witness testimony particularly in cases of termination of parental rights, child abuse and neglect, and child custody cases

1/01-9/01 RiverValley Behavioral Health, *Therapeutic Child Support Professional*

- Direct individual and group services to seriously emotionally disabled children and their families
- Attended regular treatment team meetings with parents, service coordinators, social service workers, and other professionals to provide coordinated care

09/92-12/00 RiverValley Behavioral Health, *Service Coordinator*

- Facilitated team meetings with multiple service providers and parents to coordinate treatment efforts on behalf of children and their families
- Advocated for any special services required
- Monitored service provision to insure timely implementation of planned services

02/92-09/92 Boulware Center, *Human Services Coordinator*

- Developed a case management program for homeless clients
- Improved client morale and self-esteem through positive strength-building experiences
- Established strong collaborations with several community service providers to offer varied programming

- 01/91-01/93 Valley Institute of Psychiatry, *Youth Care Specialist*
- Assisted clients to follow daily milieu while effectively managing behavior and emotion
 - Utilized safe crisis intervention to deescalate negative client behaviors
 - Collaborated with multidisciplinary team to implement client treatment plan

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

- 2011-2025 CEU Committee Member (BSW/MSW)
 2010-2025 Adjunct Faculty Mentor (BSW/MSW)
 2015-2018 MSW Program Director
 2015-2018 Accreditation Self-Study Chair (MSW)
 2015-2018 Admissions Committee Chair (MSW), Member since 2009
 2015-2018 Curriculum Committee Member Chair (MSW); Member since 2009
 2015-2018 Orientation Planning Member (MSW) Chair; Member since 2009
 2015-2018 Student Research Mentor
 2010-2014 Field Instructor Supervision (BSW/MSW)
 2009-2012 Graduate Students of SW (GSSW) Faculty Sponsor
 2009-2014 Practice Readiness Exam Member (PRE); Chair 2011, 2012, 2014

SERVICE TO COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- 2020-2025 Interprofessional Education Workgroup Chair
 2019 Communications Sciences & Disorders Department Chair Search Committee Chair
 2017-2022 CHHS Commencement/Recognition Ceremony Committee
 2016-2018 CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee
 2013-2016 Emerging Health Care Professions Committee Chair
 2010-2014 Faculty Senate CHHS College Representative
 2010-2018 International Education Committee Member

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

- 2023-2025 Council of Department Chairs and Directors, Chair
 2022-2023 Council Department Chairs and Directors, Vice Chair
 2021 Director of Regional Campuses: Search Committee Chair
 2017-2019 Mary Foley Psy.D. Dissertation Committee Chair
 2013-2016 Research Fair Judge/Chair for the Annual Research Fair at WKU (March)
 2011-2019 Research and Creative Activity (RCAP) Reviewer
 2011-2015 Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy State Grant
 2011-2013 American Association of University Women University Representative
 2010-2014 Faculty Senate CHHS College Representative

COURSES TAUGHT

Western Kentucky University, Department of Social Work (Typically 3:3 or 4:4)

- Social Work Practice I (BSW Program)
- Integrated Social Work Practice with Families (MSW Program)
- Ethical Issues in Social Work (BSW & MSW Programs)
- Professional Social Work Writing Seminar (MSW Program)
- Rural Social Welfare Policy (MSW Program)
- Advanced Psychosocial Approaches for Rural Practice (MSW Program)
- Field Practicum – Generalist I & II, Advanced Generalist I & II (MSW Program)
- Administration and Supervision in Social work (MSW Program)
- Assessment and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse (MSW Program)
- Understanding Rural Communities (MSW Program)
- Victim Advocacy in Kentucky (MSW Program)
- Adolescent Issues (MSW/CFL Program)
- Supervision of Advanced Casework Practice in Child Welfare (MSW/CFL Program)
- Case Management of Child Sexual Abuse (MSW/CFL Program)
- International Health and Community Service Learning in Belize, Central America (BSW & MSW Programs)
- International Speech Pathology in London, UK; Paris, France; and Gent, Belgium

Kentucky Wesleyan College, Department of Sociology

- Gender Roles (Undergraduate)

University of Louisville, Department of Social Work

- Advanced Social Work Practice (MSW)