

Curriculum Vita
Marsha T. Carolan, Ph.D., Associate Professor,
13B Human Ecology, Department of Human Development and Family Studies,
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Education

Western Connecticut State University
B.A. 1972 Literature and Theater Arts

University of Connecticut
M.A. 1986 Dramatic Arts and Sociodrama

University of Connecticut
M.A. 1988 Marriage & Family Therapy

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Ph.D. 1995 Family Studies/Human Development
Certificate of Gerontology

Professional Credentials

American Family Therapy Academy, Nominated Member
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Certified Family Life Educator
Certificate in Gerontology
AAMFT Approved Supervisor

Academic Awards

MSU Teacher Scholar Award, 2001
Lilly Teaching Fellowship, 1998
Virginia Tech Graduate Research Excellence Award, 1995
Kappa Omicron Nu National Honor Society, 1994

Professional Association Memberships

American Family Therapy Academy, since 2010
National Council of Family Relations, since 1991
American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, since 1985
Collaborative Healthcare Association, since 1995

Academic Appointments

2013- present. Clinic Director, Couple and Family Therapy Clinic, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan State University.

2011- present. Associate Professor, Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

2001- present. Associate Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

1999- 2008. Program Director, Marriage and Family Therapy Programs, Department of Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

1995- 2001. Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

1991- 1995. Instructor, and Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Family and Child Development, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Experience

2007. Spring.

Visiting Scholar, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia. (Sabbatical)

2001-present.

Associate Professor, Department of Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University.

1999 –2008.

Program Director, Marriage and Family Therapy Graduate Specialization, Department of Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

1995 – 2001.

Assistant Professor: Department of Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. August 1995 to present.

1993 – 1995.

Field Study Coordinator, Human Services: Department of Family and Child Development, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA.

1991 – 1992.

Sole Instructor/GTA: Department of Family and Child Development, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. Blacksburg, VA.

Clinical experience

1995-present.

Family therapist and family therapy supervisor. MSU Family and Child Clinic, renamed Couple and Family Therapy Clinic, East Lansing, MI.

2007-2009

Family therapy supervisor, MSU Adult Medicine, Ingham Regional Medical Center.

1991- 1995.

Family therapist and Family therapy supervisor, New River Valley Community Mental Health Services, Christiansburg, VA.

1989- 1991.

Family therapist and adolescent counselor. New Horizons School Intervention Program. Orlando, FL.

1988-1990.

Family therapy internship. University of Connecticut Medical School, Hartford Campus Family Medicine Residency program, Hartford, CT.

FUNDED PROJECTS

Blow, A., **Carolan**, M., Co-PIs. With Dr. Esther Onaga, Emeritus. Michigan Department of Community Health, Supporting Michigan Clubhouses toward Accreditation, MDHHS project under App #143816, which awards \$37,212 (\$37,212 State funds plus \$39,416 Cost Share) for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Blow, A., **Carolan**, M., Co-PIs. With Dr. Esther Onaga, Emeritus. Michigan Department of Community Health, Supporting Michigan Clubhouses toward Accreditation, MDHHS project under App #143816, which awards \$37,212 (\$37,212 State funds plus \$39,416 Cost Share) for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Carolan, M. & Jager, K. (2009). Mothers who lose their parental rights to the state. College of Social Science Faculty Initiative Fund, \$6,000.

Weatherspoon, L. & **Carolan**, M. (2006-7). Healthy Kids, Healthy Families. Spectrum Healthcare, \$20,000.

Carolan, M., Weatherspoon, L, Jager, K. Principal Investigators (2004-06) Healthy Kids, Healthy Families: A community based program for intervention in childhood obesity. Michigan Department of Community Health, \$203,000 approximately, annually.

Carolan, M., Weatherspoon, Parra, R. Principal Investigators (2005-2006). Healthy Families: Healthy Kids: A family and community based approach to childhood obesity. Mary Lewis Foundation, \$50,000.

Weatherspoon, L., **Carolan**, M., Saxe, A., Principal Investigators (2004-5). Healthy kids, Healthy Families: A community based program for intervention in childhood obesity. Michigan Department of Community Health, \$150,000.

Carolan, M. T., Hoppe-Rooney, T. Principal Investigators (2002). A Community-Based Program in Disordered Eating for Adolescent Females and their Families. FACT, \$25,000.

Carolan, M.T., Principal Investigator (2000). Collaborative healthcare as a means of improving individual and family adjustment and reducing primary care visits for chronic high utilizer patients and their families. IRPG/MSU, \$35,000.

Weatherspoon, L., **Carolan**, M., Song, W., Principle Investigators (1999-2001). Type 2 Diabetes Prevalence and Family factors among children and adolescents in Michigan: A reason for concern. Mary Lewis Foundation, \$55,000.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Articles

Carolan, M. & Wright, R. (in press). Miscarriage at an advance maternal age and the search for meaning (in press). *Death Studies*.

Subramanian, S., Camacho, L, **Carolan, M.**, & Lopez Zeron, G. (in press). Resilience in low income African American women living and aging with HIV.

Tobe, E., Ames, B., **Carolan, M.** & Onaga, E. (in press). Surviving the recession: Implications for practitioners to better support pre-retiree housing counseling clientele, *Journal of Human Sciences and Extension*.

Tobe, E., Ames, B., **Carolan, M.** & Onaga, E. (in press). Looking back: The experiences of four Midwest families after receiving foreclosure counseling services, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 1-12, online version. [10.1007/s10834-016-9495-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-016-9495-2).

Johnson, D., **Carolan, M.**, & Bates, L. (2015). A woman is always to blame; Community sanctioned violence in a Sudanese refugee's experience. *International Journal of Psychology*, 19, 24-28.

Escobar-Chew, A. R., **Carolan, M.**, Burns-Jager, K. (2015). Connecting Trauma and Health for Mothers in the Child Welfare System. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 27, 47-71.

Verwys, S., & **Carolan, M.**, (2015). Navigating Dialect: Facilitating African American mainstream English learning with First grade African American English Speakers. *African American Learning*.

Wittman, D, **Carolan, M.** Given, B., Skolarus, T., Crossley, H., An, L., Palapattu, G., Clarke, P., & Montie, J. (2014). What couples say about the recovery of sexual intimacy after Prostatectomy: Toward the Development of a Conceptual Model of Couples Sexual Intimacy after surgery for Prostate Cancer. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 1-11.

Keller, J., Ramisch, J., & **Carolan, M.** (2014). Relationships of children with autism spectrum disorders and their fathers. *The Qualitative Report*, 19, 1-15. Online edition.

Wittman, D, **Carolán, M.** Given, B., Skolarus, T., An, L., Palapattu, G., & Montie, J. (2014). Exploring the role of the partner in couples' sexual recovery after surgery for prostate cancer. *Journal of Supportive Care of Cancer*, online edition, April 2014.

Goff, J. D. & **Carolán, M. T.** (2013). The intersection of gender and culture in Chinese international student couples. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 25, 141-164.

Bocknek, E. L, Brophy-Herb, H.E., Fitzgerald, H., Burns-Jager, K & **Carolán, M. T.** (20 Sept 2012). Maternal Psychological Absence and Toddlers Social-Emotional Development: Interpretations from the perspective of Boundary Ambiguity Theory. *Family Process Online*.

Carolán, M., Onaga, E., Pernice-Duca, F., & Jimenez, T. (2011). A place to be: The role of clubhouses in facilitating social support. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 35, 2, 125-132.

Mourad, M. & **Carolán, M.** (2010). An ecological approach to culturally sensitive intervention for Arab American women and their families. *The Family Journal: Counseling and Therapy for Couples and Families*, 32,390-401.

Chen, G, & **Carolán, M.** (2010). The Phenomenon of Comparative Development between Female Survivors and Their Partners: Implications for Couples Therapy. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 32 396-411.

Carolán, M., Jager, K., Bozek, K., & Escobar-Chew, R. (2010). Women who have lost their parental rights to the state: The interplay of trauma and oppression. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*, 22, 171-186.

Jager, K.B. & **Carolán, M.T.** (2010). Privileging voices of survival and relationship in community systems of care. *Qualitative Social Work*, 9, 267-283.

Carolán, M., Bak, J., Hoppe-Rooney, T., & Jager, K. (2010). An integrated feminist approach to disordered eating intervention in a university campus outpatient setting. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*,22, 43-56.

Jager, K.B. & **Carolán, M.T.** (2009). Locating community in women's experiences of trauma, recovery and empowerment. *Qualitative Inquiry*, 15(2), 297-307.

Jager, K.B., Saxe, A.M., Smith, A.S., **Carolán, M.T.**, Weatherspoon, L. (2009). Healthy kids, healthy families: A collaborative program to address childhood overweight. *Journal of Youth Development: Bridging Research and Practice*, 3(3), Article 080303RS004.

Brosi, W., Ames, B. & **Carolán, M.** (2009). Decision making authority in caregiving relationships: Perceptions of mothers receiving care from adult daughters. *Brazilian Journal of Home Economics*, 20, 11-29.

Shell, J. & **Carolán, M.** (2008). The longitudinal effects of cancer treatment on sexuality in individuals with lung cancer. Feature article. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 35, 73-81.

Latty, C., **Carolán, M.**, Weatherspoon, L. (2007). The relationship between Body Mass Index and adolescent well-being. *The American Journal of Health Education*, 38, 266-276.

Brosi, M. & **Carolan**, M.T. (2005). Therapist responses to partner abuse. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 5, 12-20.

Jager, K.B. & **Carolan**, M.T. (2005). Identifying strengths with multi-stressed mothers in home-based mental health services. *National Council on Family Relations Family Focus*, December.

Eppler, C. & **Carolan**, M. (2004). Biblionarrative: A narrative technique uniting children's oral and written life-stories. *Journal of Family Psychotherapy*.

Kochka, T. & **Carolan**, M. (2002). Alliance Protection: The influence of childhood sexual abuse memories on couple dynamics. *Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy*.

Weatherspoon, L.J., **Carolan**, M. Deighton, T., & Latty, C. (2002). "Blood Glucose Testing in Adolescents in Association with Risk Factors for Type 2 Diabetes." *Proceedings of the American Diabetes Association Annual Meeting, Published Abstract*, San Francisco, CA.

Weatherspoon, L.J., Kerver, J.E., **Carolan**, M.T., Jager, K.B. & Song, W.O. (2001). "Glycosolated Hemoglobin Concentration Associated with Risk Factors for Type 2 Diabetes in Children & Adolescents," *American Diabetes Association Annual Meeting Proceedings, Published Abstract*, Philadelphia, PA.

Villarruel, F. A., **Carolan**, M. T., et al. (2001). Thirty-Second Annual Council on Family Relations Media Award Competition. Literature and Resource Review Essay, *Family Relations*, 50, 99-108.

Carolan, M.T., Bagherinia, G.T., Juhari, R., Himelright, J. & Mouton, M. (2000). Contemporary Muslim families: Research and Practice. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 22, 67-79.

Carolan, M.T., & Allen, K.R. (1999). Constraints and contributors to intimate relationships of African American couples at midlife. *Journal of Family Issues*, 20, 3-24.

Carolan, M.T. (1999). Generating ideas for a Sex Education Curriculum Based on Early Adolescent Development. *Resources for Family Life Education Supplement*. Minneapolis: National Council on Family Relations.

Keystone, M. & **Carolan**, M.T. (1998). A feminist revision of contemporary sex therapy. *The Family Journal: Journal of Counseling and Family Therapy*, October, 15-25.

Selected Presentations/Refereed

Sankar, S., Monta, N., **Carolan**, M., Escobar Chew, R., & Blow, A. Implementing an IPCV program in a training clinic. A workshop presented at AAMFT Annual Conference 2016.

K. Mayfield, **M. Carolan**, L. Weatherspoon, K. Chung, S.Hoerr, "Perceptions of Food Access by African American Women with Children in an Urban Post-industrial North Central American City." Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, 2016 SNEB Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

S. Subramanian, L. Camacho, **M. Carolan**, G. Zeron Lopez. "I Don't Even Wanna Die Anymore." Resilience and African American Women Living with HIV." Paper Presentation, NCFR 2015 Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada.

H. Lofton, L. Camacho, **M. Carolan**. "Women's resilience in the context of depression and physical challenges. Poster Presentation, NCFR 2015 Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada.

G. Zeron Lopez, **M. Carolan**, L. Camacho. "Women to Women: Resilience through Connection." Paper Presentation, NCFR 2015 Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada.

Heather Lofton*, Lizeth Camacho*, **Marsha Carolan**. "Women's resilience in the context of depression and physical challenges. **Poster** Presentation, Women's Health Research Conference, MSU, 2015.

Saila Subramanian*, Lizeth Camacho*, **Marsha Carolan**. Resilience and African American Women Living with HIV, **Poster** Presentation, Women's Health Research Conference, MSU 2015.

Sutton, A., Johnson, D., **Carolan, M.** Child welfare policy for African American parents, 2014 AAMFT Annual Conference, Poster presentation.

Wright, R., **Carolan, M.**, Ames, B., Johnson, D. & Yakura (2013). Women of advanced maternal age and miscarriage: An examination of the essence of the experience. Ohio Annual Conference AAMFT Poster, Columbus, Ohio.

Escobar, R., **Carolan, M.**, Jager, K. (2013). Recognizing the impact of trauma on mothers in the child welfare system. Poster presentation, 2013 NCFR Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

Escobar, R., **Carolan, M.**, Jager, K. (2013). Recognizing the impact of trauma on the health of mothers in the child welfare system. Poster presentation, MSU Women's Health Conference.

Shchmittel, E., Wright, R., **Carolan, M.** Escobar, R. Jager, K., & Horsford, S. (2011). The mental health needs of women who have lost their parental rights. Poster Presentation, Women' Health Research Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Shchmittel, E., Wright, R., **Carolan, M.** Escobar, R. Jager, K., & Horsford, S. (2011). The lived experiences of women who lose their parental rights to the state. Poster presentation, Annual Conference, NCFR.

Chen, C.G. & **Carolan M.T** (2010). Intertwining couple and parenting relationships in female survivors of abuse. Poster presentation, Annual Conference, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Atlanta, Georgia.

Chen, C.G. & **Carolan M.T.** (2009). Child vs. Adult Attachment: Child Sexual Abuse Survivors and their Partners. Poster presented in the 71st NCFR 2009 Annual Conference.

Chen, C.G. & **Carolan M.T.** (2009). Healing individual wound systematically: Treatment with CSA adult female survivors and their partners. Poster presented in the 2009 American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA.

- Silverthon, B. & **Carolán, M.** (2007) The impact of client suicide on family therapists. AAMFT Annual Conference Poster Session, Long Beach, CA.
- Smith, Amy, **Carolán, M.**, Jager, K., Weatherspoon, L. (2006). A community based program for intervention with families with overweight children. AAMFT Annual Conference Poster, Austen, Texas.
- Goff, D., & **Carolán, M.** (2005). Gender and Chinese marriages: Implications for couple therapy. AAMFT Annual Conference Poster, Kansas City, MI.
- Brosi, M. & **Carolán, M.** (2005). Self-competence and therapists responses to partner abuse. AAMFT Annual Conference Poster, Kansas City, MI.
- Jager, K. & **Carolán, M.** (2004). Facilitating family empowerment in the context of abuse. AAMFT Annual Conference, Poster. Atlanta, GA.
- Hoppe-Rooney, & **Carolán, M.** (2003). A manualized treatment strategy for improving body image and parental interaction for female adolescents. Michigan Youth Development Conference Presentation..
- Latty, C., **Carolán, M.**, Weatherspoon, L. et al (2002). Mental health factors related to obesity in youth. Poster presentation. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Houston.
- Sanders, M., & **Carolán, M.** (2002). Therapy with Muslim families. Poster presentation. AAMFT Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH
- Mohr, L. & **Carolán, M.**, (2002). Reducing primary care visits for high utilizing patients. Presentation. Collaborative Healthcare Conference: Tampa, FL.
- Weatherspoon, L., **Carolán, M.**, Kerver, J., Jager, K., & Song, W. (2001). Risk and prevalence of Type II Diabetes in Michigan youth. American Dietetics Association Abstract.
- Jager, K., **Carolán, M.**, Kerver, J., Weatherspoon, L., & Song, W. (2000). Ecological and family factors associated with prevalence of Type II Diabetes. Poster presentation. NCFR Annual Conference: Minneapolis, MN.
- Mohr, L.A. & **Carolán, M.T.** (1999). Using MFT skills for collaboration across professions. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Carolán, M.**, & Walters, E. (1999). Arab-American and Muslim families. Family life education with diverse families. Pre-conference for the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Irvine, CA.
- Onaga, E., **Carolán, M.**, & Villarruel, F. (1999). Journey into young adulthood for special education students: Family and student stories. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Irvine, CA.
- Winter, G. & **Carolán, M.T.** (1998). Ethical issues for the self of the therapist. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

Carolan, M., Bagherinia, G., Juhari, R., Himelright, J., & Mouton, M. (1997). Challenging assumptions: Contemporary Muslim women and the Family. Paper presentation: National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Dwyer, S.R. & **Carolan, M.T.** (1997). Proposing a new language for sampling in qualitative research. *National Council on Family Relations Theory Construction and Research Methodology Papers*. National Council on Family Relations Pre-conference.

Winter, G., & **Carolan, M.** (1997). Through the looking glass: Reflections of the ethical therapist. *Featured pre-conference presentation for Kansas Association of Marriage and Family Therapy*. KS.

Carolan, M.T. (1996). Breaking the silence: A participatory research group for midlife women. Paper presentation: National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO.

Ames, B. & **Carolan, M.T.** (1996). Integrating midlife issues into family and child curricula. Roundtable: National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

Carolan, M.T. & Marek, L. (1995). Narrative analysis of young adults stories of gender development. Roundtable: National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

Chapters

Onaga, E., **Carolan, M.**, Maddalena, K., Villarruel, F. (2003). Positive development for youth with disabilities: Lessons learned from two case studies. In D. Perkins, L. Borden, J. Keith & F. Villarruel (Eds.), *Community Youth Development: Challenges and opportunities for all*. NY: Klewver Press.

Carolan, M. T., & Sanders, M. (2002). Muslim families. *The Encyclopedia of Marriage and the Family*. Sage Publications.

Carolan, M.T. (1999). Contemporary Muslim women and the family. In H.P. McAdoo (Ed.), *Family ethnicity: Strength in diversity, Revised Edition*. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Carolan, M.T. (1998). Integrating gender into marital and family therapy supervision. In R. Lee & S. Emerson (Eds.), *The Eclectic Supervisor*. NY: Geist & Russell.

Invited papers

Carolan, M.T. (1999). Remarriage in the later years. *Michigan Family Law Journal*.

Griffore, B., **Carolan, M.**, Walker, R., Phenice, L. (1998). Michigan citizens speak out. CYFC Coalition Conference and Forum Newsletter. (From State of the State Survey project.)

Carolan, M.T. (1998). The challenges of single parenting. *Michigan Family Law Journal*.

Carolan, M.T. (1997). Getting started: Basics for the beginning family lawyer. *Michigan Family Law Journal*.

Carolan, M.T. (1996). Feminism and alimony. *Michigan Family Law Journal*.

Invited Presentations/University

Lilly Faculty Development Presentations

Yakura, E., **Carolan, M.** & Julier, L. (2009). Working in research teams in graduate school. Graduate School Conference, MSU.

Carolan, M. T., & Yakura, E. (2002). Creating community in the classroom. Lilly Faculty Development Seminar, Michigan State University, Kellogg Center.

Carolan, M. T., & Yakura, E. (2001). Learning through community: Techniques for fostering an open environment in the classroom. Lilly Faculty Development Seminar, Michigan State University, Kellogg Center.

Morrison, K., & **Carolan, M.T.** (1998). Rethinking gender in the classroom. Lilly Faculty Development Seminar, Michigan State University, Kellogg Center.

Professional Service/State/National:

Board Member, Journal of Feminist Family Therapy 2011- present

Feminist and Family Studies Section, Family Therapy Section, Reviewer, 1998- present
Jessie Bernard Award, Feminist Family Studies Section, Ongoing 2001- present

Ad Hoc Reviewer for the following Journals, Ongoing 2001-present

Family Relations

Family Theory and Review

Qualitative Social Work Journal

Journal of Family Issues

Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of Directors, Officer, 1996-2004, 2009-present

National Committees served on 1996- 2002: NCFR

National Media Awards Committee

Dissertations chaired:

Kochka, T. (1998). The interface of women's childhood sexual abuse memories with adult intimate relationships.

Mohr, L. (2000). Relationship components needed for Marriage and Family Therapists to work collaboratively with healthcare professionals: A National Delphi study.

Eppler, C. (2001). Exploring stories of parental grief in children aged 9-12 through biblionarratives.

Behrendt, L. (2001). The intersection of religion and parental influences in shaping female identity.

- Jager, K. (2002). Connecting trauma survival and family empowerment: A qualitative inquiry of the implications for family-based services.
- Shell, J. (2002). The longitudinal effects of cancer treatment on sexuality in individuals with lung cancer.
- Kendal, N. (2003). Financial behavior and marital satisfaction: A collective case study.
- McCoy, M. (2004). Family sense of coherence and perceived social support as mediators of adaptation to coronary artery bypass. (Co-chair, Dr. Barbara Ames)
- Goff, J. (2004). Ecological issues influencing Chinese graduate student marital relationships.
- Brosi, M. (2004). Therapists's responses to Domestic Violence: A qualitative analysis.
- Hoppe-Rooney, T. (2004). Parental acceptance and rejection and its relationship to disordered eating in college aged adults.
- Latty, C. (2005). Effects of differentiation on college student drinking. (Co-chair, Dr. Hiram Fitzgerald).
- Sanders, Mouton M. (2005). Contextual factors and attitudes towards family therapy as a help-seeking option among middle-class African American families, moderating effects of help seeking. (Co-chair, Dr. Deborah Johnson)
- Silverthorn, B. (2006). Effects of client suicide on Marriage and Family Therapists: The grief and coping process.
- Stanley, L. (2006). Long term married couples adaptation post-stroke.
- Martin, J. (2007). Father perception of the barriers and facilitators of engagement in family therapy: A Qualitative Study.
- Andrews, K. (2007). Ethnic identity development and Marriage and Family therapy training.
- Odom, T. (2007). Experiences of mothers with children in foster care.
- Hawkins, D. (2007). Ecological factors influencing the co-parenting relationship of low income, unmarried, non-cohabitating African American parenting partners.
- Chen, G. (2008). The influence of childhood attachment on couple interaction and attachment.
- Campbell, S. (2009). A qualitative study of women's experiences of abortion within a family context in Chile.
- Verwyys, S. (2009). Navigating dialect: How three first grade Euro-American teachers Facilitated mainstream English learning with African American English speakers.
- Dupuis, S. (2009). Examining the experiences of later life remarried couples.

Bozek, K. (2009). Ecological influences on ethnic identity development for female Korean born transracial adoptees.

Foster, A. (2009). Perceptions of weight-related health in African American families: A photovoice study.

Burden, J. (2010). Parent and adolescent readiness in the transition to adolescent diabetic self-care.

Sutton, A. (2011). A critical ethnography exploring African American parents' experiences with child welfare service providers. (Co-chair, Dr. Deborah Johnson).

Bak, J. (2011). Piecing it together: Youth perceptions at entry into Foster Care.

McElroy, J. (2011). A critical Auto-ethnographic exploration of the transition from investment broker to financial family therapist.

Filter, M. (2011). Perceived assets of pregnant African American teens: A phenomenological study using assets maps and photovoice.

Han, J. (2012). Bicultural identity for Asian American adolescents. (Co-chair, Dr. Desiree Qin).

Weir, G. (2013). The experience of biological mothers with complex trauma in the child welfare system.

Ketterman, K. (2013). First time mothers' experiences with parenting.

Wright, R. (2013). Women of Advanced Maternal Age and Miscarriage: The essence of the experience.

Horsford, S. (2014). Risk and protective factors for African American women in clinical doctoral programs. (co-chair, Dr. Deborah Johnson)

Camacho, L. (2016). A mixed methods study of risk and protective factors for Depression in Latina women using Resilience theory.

Courses taught at Michigan State University:

Theory:

HDFS 902D	Feminist informed and Narrative Therapy Theory
HDFS 902A	Transgenerational and Emotionally Focused Therapy Theory
HDFS 847	Theories of the Family (Hybrid)
HDFS 875	Resilience in Families (GPIDEA, Online)

Clinical practice:

HDFS 445	Human Sexuality
HDFS 991	Sex Therapy
HDFS 902B	Couples Therapy
HDFS 470	Families and Stress
HDFS 888	Diverse Families and Communities: Intervention strategies

HDFS 831 Treatment processes in Marriage and Family Therapy

Research:

HDFS 982 Qualitative Research Methods

Practicum:

HDFS 894/993 Supervised clinical practice

Other:

SSC 499 Global and Domestic Health Disparities

Service to the Department and College: 1999- present:

Graduate Education, Chair, Multiple years

DAC, DAC Chair, Multiple years

CAC, 2002-4

Program Director, Re-accreditations 2001/2007

College External Review 2002

Graduate School External Review 2003

College Judiciary Committee, 2011-present