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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, PhD Social Work	Graduate 2013 – In Progress
University of Illinois-Chicago, MSW Social Work	Graduate 2003 – 2004
University of Wisconsin – Madison, Bachelor of Arts Social Work, French	Undergraduate 1996 – 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cook County Board President’s Justice Advisory Council (JAC) May – August 2013
Public Policy Consultant (contracted)

- Developed infrastructure and built leadership and collaborations among relevant stakeholders to initiate a pilot, street-level, pre-charge prostitution diversion initiative in Cook County.
- Researched arrest data, prostitution exit strategies, outcomes, and best practices, funding opportunities, cost savings, etc.

End Demand Illinois (EDI) January – May 2013
Human Rights Watch (HRW) April – May 2013

Lobbyist and Public Policy Consultant (contracted)

- Successfully lobbied the Illinois General Assembly to pass SB 1872, EDI-led legislation that eliminated the felony enhancement for prostitution offenses.
- Lobbied for HB 1348, an HRW-led bill that would ban mandatory sentencing of juveniles to life without parole (JLWOP).
- Analyzed public policy and political environment and advised accordingly in coalition with EDI policy committee and JLWOP grassroots coalition.

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless August 2004 – November 2012

Associate Director of Policy (June 2011 – November 2012)

Senior Policy Analyst (July 2008- May 2011)

Policy Specialist (August 2004 – July 2008)

- Served as lead for two campaign steering committees: Prostitution Alternatives Round Table (PART), a 24-agency steering committee; and the Homeless Youth Committee, a 31-agency group serving youth statewide.
- Planned, implemented, trained, and served as special consultant to the WINGS Project, a treatment court for women with felony prostitution charges in Cook County. Served on the court’s steering committee and advised on each defendant’s case during court staffing.
- Researched and wrote a comprehensive 69-page report about specialty treatment courts for individuals with prostitution offenses around the country, with an overview of each project and key recommendations for best practices.
- Advocated successfully for 8 years in the state legislature for passage of legislation and funding. This included enactment of ILPA 097-0897 that expanded Illinois’ anti-trafficking law (2012), the Justice for Victims of Sex Trafficking Act (2011) and the Safe Children Act (2010), while serving as the lead Springfield advocate for the *End Demand Illinois* campaign. Other legislation included the restoration of \$4.7 million in shelter funding (November 2011 and May 2012), increases to Homeless Youth Programs and

Homeless Prevention (May 2012), Hospital Charity Care Act (continuing), first-time Illinois capital bill funding affordable housing (2009), First Offender Probation (2007), Predator Accountability Act (2006), and the Record-Sealing Act (2004).

- Conducted survey research and collaborated with academic researchers to implement the first statewide count and assessment of unaccompanied homeless youth in 2005.
- Coordinated a statewide conference on youth homelessness and a statewide symposium on transitional jobs for homeless youth.
- Served on steering committees including End Demand Illinois, Chicago Task Force on Homeless Youth, Responsible Budget Coalition, Fair (Health) Care Coalition, Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence Inter-systems Assessment, PROMISE Task Force, and the Teen Poverty and Youth Development Advisory Committee.
- Presented at conferences and to professional, civic, or student groups on issues related to prostitution/sex trafficking and youth homelessness on more than 60 occasions.

PART Community Organizer (August 2004 - September 2006)

- Built relationships with women formerly involved in the sex trade and helped them to develop their leadership, activism, and public speaking skills.
- Recruited 15 prostitution survivors to work on a 6-month participatory documentary project, "Turning a Corner." Facilitated bi-weekly workshops with filmmaker Salome Chasnoff, with survivors who helped to make the award-winning hour-long film, released in 2006.
- Mobilized and prepared survivors to lobby legislators in-district and in Springfield.
- Conducted focus groups with survivors about the elements and impacts of various policies and legislation.

Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network

September 2003 - May 2004

Social Work Intern

- Staffed three working committees of nearly 30 agencies engaged in citywide advocacy (Legal Issues, Battered Women on the Defense, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Collaboration)
- Participated in the University of Illinois-Chicago's Advisory Committee for campus violence prevention.
- Assisted with fundraising efforts, including grant-seeking research and preparation.
- Co-coordinated four training workshops.

Salvation Army Emergency Lodge

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

October 2000 - July 2003

Case Manager

- Provided case management to homeless single adults and youths (ages 18-22) residing at the shelter, developed individualized case plans and assisted with achieving identified goals, crisis intervention and proactive problem solving, referrals and advocacy to facilitate access to public and disability benefits, legal rights, housing, employment, vocational training, medical, mental health, and substance abuse treatment, and other supportive services.
- Implemented new case management program for homeless youth, with eight beds within the shelter, via a partnership with a youth-serving organization and community outreach.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

McMurtry, S., Berger, L., & Mueller, D. (in progress). Toolbox of measures for social workers.

Mueller, D. & Topitzes, J. (2018, May). *Trauma symptoms and mental health among urban, low-income jobseekers: Preliminary findings from an innovative trauma intervention to improve employment outcomes*. Poster presentation at the UWM Health Symposium, Milwaukee, WI.

Blakey, J., Mueller, D., & Richie, M. (2017). Strengths and challenges of a prostitution court model. *Justice System Journal*, 38(4), 364-379.

Monaco-Wilcox, R. & Mueller, D. (2017). Meeting the legal needs of human trafficking victims. *Wisconsin Lawyer*. Awarded Charles Dunn Author Award (2018).

Otto-Salaj, L.L., Topitzes, J., Berger, L., Wagner, J., & Mueller, D. (2017, September). Youth-Oriented Substance Abuse and Trauma Counseling (YOSAT) Training Program: An innovative model for MSW

student education. Oral presentation at the 2017 Virtual Behavioral Health Conference, Health Resources and Service Administration.

Mueller, D. J. (2014, April). *Effects of a pre-charge prostitution diversion program on recidivism and commercial sex activity*. Poster presented at the first annual Milwaukee Area Research on Interpersonal Violence Symposium, Milwaukee, WI. Awarded “Most Promising Poster.”

Mueller, Daria (2012). *Treatment Courts and Court-Affiliated Diversion Projects for Prostitution in the United States*. http://chicagohomeless.issuelab.org/resource/treatment_courts_and_court-affiliated_diversion_projects_for_prostitution_in_the_united_states.

Mueller, Daria (2005). *Curbing the Demand for Prostitution*. http://chicagohomeless.issuelab.org/resource/curbing_the_demand_for_prostitution.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee,
Healthy Worker, Healthy Wisconsin Partnership**
Research Assistant

October 2017 – present

- Assist in implementation of an intervention research grant intended to increase access to physical and behavioral health for job-seeking adults in partnership with multiple community based organizations. Responsibilities include but are not limited to data collection and analysis, writing reports, IRB application management, intern supervision, relationship building with community-based organizations, and participation in partnership meetings, community trainings and orientations.

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee,
Youth-Oriented Substance Abuse and Trauma Counseling Program**
Research Assistant

January 2015 –December 2017

- Research Assistant on Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) project funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration/Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA/DHHS, Grant #G02HP2004). Assist in administration of Youth-Oriented Substance Abuse and Trauma (YOSAT) Counseling Program grant, including data collection and evaluation, preparation of materials, student advising, presentations, conference/training coordination, and grant reporting needs.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare
Research Assistant

May – September 2014

- Coded and analyzed qualitative interviews of women and professionals involved in a treatment court for women with prostitution offenses using NVivo qualitative analytical software.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare
Teaching Assistant

September – December 2014

- Assisted in grading of student quizzes and assignments in a 28-student graduate-level Individual Behavior and the Environment course.
- Taught class session on adolescent development.

Dominican University, Graduate School of Social Work
Adjunct Instructor

January – May 2013

- Taught an 18-student, graduate-level Social Welfare Policy Analysis course.

SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer—*Justice System Journal*

September 2018 –present

Doctoral Student Recruitment Committee

October 2016 – present

Committee Member

Exploit No More
Advisory Board Member

March 2015 – 2017

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
Founding Board Member and Advisory Council chair

2007 – 2009

- Helped to incorporate CAASE as a 501(c)(3), develop its bylaws, vision, mission statement, and official policies.
- Advised on initial organizational goals, initiatives, and work products.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship
Source: Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Total Funds (2018-2019) \$1,500
- Charles Dunn Author Award (2018)
Wisconsin Lawyer and the Wisconsin State Bar Association
- Most Promising Poster
Source: Milwaukee Area Research on Interpersonal Violence Symposium (April 2014)
- Dean's Fellowship
Source: Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Total Funds (2013-2014) \$20,000

CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Completed Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Curriculum (October 2013)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Powerpoint
- Proficient in quantitative and qualitative analytical software: SPSS, SAS, and NVivo.