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Teaching Philosophy

My teaching is intimately informed by core social work values of democracy, self-determination, social justice, and appreciation of diversity. I view teaching as an extension of my career in social work and so am greatly informed by my experiences as a social worker. My teaching continues to evolve as I explore educational theory and strive to implement those insights into my teaching practice. I am reflective about my teaching, seeking out information to improve the content and process.

Education

PhD, Social Work

University of Minnesota, 2011

Master of Social Work

University of Minnesota, 1991

Bachelor of Social Work

College of St. Catherine, 1987

Academic Employment History

Hawai'i Pacific University - Honolulu, Hawai'i

BSW Program Director/Associate Professor (2017– present)

MSW Coordinator/Associate Professor (2017-2018)

School of Social Work Field Director/Assistant Professor (2016 – 2017)

MSW Program Director/Assistant Professor (2015 – 2016)

BSW Program Director/ Assistant Professor (2011 – 2015)

- **Undergraduate courses taught**

- Introduction to Social Work

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment I

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II

- Writing and Research in Social Work Practice

- Social Work Capstone

- Social Work with Adolescents

- Social Sustainability, Social Entrepreneurship and Social Work

- **Graduate courses taught**

- Advanced Social Work Research

- Social Work Capstone

- Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups and Families

- Graduate Practicum

- Ethics in Social Work Practice

- **Social work advising**

- **Completion of BSW self-study resulting in reaccreditation 6/2015**

University of Wisconsin - River Falls, Wisconsin

Field Education Coordinator/ Assistant Professor (2009 – 2011)

Visiting Instructor (2008-09)

- **Undergraduate courses taught**

- Community Practice

- Social Policy

Child and Adolescent Practice
Introduction to Social Work Practice
Field Seminar
Family and Group Practice
Gerontological Social Work Practice
Mental Health Social Work

- **Social work advising**
- **Field coordination**

Inver Hills Community College - Inver Hills, Minnesota

Adjunct Instructor – Human Services Program (2005 – 2011)

- **Courses taught**
Adolescent Youth Work
Mental Disorders
Group Process
Human Sexuality

College of St. Scholastica – St. Paul, Minnesota

Adjunct Faculty – (2007 – 2010)

- **Courses taught**
Generalist Practice
Practice with Individuals and Families
Practice with Groups

University of Minnesota – St. Paul, Minnesota

Community Faculty – (2007)

- **Graduate course taught**
Direct Practice Evaluation

Mt. Senario College – Ladysmith, Wisconsin

Adjunct Faculty –(1997 - 2000)

Faculty/Field Coordinator – (2000 – 2001)

- **Undergraduate courses taught**
Social Welfare Policy
Generalist Practice
Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups
Interviewing and Communication
Field Supervision
Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
Adolescent Social Work Practice
Marriage and Family
Women's Issues
- **Social work advising**
- **Field coordination**
- **Completion of field portion of self-study for CSWE site visit**

Scholarship and Research

Research Experience

Co-Evaluator, School of Social Work, HPU – (2019 – present)

- **Program Evaluation of Punawai Rest Stop**

This program evaluation seeks to identify the short and long term outcomes of this innovative approach to addressing barriers faced by persons who are homeless. .

~ Awarded \$19000 to carry out evaluation.

~ Supervise team of social work students to assist in project.

Primary Investigator, School of Social Work, HPU – (2015-present)

- **Social Sustainability in Social Work Practice: Experiences from the Field**

This is a study exploring the integration of principles of social sustainability into social work practice.

~ Awarded \$1400 to support data collection.

~ Awarded a \$2000 faculty development grant to support travel.

~ Awarded a \$3700 faculty scholarship grant to support course release.

Co-Investigator, School of Social Work, HPU - (2014 – present)

- **Exploring the Influence of Spirituality and Religion on Social Work Practice**

Dr. Kelli Larsen and I are in the data analysis phase of this multi-faceted exploration of spirituality in social work practice involving a national sample of 540 social workers.

~ Awarded a \$2000 faculty development grant to support travel.

~ Awarded a \$680 collegiate scholars grant supporting analysis.

Primary Investigator, School of Social Work, U of M - (2009-11)

- **Reintegration of Students with Emotional-Behavioral Disorders Returning to the Mainstream Environment Following Exclusion**

This dissertation study was a year-long qualitative study involving 45 interviews, observations and document review of six case studies in two school systems undergoing the reintegration process.

~ Awarded a \$2000 faculty development grant to support presentation of results.

Research Assistant, School of Social Work, U of M - (2007-09)

- **Kinship Care: A Study of the Breakthrough Series Collaborative**

Primary investigator Priscilla Gibson.

Research Interviewer, Policy Research Associates - (2006-07)

- **MacArthur Foundation Mental Health Court Study**

Interviewer on this first national study on mental health courts.

Research Assistant, School of Social Work, U of M - (2006-08)

Research Agenda

I am interested in two lines of research; the intersection of spirituality and social work practice as well as social sustainability in social work practice.

I am committed to scholarly endeavors which tie directly into social work practice. I am passionate about students connecting to research. To this aim, I have conducted five program evaluations with students, giving students hands-on experience that bolsters their confidence, competence, and commitment to using research to inform practice.

- **Decision Making and the Elderly**
Primary investigator Jim Reinardy.

Research Assistant, School of Social Work, U of M - (2006-07)

- **ACE-Program Evaluation of Children at Risk**
Primary investigator Jane Gilgun.

Publications

M. Powers & M. Rinkel (Eds.), (In Press). *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for global social workers and educators Volume III*. Berne, Switzerland: International Federation of Social Workers.

Maynard, S. & Rinkel, M. (2019). *Utilizing standardized simulations for social work program assessment: What are the essential elements for effectiveness?* (Manuscript submitted for publication).

Rinkel, M., Larsen, K., Harrington, C. & Chun, C. (2018). Effects of social work practice on practitioners' spirituality. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 37:4, 331-350.

M. Powers & M. Rinkel (Eds.), (2018). *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for global social workers and educators Volume II*. Berne, Switzerland: International Federation of Social Workers.

Rinkel, M. & Mataira, P. (2018). Developing critical self-awareness to incorporate sustainability into worldviews. In M. Powers & M. Rinkel (Eds.), *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for global social workers and educators Volume II* (pp. 30-41). Berne, Switzerland: International Federation of Social Workers.

M. Rinkel & M. Powers (Eds.), (2017). *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for global social workers and educators*. Berne, Switzerland: International Federation of Social Workers.

Rinkel, M. (2017). Comparing model representations of sustainability: Tools for social workers. In M. Rinkel & M. Powers (Eds.), *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for global social workers and educators* (pp.275-289). Berne, Switzerland: International Federation of Social Workers.

Larsen, K. & Rinkel, M. (2016). What does religion and spirituality mean to a racially diverse group of social work practitioners? *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work Practice: Social Thought*.

Gibson, P. & Rinkel, M. (2012). Increased attention to the search process improves the chances of foster kinship placements. *Journal of Family Social Work, 15:2*, 141-156.

Rinkel, M. (2011). *Creating opportunities for all: A qualitative study of the reintegration of students with emotional/behavioral disorders to the mainstream environment*. (Doctoral dissertation).

Publications – non refereed

Rinkel, M. (2015). Suicide in the schools [Review of the book *Suicide in the schools: A practitioner's guide to multi-level prevention, assessment, intervention and postvention*]. *The New Social Worker, 22(2)*, 31.

Rinkel, M. et al. (2018). Needs Assessment of the Health and Social Needs of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood.

Rinkel, M. et al. (2014). Measurement of Benchmarks 2014: A Cooperative Project between HPU School of Social Work and Healthy Start Oahu.

Rinkel, M. et al. (2013). Participant Needs Assessment 2013: The Community Health Outreach Work to Prevent AIDS Project.

Rinkel, M. et al. (2012). Review of Social Services at Lighthouse Outreach Center: Waipahu, Hawaii.

Juried Presentations

Maynard, S. & Rinkel, M. (November, 2018). *Demystifying the Process of Designing Simulations to Assess CSWE Competencies*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

Rinkel, M. & Powers, M. (July, 2018). *Next Steps for Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability: Educating Social Workers in the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals*. Social Work, Education and Social Development Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

Rinkel, M. (June, 2016). *Sitting in the Grey: How Social Work Practice Influences Spiritual Development*. International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Singapore.

Rinkel, M. (June, 2016). *Infusing Social Work Education with Principles of Social Sustainability*. Social Work and Sustainable Development Conference, Seoul, Korea.

Rinkel, M. (October, 2015). *Utilizing the Case Study Method to Teach Social Sustainability in Social Work*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Larsen, K. & Rinkel, M. (October, 2014). *Religion and Spirituality in Social Work: Changing Rhetoric to Practice*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Rinkel, M. & Larsen, K. (October, 2014). *Spirituality's Place in the Curriculum: Are We Listening to Practitioners*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Rinkel, M. (May, 2014). *The Advocacy Partnership: Working with EBD students to successfully reintegrate*. National School Social Work Association, Chicago, IL.

Rinkel, M. (May, 2012). *Self-advocacy Among Students Labeled Emotionally-Behaviorally Disordered: Six Cases of Complicated Reintegration*. Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Rinkel, M. (October, 2010). *Barriers to the Kinship Search Process*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

Rinkel, M. (June, 2010). *Returning Where You Have Failed: Lessons from a Qualitative Study of Students with Emotional-Behavioral Disorders Reintegrating into the Mainstream*. Midwest Qualitative Research Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Rinkel, M., Reinardy, J., & Eaton, C. (August, 2009). *Decision Counseling Practice with Older Adults*. School of Social Work CEUs on a Stick, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

Rinkel, M. & Gibson, P. (2008, October). *Kinship Searches: Increasing the Knowledge Base of Social Workers*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Reinardy, J., Eaton, C. & Rinkel, M. (2008, October). *More Than Senior Moments: A Primer for Social Work Educators*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Panel presentation. (2008, March). *Pursuing a Doctoral Education*. Minnesota Social Service Association Conference, Bloomington, MN.

Rinkel, M. & Eaton, C. (2007, October). *Decision Counseling with Older Adults: The Use of Multi-attribute Utility Theory*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

Invited Presentations

Rinkel, M. (2017, October). *Developing Attention to Ethics: Work with Volunteers and Paraprofessionals*. Delivered to social workers on Oahu.

Rinkel, M. (2015, July, October). *Ethics and Technology in Social Work Practice*. Delivered to social workers on Oahu and Maui.

Rinkel, M. (2014, June, July). *Ethics and Boundaries of Rural Social Work Practice*. Delivered to social workers on Oahu and Maui.

Rinkel, M. (2010, June, July, August). *Ethics and Boundaries of Rural Social Work Practice*. Delivered to 6 counties in Western Wisconsin.

Rinkel, M. (2009, February). *Boundaries 101: Ethics and the volunteer worker*. St. Croix ARDC, River Falls, WI.

Eaton, C. & Rinkel, M. (2007, October). *Decision Counseling with Older Adults: The Use of Multi-attribute Utility Theory*. School of Social Work Doctoral Colloquium, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

Awards

Oral Presentation Award (2016) for the paper *Sitting in the Grey: How Social Work Practice Influences Spiritual Development* at the International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Singapore.

Hawai'i Pacific University's Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Mentoring (2016).

Professional Affiliations

National Association of Social Workers
Council on Social Work Education
Baccalaureate Program Directors

Professional Social Work Experience

Windstone, Clinical Social Worker Honolulu, HI	2018-2019
CitySongs Youth Program, Social Work Director St. Paul, MN	2005 – 2006
Intermediate School District #917, School Social Worker Rosemount, MN	2001 – 2005
Polk County Human Services, Mental Health Director Balsam Lake, WI	1999 – 2000

Northern Pines Community Services, Mental Health Director Cumberland, WI	1997 – 1999 Clinical Social Worker 1996 - 1997
Counseling Associates, Clinical Social Worker St. Croix Falls, WI	1994 – 1996
Northern Pines Community Services, Clinical Social Worker Cumberland, WI	1992 – 1994
Women’s Health Center, Individual and Family Therapist Mason City, IA	1991 – 1992
United Way of Greater Duluth, Community Planner Duluth, MN	1990 – 1991
Care First, Inc. , Nursing Home Social Worker Minneapolis, MN	1989 – 1990
Community Hospital/Nursing Home, Social Services Director Spooner, WI	1987 – 1989