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Education

- DSW** University of Alabama, **Social Work** | Expected Graduation *May 2026*
Capstone: TBA
Committee: Dr. Dione King, **Chair**/Dr. Karen Johnson, **Member**
Concentration: Clinical
Areas of Interest: Evidence-Based Practices, Implementation Science, Child & Adolescent Mental Health, and Administration and Leadership.
- MBA** Northern Kentucky University, **Business Administration** | May 2023
Concentration: Human Resource Management and Leadership
- MSW** Marshall University, **Social Work** | May 2018
Concentration: Clinical
- BSW** Marshall University, **Social Work** | May 2016

Areas of Interests

Diagnostic Disparities in Mental Health Care, Culturally Responsive Mental Health Care, Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) and Play-Based Interventions, Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) and Implementation in Behavioral Health, Social Work Education, Leadership and Student Development, Rural and Decolonized Approaches to Policy and Practice

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor

Marshall University, Social Work Department, Huntington, WV | October 2021-Present

Teaching and advising students, participating in outcomes assessments, and engaging in various research projects; seeking and securing external funding to support research interests, outreach programs, and special projects; maintaining accreditation standards; and participating in university and professional service.

Administrative Appointments

Assistant MSW Program Director

Marshall University, Social Work Department, Huntington, WV | October 2024-Present

Collaborate with the MSW Program Director to manage program operations, including curriculum planning, faculty support, and accreditation compliance. Coordinate outcomes assessment to ensure program quality, provide academic advising, support program development, assist in strategic planning, and contribute to the MSW program's growth through collaboration and innovation.

MSW Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator

Marshall University, Social Work Department, Huntington, WV | October 2021-Present

Collaborate with faculty and key stakeholders to develop and implement strategies for attracting and retaining students. Analyze current trends in student admissions and identify potential barriers to enrollment. Execute outreach initiatives to promote a diverse and engaged applicant pool.

Teaching & Advising

Teaching

Assistant Professor, Social Work

Marshall University, Social Work Department, Huntington, WV

Instructor, Spring | 2024- Current

- SWK 531: Foundations of Social Work Practice II

Instructor, Fall, Spring, Summer | 2023- Current

- SWK 631: Ethical Leadership in Human Services

Instructor, Spring & Summer | 2022- Current

- SWK 670: Advanced Theory & Practice with Children and Adolescents

Instructor, Fall | 2022- Current

- SWK 511: Foundations of Human Behavior and the Social Environment

Instructor, Fall | 2022- Current

- SWK 511: Foundations of Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- SWK 614: Administrative Social Work Practice in Behavioral Health

Instructor, Fall | 2022- Current

- SWK 616: Policy Practice in Behavioral Health Care

Instructor, Summer | 2022- 2023

- SWK 631: Integrate Behavioral Health Models & Practice

Additional Instruction

Instructor, Fall, Spring | 2022- Current

- SWK 261: Head Start Para Social Work

Advising

Graduate Student Academic Advisor

Academic advisor to MSW students, guiding course selection, program planning completion, and academic support. Assisting students in professional development, career planning, and preparation for licensure.

Academic Summary

- Spring 2025: 20 students advising (approx. 40 hours)
- Fall 2024: 17 students advising (approx. 35 hours)
- Summer 2024: 23 students advising (approx. 45)
- Spring 2024: 23 students advising (approx. 55 hours)
- Fall 2023: 24 students (approx. 60 hours)
- Summer 2023: 10 students (approx. 30 hours)
- Spring 2023: 10 students (approx. 30 hours)
- Fall 2022: 10 students (approx. 30 hours)

Contracts, Grants, and Sponsored Research

Harris, Shikeal D (Principal), Linz, Marianna Footo (Co-Principal), "Marshall University BHWET (MUBHWET): Expanding Behavioral Health Access in Vulnerable Populations," Sponsored by HRSA, Marshall University, \$2,397,354.00 | **Submitted& Received: Jan 21, 202/Under Review**

Loftus, Sarah (Principal), Harris, Shikeal (BH Admin Liaison), Dingess, Jessa (Clinical Supervisor), "The Neighborfood Ecosystem Initiative," Sponsored by Pallontine Foundation of Huntington, Local | January 2025 - Present

Rymer, Paula (Principal), Harris, Shikeal (Co-Principal), "MU SPEAC," Sponsored by SAMSHA, Marshall University, \$204,000.00 | August 31, 2023 - Present

Harris, Shikeal (Principal), "Marshall University Pipeline Behavioral Health," Sponsored by Higher Education Policy Commission, State, \$67,459.00 | May 13, 2022 - September 30, 2022

Presentations, Invited Lectures, & Panels

Jefferson, K. (Presenter), Harris, S. (Co-Presenter), 2025 Inagural ACEs Conference: "Prevent. Treat. Heal Conference, "Play Therapy: The Principles & Path to Positive Outcomes," WV ACES Coalition, | Accepted 2025

Jefferson, K. (Presenter), Harris, S. (Co-Presenter), 2025 NASW WV Spring CE Conference for Social Workers, "Play Therapy: The Principles & Path to Positive Outcomes," National Association of Social Workers, WV Chapter, Charleston Civic Center. | Accepted 2025

Harris, S. (Presenter), 2025 Cabell County Middle School and High School Winter Conference, "Empowering Conversations: Talking to Students of Color About Mental Health," Cabell County Schools, Huntington High School | January 3, 2025

Harris, S. (Panelist), WV Collegiate Suicide Prevention Conference, "Minority Mental Health Panel," Marshall University Social Work Department, Marshall University | March 6, 2023

Harris, S. (Panelist), Minority Mental Health Lunch and Learn, Marshall University Counseling Center, Marshall University | March 1, 2023

Harris, S. (Panelist), Dick, S. (Panelist), Gandy, M. (Panelist), Student Success Summit, "Behavioral Health Career Pathways: Engaging Students and Partners," Higher Education Policy Commission, Charleston Civic Center | July 14, 2022

Media Contributions

Podcast: Appalachian Care Chronicles | July 18, 2023

Appalachian Care Chronicles follows a variety of problem-solvers, change-makers, and daily helpers, behind the scenes and on the front lines, to shine a light on what they do day-to-day and how they got there.

WSAZ (TV): Marshall University MSW Social Work Programs | September 1, 2022

"Marshall University is giving a chance for those in the social work field to further their education without the trip to the classroom."

Service

University Service

- Member, General Education Council, Marshall University | 2025- Present
- Member, Faculty Senate, Marshall University | 2024- Present
- Faculty Marshal, Commencement, Marshall University | 2021-Present
- Advisor, Student Social Welfare Organization, Marshall University | 2022- Present
- Content Expert, Emotional Intelligence Micro-Credential, Marshall University | 2024-2025

College Service

- Committee Member, Public Health Advisory Committee, Marshall University | July 1, 2024 - Present
- Advisory Board Member, COHP Research Center for the Prevention of Suicide, Marshall University | 2023- Present
- Committee Member, Search Committee: COHP-Dean, Marshall University | 2024

Department Service

- Member, Curriculum Committee, Marshall University | August 2024 - Present
- Chair, MSW Admissions Committee, Marshall University | January 2022 - Present
- Member, Search Committee-Grad Social Work Program, Marshall University | 2024
- Member, Search Committee-Social Work, Marshall University | 2023

- Advisor, Phi Alpha Honor Society Sigma Mu Chapter, Social Work, Marshall University | 2021-Present
- Coordinator, MSW Orientation, Marshall University | 2022- Present

Community Service

- Consultant, TLC Services/PeaceTree for Wellness | January 2025- Present
- Therapist, MU COHP Interdisciplinary Behavioral Health Center (Pro Bono), Marshall University | February 2022
- Contract Therapist, PeaceTree for Wellness | September 2022-April 2024
- Kids Workshop Facilitator, Peace Tree Kids Summer Camp, TLC Services | July 2023
- Coordinator, Andrea's Annual Dog Jog 5K, Marshall University | 2022-Present

Professional Service

- Master Trainer, WV ACES Coalition, ACES-WV | March 2025- Present
- Member, Conference Planning Committee, NASW-WV | September 27, 2024- Present
- Member, Adverse Childhood Experiences Coalition of WV (WV ACES Coalition) | 2023-Present
- Trainer, Department of Human Services (DOHS) Title IVE | February 2023- Present
- Book Proposal Reviewer, Springer Publishing Company "Social Work and Mental Health: Evidence-Based Policy and Practice"(2nd Ed.)- Sylvia I Mignon | September 23, 2024

Licensures, Certifications, and Professional Training

Licensures

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), WV | *Under Supervision*

A licensed independent social worker performs duties within the scope of certified, graduate, and social workers. This includes: 1) Applying social work theory and methods for diagnosing and treating psychological dysfunctions and disorders. 2) Clinical practice relies on biological, psychological, and social development theories, emphasizing the individual's complex makeup. 3) It addresses interpersonal interactions, intrapsychic dynamics, and life management challenges. 4) Services include assessment, diagnosis, treatment (psychotherapy and counseling), advocacy, consultation, and evaluation, adhering to ethical standards.

Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), WV Board of Social Work | March 7, 2022 - Present

A licensed graduate social worker may perform all duties within the scope of practice of a licensed social worker and provisional social worker as well as: 1) Appropriately conduct social work education, formally teaching social work theory and methodology to bachelor's and master's level social work students. 2) Conduct clinical or psychotherapeutic services under the clinical supervision of another experienced and credentialed behavioral health professional, including individual, family, and group methodologies.

Certifications

- Registered Play Therapist (RPT), National Association for Play Therapy | In Progress

- Mental Health First Aid, National Council for Mental Wellbeing | October 18, 2024- Current

Professional Training and Associated Conferences Attended

Self-Study Program, "Diagnostic Interview for Anxiety, Mood, and OCD and Related Neuropsychiatric Disorders (DIAMOND) and the Child and Adolescent Version (DIAMOND-KID)," Hartford Healthcare Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT, United States. | January 2025 – May 2025

Self-Study Program, "DBT Essentials," The Association for Psychological Therapies, Thurnby, Leicester, United Kingdom. | June 27, 2024 - Present.

Workshop, "Mental Health First Aid," WVU Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry. | October 18, 2024

Workshop, "Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)," Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, United States. | September 3, 2024 - September 5, 2024

Conference Attendance, "2024 NASW WV Spring CE Social Work Conference," NASW-WV, Charleston, West Virginia, United States. | April 17, 2024 - April 19, 2024

Faculty Fellowship, "John Marshall Leadership Fellows Program," Marshall University, Huntington, WV, United States. | January 23, 2024 - April 16, 2024

Workshop, "Writing Winning Grants," Marshall University, Huntington, WV. | April 4, 2024 - April 5, 2024

Workshop, "Introduction to "Bringing the Protective Factors Framework To Life In Your Work"," Strengthening Families WV, Huntington, WV, United States. | March 30, 2024

Self-Study Program, "TeleMental Health Training Program," Telehealth Certification Institute LLC, Blacksburg, VA, United States. | February 24, 2024 - March 24, 2024

Workshop, "Work/Life balance in the Classroom," MU Center of Teaching and Learning, Huntington, WV. | November 8, 2023

Conference Attendance, "Association for Play Therapy International Conference," Association for Play Therapy, Palm Springs, California, United States. | October 10, 2023 - October 15, 2023

Conference Attendance, "2023 NASW WV Spring CE Social Work Conference," NASW-WV, Charleston, West Virginia, United States. | May 3, 2023 - May 5, 2023

Workshop, "Seven Traits of Effective Educators Pop Up Clinic," MU Center for Teaching and Learning, Huntington, WV. | April 11, 2023

Workshop, "CAMS Role-Play Training for Assessing and Treating Suicidal Risk," Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, United States. | April 6, 2023

Workshop, "Assisting Veterans/Families in Civilian Readjustment and Community Reintegration," West Virginia University1. | February 22, 2023

Workshop, "Introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy," NASW-NC. | February 4, 2023).

Faculty Training, "Designing Your Online Course", Quality Matters, Marshall University, Huntington, WV, United States | January 20, 2023

Workshop, "Human Trafficking: Identification, Outreach and Prevention," WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services, Huntington, WV, United States. | December 12, 2022

Conference Attendance, "Association for Play Therapy International Conference," Association for Play Therapy, St. Louis, Missouri, United States. | October 18, 2022 - October 23, 2022

Workshop, ""Parent Child Interaction Therapy" Workshop," NASW WV, Charleston, WV, United States. | September 20, 2022

Workshop, "Deconstructing Trauma: Understanding and Providing Trauma-Informed Care," WV Behavioral Health Workforce and Health Equity Training Center, Huntington, WV, United States. | May 19, 2022

Conference Attendance, "2022 Spring CE Social Work Conference," NASW-WV, Charleston, WV, United States. | May 4, 2022 - May 6, 2022

Seminar, "2021 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration," National Institute of Health. | November 1, 2021 - November 4, 2021

Professional Memberships

Association for Play Therapy (APT-WV)

West Virginia | May 2022-Present

The West Virginia Association for Play Therapy holds as its mission to be a branch of the Association for Play Therapy in West Virginia, thereby promoting to psychotherapists and to the public at large, when deemed necessary, the understanding of play and play therapy as a valid and worthwhile therapeutic practice.

National Association of Social Workers (NASW-WV)

Charleston, WV | April 2022-Present

Founded in 1955, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with more than 120,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

Honors/Awards

Member, Phi Alpha National Honor Society, Psi Chapter, The University of Alabama | April 2025
Student Representative, DSW Program Committee, University of Alabama | AY 2024-2025
Member, Omega Nu Lambda National Honor Society, Zeta Chapter, University of Alabama | October 2024
Member, Phi Alpha National Honor Society, Sigma Mu, Marshall University | February 2018

Professional Experience

Therapist

Marshall Health ProAct, Huntington, WV | March 2021-October 2021

Provide services for individuals with substance use disorders, including assessments, treatment planning, psychoeducation, and therapy. Assess individual and family needs to inform staffing, evaluations, and treatment plans. Coordinate with providers, patient navigators, and recovery coaches, and consult for external agencies. Collaborate with patient navigators for referrals to supportive agencies as needed.

Quick Response Team (QRT) and Mental Health Coordinator (MHC)

City of Charleston Mayor's Office, Charleston, WV | December 2019- December 2021

Develop and coordinate the Mental Health Initiatives and Quick Response Team. Track and analyze city overdose data. Evaluate and enhance operations and outreach efforts. Establish and maintain community partnerships. Facilitate responses and follow-ups for overdose and mental health cases. Conduct outreach to unsheltered and vulnerable individuals. Connect them to appropriate resources, treatment/services.

Substance Abuse Counselor and TR Therapist

Beckley Comprehensive Treatment Center, Beckley, WV | December 2018-December 2019

Conduct initial and follow-up assessments to determine the patient's needs. Evaluate the patient's requirements and establish the necessary level of care. Plan, oversee, facilitate, and document the patient's recovery. Provide individual, family, and group therapy. Offer case management as needed.

School-Based Supportive Counselor

Pretera Health Services, Huntington, WV | August 2017-October 2018

Conduct and complete psychosocial assessments. Collaborate with treatment team members to develop treatment plans after assessing and identifying needs. Provide supportive interventions to aid in practicing skills learned in therapy. Continuously assess and reassess needs, schedule reviews of treatment plans, offer targeted case management (TCM) services and advocate for clients in collaborative team settings.

Home Resource Coordinator

Necco Foster Care and Counseling, Cross Lanes, WV | May 2016-August 2017

Recruiting, training, certifying, retaining, and completing the home study process and approval necessary to become a foster home to achieve permanence for children in the agency's care.

References

Available Upon Request