

DUSTIN ROBERSON, DSW, MBA

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EDUCATION

DSW	University of Kentucky, Social Work	May 2023
MBA	Union University, Business Administration	May 2021
MSW	Union University, Social Work	May 2018
BSED	University of Memphis, Education	May 2015

SCHOLARSHIP (1 BOOK CHAPTER, 2 PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS, 6 CURRENT PROPOSALS)

Under Review:

Bleakley, P., Trafford, M., Roberson, D. The weight of adversity: assessing the link between sexting-related deception and adverse childhood experiences. *Crime and Delinquency*. (Submitted 6/26/26).

Trafford, M., Roberson, D., Bleakley, P. Beyond Developmental Pathways: Sexual Development, Technology Adoption, and Attitudes Toward Sexting-Related Deception. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*. (Submitted 8/13/2026)

*Roberson, D., Case, A., Baker, J. Redefining Doctoral Education in Social Work: Preparing DSW Graduates for Leadership and Implementation in Practice Settings. *Journal of Social Work Education*. (Submitted 8/14/2026)

Revise and Resubmit:

*Jones, A. Roberson, D., Adams, K., Brown, A.D., Munn, K., & Powell, K. Quality Improvement Approach to Revealing the Hidden Curriculum: Experiences of First-Generation Students in an Online MSW Program.

*Ahmed, S M., Roberson, D., Hossain, M. Comparing effects of socratic and scientific questioning on research-related anxiety, self-efficacy, and understanding among social work students. *Teaching Educational Research Methods*.

Roberson, D., Keller, M. Improving Higher Education Outcomes for Aging-Out Foster Youth Through University Supports: A Conceptual Review. *Child Welfare Journal*.

Published:

Roberson, D (Contributing Author). (2025). CSWE Disaster Relief Curricular Guide – EPAS Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior. *Educational policy and accreditation standards*. https://www.cswe.org/getmedia/343edbc9-2925-4464-91e2-61062b031cf0/FINAL-DisasterV1_WEB.pdf

Roberson, D. (2023). Are Stand-Alone Psychoeducational Models Effective for Court-Ordered Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder?, *University of Kentucky UKnowledge*.

Book Chapter:

Roberson, D. (2025). Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor. In M. Sage & L. I. Hitchcock (Eds.), *101 things to do with a social work degree* (pp. 140). We Social Work, LLC.

Manuscripts in Progress:

Roberson, D., Llamosa, P, Keller, M., Escobar-Ratliff, L., Wetmur, A. *Analyzing the Value of the DSW Degree through Student Perspectives*.

*Indicates student collaboration

PRESENTATIONS

Roberson, D; Keller, M. “What is a DSW? Articulating Your Degree with Confidence and Choosing a Concentration” University of Kentucky Residency Week. July 9, 2026.

Keller, M., Llamosa, P., Roberson, D. “Attending to Refugees’ Post-Settlement Mental Health Needs: Implications for Competent Practice.” Kentucky Refugee and Immigrant Inclusion Summit. Lexington, KY. June 18, 2026.

*Jones, A., Roberson, D., Munn, K., Brown, A., Powell, K., Adams, K. “Quality Improvement Approach to Revealing the Hidden Curriculum: Experiences of First-Generation Students in an Online MSW Program”, Poster Presentation at Resilience Conference. Nashville, TN. April 12-14, 2026.

Roberson, D; Keller, M. “What is a DSW? Articulating Your Degree with Confidence and Choosing a Concentration” University of Kentucky Residency Week. July 17, 2025

Keller, M., Llamosa, P., Roberson, D., “Attending to Refugees’ Post-Settlement Mental Health Needs: Implications for Competent Practice.” Lecture at National Association of Forensic Social Workers Conference. New Orleans, LA. May 28-30, 2025.

Roberson, D. “Are Stand-Alone Psychoeducational Models Effective for Court-Ordered Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder? NACSW Convention, Dallas, Texas, October 10-13, 2024

Trauma Informed Care Master Class: Trauma and Substance Abuse, Union University, September 11, 2020

Juvenile Justice Reform Act, MSW Social Work Day on the Hill, Tennessee State Capitol, March 28, 2018.

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RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS

*Spencer Foundation

PI: Dr. Antonio Garcia

Contributors: Dr. Dustin Roberson, Dr. Audrey Schnell, Elisa Sequeira

Proposed Research: *“Cultivating and Supporting the Educational and Career Aspirations of Youth Aging out of Foster Care”*

Requested: \$200,000 – Awaiting Decision

Children’s Justice Act

Proposed Research: *“A Better Bluegrass: A Qualitative Study on Frontline DCBS Workers Addressing the Needs of High Acuity Youth”*

Requested: \$61,000 – Not Funded

Madison County Opioid Settlement Grant

Proposed Research: *“A Qualitative Study on Improving the Opioid Epidemic in Madison County, Tennessee”*

Requested: \$75,000 – Not Funded

2024 Bruce and Jane Walsh Grant in Memory of John Hollard

Proposed Research: *“What is the Correlation Between Toxic Workplace Culture and Mental Health Diagnosis?”*

Requested: \$12,500 – Not Funded

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Alcohol and Drug Treatment
- Child Welfare System
- Higher Education
- Medical Social Work
- Criminal Justice System

ACADEMIA POSITIONS

University of Kentucky

Clinical Instructor (In-Person): July 2025 - Present

Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor (Remote): June 2024 – June 2025

Part-Time Instructor (Remote): August 2023-May 2024

Total Unique Courses Taught: 9

Total Unique Courses Coordinated: 8, Total Sections: 86

Total Unique Courses Redeveloped: 1

Programs Taught: BASW, MSW, DSW

Modalities Taught: In-Person, Hybrid, Online

Latest Update: April 3, 2026

- Summer 2024
 - SW852 Introduction to Doctoral Studies! (DSW, 20 students)
 - SW853 Contemporary Social Work Concepts! (2 sections, DSW, 45 students)
- Fall 2024
 - SW853 Contemporary Social Work Concepts! (DSW, 16 students)
 - SW856 Science of Social Work! (DSW, 21 students)
 - SW859 Statistics for Social Workers! (2 sections, DSW, 44 students)
 - SW855 Supervision, Ethics, and Professional Boundaries!+ (DSW, 11 sections)
- Winter 2024
 - SW630 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy and Services! (MSW, 7 students)
- Spring 2025
 - SW865 Foundational Theory!+ (DSW, 11 sections)
 - SW865 Foundational Theory! (DSW, 23 students)
 - SW859 Statistics for Social Workers!+ (11 sections)
 - SW859 Statistics for Social Workers! (DSW, 31 students)
- Summer 2025
 - SW852 Introduction to Doctoral Studies!+ (DSW, 8 sections)
 - SW853 Contemporary Social Work Concepts!+ (DSW, 7 sections)
 - SW853 Contemporary Social Work Concepts! (DSW, 17 students)
- Fall 2025
 - SW300 Social Work Practice 1^ (BASW, 39 students)
 - SW422 Human Behavior and Social Environment^ (BASW, 20 students)
 - SW422 Human Behavior and Social Environment! (BASW, 27 students)
 - SW650 Research Methods!+ (MSW, 10 sections)
 - SW859 Statistics for Social Workers!+ (DSW, 11 sections)
- *Spring 2026
 - SW300 Social Work Practice 1^ (BASW, 25 students)
 - SW650 Research Methods> (MSW, 19 students)
 - SW650 Research Methods!+ (MSW, 9 sections)
 - SW859 Statistics for Social Workers!+ (DSW, 8 sections)
- Summer 2026
 - SW650 Research Methods# (MSW)
 - SW892 Colloquium 1! (DSW, 20 students)
 - SW852 Introduction to Doctoral Studies! (DSW, 15 students)
- Fall 2026
 - SW124 Intro to Social Work and Diverse Populations*^ (BASW, 38 students)
 - SW300 Social Work Practice 1^ (BASW, 31 students)
 - SW650 Research Methods!+ (MSW, 10 sections)
 - SW859 Statistics for Social Workers!+ (DSW, 8 sections)

***Teaching Assistant**
+Course Coordinator
!Online
^In-person
>Hybrid
#Redeveloped Course

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

- A. Case. DSW Student Capstone Faculty Advisor – IRB Capstone Project
- E. Sequeira. DSW Student Research Project Collaboration
 - Pending Grant Approval
- Practicum reference for BASW Students (4 students)
- Ph.D. Teaching Assistant
 - F. Ahmed (Spring 2026)
 - L. Tuladhar (Fall 2026)
- Academic Reference (3 students)

STUDENT AND PEER NOMINATIONS

- G. Taylor (DSW Student) – Sullivan Award (University of Kentucky)
- N. Popham (PTI) – PTI of the Year (University of Kentucky College of Social Work, People First, People Always Award)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Inpatient Social Work Manager, West Tennessee Healthcare

Jackson, Tennessee

July 2023-July 2024

- Responsible for 17 inpatient social workers within a 600-bed acute care hospital.
- Assist with complex discharge plans for patients with severe needs.
- Provide continuing education each month on case management services.

Case Manager, Tennessee Baptist Children's Home

Jackson, Tennessee

January 2023-June 2023

- Carry a caseload of at least 10 children and foster families to ensure the child received adequate resources.
- Recruit, train, and equip foster families with resources to care for children in the child welfare system.
- Advocate for the child's best interest in meetings and in court sessions.

College of Social Work Ambassador, University of Kentucky

Lexington, Kentucky

August 2022-May 2023

- Speak with prospective DSW students about the program

Recovery Court Coordinator/Substance Abuse Instructor, Hope Restored Counseling

Jackson, Tennessee

August 2017 to December 2022

- Facilitate Intensive Outpatient Programs, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Relapse Prevention, Prime 420, and DUI School groups.
- Oversee a misdemeanor Recovery Court with an average of 15 participants in rural West Tennessee.
- Partner with local business to provide incentives for positive behavior.

SERVICE

Service to the Profession:

- CSWE Council Member on Practice Methods and Specializations (CPMS)
 - July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
- CSWE Disaster Relief Curricular Guide – EPAS Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior, Co-Author
 - February 28, 2024 – October 31, 2025
- Tennessee Association of Recovery Court Professionals – Annual Conference Planning Committee
 - 2020-2022

Ad Hoc Reviewer:

- Christianity and Social Work Journal. (1 article, 2025)
- Child and Family Social Work Journal (2 articles, 2025)

Service to the University of Kentucky and College of Social Work

- **Student Engagement**
 - Student Engagement and Individual Meetings– K Week
 - On-Campus DSW Rez Week Faculty Presence and Individual Meetings ('25, '26)
 - DSW Showcase for Scholars Moderator ('25, '26)
 - Big Blue New Student Orientation
- **Committee Service**
 - Assistant Professor Search Committee (Member, 2026-2027)
 - Admission and Retention Committee (Co-Chair, 2026-2027)
 - Doctoral Committee (2026-2027)
 - Curriculum Committee (2026-2027)

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

People First, People Always: Outstanding Teacher of the Year (Nominated)

Nominated to receive the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award for the College of Social Work in 2026.

MSW Outstanding Student

2018

Voted MSW Outstanding Student from my cohort in 2018. The voting consisted of my colleagues and professors.

MSW Advocate Award

2018

Presented at Social Work Day on the Hill at the Tennessee State Capitol Building on Juvenile Justice Reform Policy with two colleagues. The School of Social Work presented the MSW Advocate Award to me based on my presentation at the State Capitol.

MSW Essay Award

2018

The School of Social Work presented me with this award based on the essay that I wrote about my experience in my field practicum with the City of Jackson Recovery Court.

TRAININGS

Teaching Executive Skills, April 16-18, 2026, Learning and The Brain

Digital Teaching and Learning Conference, February 4-5, 2026, UPCEA

Understanding Student Expectations: The First Week of Classes, January 15, 2026, University of Kentucky CELT

Teaching Whole Learners, November 14-15, 2025, Learning and The Brain

EDUCASE 2025 Conference, November 12-13, 2025

First-Generation Student and Faculty Workshop Series, Fall 2025 (5 weeks), University of Kentucky CELT

Coaching Students on Reading, February 26, 2025, University of Kentucky CELT

Better Practices in Student Peer Review, February 17, 2025, University of Kentucky CELT

Teaching Approaches for Student Wellbeing: UDL and Trauma Informed Perspectives, February 13, 2025, University of Kentucky CELT

College Teaching Excellence: Aspiring to New Heights, February 12-13, 2025, SAGE

Safeguarding Social Work Education and Science in Uncertain Time, February 11, 2025, CSWE

Reaffirming Social Work Values in Uncertain Times, February 11, 2025, University of Southern California School of Social Work

Inviting Students to Reflect on their Learning: Exam Wrappers and Other Strategies, February 3, 2025, University of Kentucky CELT

Inclusive Teaching and Learning: What I Have Learned from My Students, December 12, 2024, STLHE

Aligning Your Classroom Use of AI with Instructional Goals, November 25, 2024,
University of Kentucky CELT

Launching Your SoTL Project Workshop, November 7, 2024, University of Kentucky
CELT

CELT Workshop: Using Canva for Collaborative Learning, November 6, 2024,
University of Kentucky CELT

CSWE APM 2024, October 24, 2024 – October 27, 2024

**Helping Skills: Combining Exploration, Insight, and Action to Teach the Helping
Professions**, October 19, 2024

Pearson Ed Tech Symposium 2024: Empowering Educators with AI, October 9, 2024

Unlocking the Power of Belonging in Your Course, September 12, 2024
Top Hat, Presenter: Dr. Terrell Strayhorn

Teaching Students to be Skilled Users of AI, September 9, 2024
University of Kentucky CELT

Prime for Life, 2018
Certification to teach DUI School and Prime 420

Moral Reconciliation Therapy, 2019
Certification to teach Moral Reconciliation Therapy

TARCP State Conference, 2017-2019, 2021
Annual Recovery Court Conference for Tennessee Recovery Courts

**Dilutes, Creatinine & Tampering Guidance for Abstinence Monitoring in Treatment
Courts**, August 26, 2021

**Recovery as a Paradigm to Build an Effective US Infrastructure for Substance Use
Disorders: Implications for Racial Health Equity**, March 29, 2021

Facts About Fentanyl, April 25, 2022

**Critical Elements for Implementing the Officer Intervention Pathway of Pre-Arrest
Diversion**, January 27, 2022

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Council on Social Work Education, 2022-Present

DSWSC, 2021-2023

I was a member of the DSW Student Organization in 2021, voted President by my colleagues in 2022, and returned to being a member in 2023 at the University of Kentucky.

National Society of Academic Excellence, 2021-2023

National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, 2020-2023

Tennessee Association for Recovery Court Professionals, 2017-2022