

Michelle M. Salopek

Curriculum Vita

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy

Educational Leadership
The Pennsylvania State University: University Park, PA
(Expected August, 2013)

Master of Social Work

Emphasis in Community Social Work Practice
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York: Buffalo, NY
(Awarded May, 2008)

Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Studies

Emphasis in Children & Youth
The Pennsylvania State University: University Park, PA
Awarded May 2006

Awards & Honors

- Recipient Research Initiation Grant, Department of Education, 2012-2013
- Recipient of the Edward and Susan Wilson Graduate Scholarship, 2012-2013
- Recipient Graduate Assistantship Pennsylvania State University, 2009 to present
- Recipient of the Baird Family Scholarship, 2003
"Awarded to students who have achieved superior academic records and have the potential for future academic successes."
- Board of Trustees Scholarship: 2004, 2005, 2006
- Inducted National Society for Collegiate Scholars, 2003
- Inducted Kappa Omicron Nu, National Honor Society in Human Development, 2004
- Dean's List, (total of seven semesters)
- Recipient of the Lederer Kemmerer Scholarship
awarded to "students with superior academic record", 2005
- Graduated Pennsylvania State University (final GPA 3.8)

- Admitted to the University at Michigan Masters in Social Work program, 2006, ranked number one for the past ten years according to U.S. News (declined)
- Admitted to the University at Pittsburgh Masters in Social Work program, 2006 (declined)
- Admitted to Temple University Masters in Social Work program, 2006 (declined)
- Volunteer of the month, Centre Crest Nursing Home, 1995
- Admitted to The Pennsylvania State University Doctor of Education Program, 2008
- Nominated for Graduate Student Clark Seminar in Educational Administration, 2010

Licenses, Certifications, & Affiliations

- Member of the University Council for Educational Administration, 2010-present
- Member of National Organization for Women
- Education Policy Studies Students Association, Secretary, 2010/2011
- CPht Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician, 2006-present
- Member of the National Association of Social Workers, 2007
- Member of the American Educational Research Association, 2009-present
- Licensed Master Social Worker, New York State, 2008-present

Related Work Experience

Research Assistant Department of Education and Policy Studies

Rock Ethics Institute & Willower Center for the Study of Leadership & Ethics

Pennsylvania State University (August 2011 to present)

University Park, PA

- Conduct interviews for the Youth Civic Engaged Research Project
- Collect field notes for Youth Civic Engaged Research Project
- Collaborate on research publications with four other members of the research team
- Manage the process of obtaining informed consents forms for the research project
- Update Rock Ethics Institute Website
- Film and edit ethics education media to be posted on the Rock's Website and YouTube page.
- Assist in conference planning

Teaching Assistant Education and Policy Studies

Education in American Society

Pennsylvania State University (August 2009 to present)

University Park, PA

- Teach two weekly seminar classes to approximately sixty students
- Assist professor with tasks such as exam preparation,, and testing services
- Manage course management technology
- Grade students' weekly homework assignments, papers, & presentations

Inpatient Hospital Pharmacy Technician

Department of Veterans Affairs (December 2008 to August 2009)
Syracuse, NY

- Prepare intravenous medications in a sterile environment
- Fill daily inpatient medications and deliver to hospital floors
- Maintain medications in hospital automated drug storage devices

Crisis Intervention Counselor

Family Resource Center Harvey Austin Middle School (September 2007 to May 2008)
Buffalo Area School District: Buffalo, NY

- Collect data relating to student disciplinary actions and track in the Swiss database
- Research School violence
- Investigate possible grant opportunities
- Join the "Stop the Violence" Initiative: Buffalo, NY

Program Director

In Home Respite Care for a parent or guardian with at least one child with a mental health diagnosis

The Mental Health Association in Niagara County (January 2007 to present)
Lockport, NY

- Manage approximately twelve childcare workers
- Responsible for program's overall success; payroll, hiring, conduct intake assessments, monthly written reports.

In-Home Respite Childcare Worker

The Mental Health Association in Niagara County (January 2006 to present)
Lockport, NY

- Provide respite services to families with a child diagnosed with a mental illness

Program Coordinator

The Mental Health Association in Niagara County (January 2007 to July 2007)
Lockport, NY

- Coordinated daily responsibilities of the program
- Same as Program Director position without decision-making capabilities

Support Group Facilitator

The Mental Health Association in Niagara County (January 2007 to August 2007)
Lockport, NY

- Traumatic Bereavement Groups

- Caregiver Groups

Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Pharmacy (November 1998 to August 2006)

State College, PA

- Thorough understanding of psychopharmacologic medications and treatment for mental health diagnoses

Internships

Masters-level Intern

Family Resource Center Harvey Austin Middle School (September 2007 to May 2008)

Buffalo Area School District: Buffalo, NY

- Collect data relating to student disciplinary actions and track in the Swiss database
- Research School violence
- Investigate possible grant opportunities
- Join the "Stop the Violence" Initiative: Buffalo, NY

Masters-level Intern

The Mental Health Association in Niagara County (September 2006 to May 2007)

- Work alongside registered licensed clinical social worker

Cancer Control Intern

American Cancer Society (January 2006 to May 2006)

State College, PA

- Planned the Annual Survivor Conference with approximately one-hundred guests that was held at the Nittany Lion Inn April 6, 2006
- Conduct Phone Surveys for the Centre County Tobacco Coalition

Paid Summer Intern

Capital Area Early Childhood Training Institute (May 2004 to August 2004)

Harrisburg School District

Harrisburg, PA

- Researched family school partnerships
- Developmental assistant for the Pennsylvania's Pathways Program
- Collaborate alongside a coordinator from the Harrisburg School District's Homeless initiative that advocates for homeless students.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant Education and Policy Studies

Education in American Society

Pennsylvania State University (August 2009 to May 2011)
University Park, PA

- Taught and prepared lesson plans for two sections of approximately 30 students
- Taught presentation to 250 students “Student Resiliency: Looking Beyond Behaviors”
- Responsible for grading weekly homework assignments, papers, and presentations

Presentation to Preservice Teachers

State College Area School District (spring, 2011)

“Measures of Accountability in Teacher Education: Value Added Assessments”

Self-Esteem Presentations

Niagara Falls Middle School (December 2008)

- Prepared and presented two self-esteem lessons for middle school students
- Received a letter of gratitude from the principal saying that the lessons were presented “very skillfully and appropriately.”

Pennsylvania Pathways Program

Harrisburg, PA (Summer, 2004)

- Taught four emotional awareness lessons to kindergarten and fourth grade classes

Current Writing Projects in Process

Bergmark, U., Salopek, M., Kawai, R., & Lane, J., Mitra, D. Navigating within ethical dilemmas in schooling: A tool in school leaders’ decision-making.

Salopek, M., & Imler, J. Insight into policies governing student organizations from the Ethic of Care after *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*.”

Mayes, E., Salopek, M., Kawai, R., & Mitra, D. “Students conceptualizations of making a difference in student voice initiatives.”

Television Experience

Mental Health Association, Centre Spotlight

Lockport, NY (June 14, 2007)

- One hour interview discussing concepts such as traumatic grief and the process of bereavement

Conference Presentations

University Council for Educational Administration

Denver, CO (November, 2012)

"Influence of Ethics Training on Moral Reasoning among Pre-Service Education and Social Work Students"

17th Annual Values & Leadership Conference

Brisbane, Australia (October 2, 2012)

"Navigating Ethical Dilemmas in Leadership"

Annual UCEA Convention

Pittsburgh, PA (November, 18, 2011)

"The Ethical Implications of Democratic Leadership in K-12"

16th Annual Values & Leadership Conference

Victoria, British Columbia (September 26, 2011)

"Insight into policies governing student organizations from the Ethic of Care after Christian Legal Society v. Martinez"

4th Annual Moral Literacy Colloquium

Penn State University (February 5, 2011)

"Christian Legal Society v. Martinez: Consequences for Anti-Discrimination Policies in Higher Education."

Conferences Attended

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Conference

Baltimore, MD (May, 2012)

4th Annual Moral Literacy Colloquium

Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA (April, 2012)

American Educational Research Association Annual Conference

New Orleans, LA (April, 2011)

Law & Education Institute

Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA (June, 2010)

3rd Annual Moral Literacy Colloquium

Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA (February, 2010)

Values & Leadership Conference

Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA (October, 2009)

Gang Awareness Conference

Buffalo, NY (March, 2007)

Journal Therapy Conference

Buffalo, NY (December 2007)

Suicide Prevention & Awareness Conference

Niagara Falls, NY (October 2007)

Compeer New York State Conference

Rochester, NY (May, 2007)

Pennsylvania Pathways Program

State College, PA (2004)

Volunteer Experience

Aevidum Mental Health Anti-Stigma & Suicide Awareness Organization

Co-Advisor

Penn State University (2011 to Present)

- Present to High School Counseling Departments
- Serve as an advisor to the Penn State Aevidum Chapter
- Prepare written publications for the organization & Collegian Newspaper
- Advocate and promote Aevidum's mission

"I'm the Evidence Campaign"

Mental Health Association Ambassador

(2012 to Present)

"I'm the Evidence/Mental Health Campaign (ITE/MH) is a campaign to raise awareness about how each of us can positively impact the lives of people in mental health recovery, by honoring human potential, creating opportunities, and offering encouragement."

- Support in the campaign by encouraging others to participate and by sharing my own personal story

Out of the Darkness, Suicide Awareness Community Walk

State College, PA (2011/2)

- As an individual raised \$300 dollars for the cause and participated in the 5k with my Aevidum students

State College St. Patty's Day Community Safe Walk

State College, PA (2011)

Patrolled the downtown community for several hours to increase a sober presence in the community

University at Buffalo

UB Green Department (March 2007 to May 2008)

Buffalo, NY

- Presented poster presentation at university administration meeting discussing my concern relating to the overabundance of litter on the university campus
- My concerns and suggestions were utilized in the development of the *UB Clean* initiative Website.
- Participated in Campus Cleanup Day (September, 2007)

Big Brother/Big Sisters Mentor

Centre County Youth Service Bureau (February 2004 to August 2006)

State College, PA

- Mentor an at-risk child by developing weekly activities that encourage self esteem
- Although I have moved outside of the area, I still keep in touch with my mentee and brought her to NY over the summer for a visit

Nursing Home Volunteer

Centre Crest Nursing Home (February 1992- June 1995)

State College, PA

Halloween Trail Guide Actor

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center (October 2004)

- Act a play skit and teach children the importance of environmental awareness

Maintenance Volunteer

The State College Bureau (Fall and Spring, 1994)

State College, PA

- Maintained flower beds for the bureau