

## ***Linda K. P. Mertz, MSW, LCSW-R***

**EDUCATION**      **M.S.W.**, May 1990, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Major: Clinical Social Work

**B.A.**, May 1986, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY  
Major: Psychology

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2000 - present      **University at Albany, State University of New York, School of Social Welfare, Albany, NY**  
*Project Coordinator, Internships in Aging Project (2002 – present)*  
*University Based Field Instructor (2000 – 2002)*
- Responsible for overall management of a project initially funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation that recruits and trains MSW students to assume leadership positions in the field of gerontology. Program now has over 200 alumni.
  - From 2000-2003, participated with the Hartford Foundation and the New York Academy of Medicine to develop this innovative model of aging education for social workers. Attended collaborative sessions with the six other initial grantees to examine similarities in projects and develop best practices that became the cornerstones of the model which is now in over 60 schools of social work.
  - Developed and monitored field placement collaborations; acted as liaison to internship agencies and students.
  - Served a trainer for the New York Academy of Medicine to assist other schools of social work to adopt the model of aging education now called the Hartford Practicum Partnership Program for Aging Education; presented evaluation of program aspects at national social work conferences, wrote articles.
  - Coordinated efforts to infuse gerontology into the curriculum. Developed curricular modules on aging with Dr. Zvi Gellis as part of a Gero-Rich Grant in 2007-9; collaborated with faculty to integrate material in curriculum.
  - Worked with Albany Medical College and Albany School of Pharmacy to provide interdisciplinary training opportunities for social work and medical or pharmacy students.
  - Managed and supported working committees of students and community members to evaluate, support and improve program.
  - Managed budget of over \$300,000 per year (consisting of State, UAlbany Foundation and Research Funding).
  - Negotiated contracts with program funders and prepare periodic status reports as required by funders.
  - Wrote grants, sought funding sources, coordinated fundraising events, and supervised fundraising committee. Received grants from Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center, the Schenectady Foundation, Troy Savings Bank Foundation, United Way, the Jewish Federation and NY State Government. Created endowments with the Hearst Foundation and several local, smaller donors for a total of 5 endowments. Worked with local agencies to develop stipend supports including state offices, the VA, AARP, and Capital District Physicians Health Plan. Managed Americorps funding and reporting to create students stipends for 2 years.

*Project Coordinator, NYS Office of Mental Health/Dean's Consortium of Schools of Social Work Project for Evidence-based Practice in Mental Health (2018-present)*

- Coordinated state-wide collaboration of schools to offer a specialized field and classroom project for MSW students.
- Provided technical assistance to field and academic faculty.
- Planned annual meeting.

*Assistant Dean and Director, Continuing Education Program (2014- present)*

- Created and managed a continuing education program which creates over 60 workshops annually and has generated a profit each year.
- Submitted successful proposal to NYS Department of Education for program for social work continuing education in 2014 and then for Licensed Mental Health Counselors in 2016. Maintained ethical standards for awarding continuing education credit.
- Developed systems to solicit and evaluate presentations and mechanisms for payment, evaluation and data collection. Worked with all levels of administration to develop policies and procedures.
- Supervised (4 -5) student staff.
- Worked with Professional Development Program to provide trainings for state workers.
- Worked with School of Public Health to support online health related trainings.

*Co-Director, Navigator Program (2013-2014)*

- Created grant-funded program to assist individuals with enrollment in the Affordable Care Act.
- Created tracking and administrative systems for a \$600,000 grant funded through a subcontract the NYS Department of Health.
- Supervised a student employee staff of 9; handled all personnel paperwork and issues.
- Coordinated with community agencies to serve as outreach sites to connect with the uninsured. Agencies included colleges, social service agencies, and jails.
- Negotiated with funders; produced reports.

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| 2011 - 2013 | <b>Union College</b> , Schenectady, NY<br><i>Visiting Professor, Sociology</i>            |
| 2000 - 2004 | <b>Private Practice, Geriatric Care Manager</b>   |
| 1999 - 2000 | <b>Austen Riggs Center</b> , Stockbridge, MA<br><i>Social Worker- Temporary</i>           |
| 1995 - 1999 | <b>Friends Hospital</b> , Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Care Coordinator</i>                     |
| 1994 - 1995 | <b>Jewish Family and Children's Service</b> , Canton, MA<br><i>Clinical Social Worker</i> |
| 1990 - 1994 | <b>Valley Adult Counseling Service, Inc.</b> , Upton, MA<br><i>Clinical Social Worker</i> |

**SOCIAL WORK CONSULTATION AND SUPERVISION TO AGENCIES**

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| 2008-2011 | Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Inc.    |
| 2006-2008 | Catholic Charities Caregiver Support Program. |
| 2004-2006 | Senior Services of Albany                     |

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2000 - present      **University at Albany, State University of New York, School of Social Welfare, Albany, NY**
- Graduate courses: Internships in Aging Project Integrative seminar (RSSW 705), Micro Practice I (SSW620), Micro Practice II (SSW 621) traditional and blended online format, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Social Work Practice (RSSW 742) blended format, Comparative Approaches to Direct Treatment (RSSW 719).
  - Taught the Seminar in Field Education to new field instructors.
- 2011-2013      Union College, Schenectady NY
- Undergraduate sociology courses: Social Work and Human Services (SOC 205), Aging and Society (SOC 206) and Social Construction of Deviance (SOC 204).
- 1992-1999      Social Work Field Instructor
- Valley Adult Counseling Center (1992-1994)
  - Friends Hospital (1995-1999)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Maynard, S. P., Mertz, L.K.P., and Fortune, A. E. (2015) Off-site supervision in social work education: What makes it work?, *Journal of Social Work Education*, 51:3, 519-534.
- Mertz, L.K.P., Fortune, A. E. and Zendell, A. L. (2007) Promoting leadership skills in field education: A university-community partnership to bring macro and micro together in gerontological field placements. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 50(1/2), 173-186.
- Zendell, A.L, Fortune, A.E, Mertz, L.K.P., and Koelewyn, N (2007) University-community partnerships in gerontological social work: Building consensus around student learning. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 50 (1/2), 155-172.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Mertz, Linda K. P. “Managing Difficult Behaviors in People with Alzheimer’s Disease or Other Dementia”. Invitational presentation for Hallym University, Chuncheon, South Korea, January 8, 2015.
- Maynard, Sarah S.P., Mertz, Linda K.P. and Fortune, Anne E. “The Use of Off-site Supervision in Social Work Field Education”. Presented at the International Interdisciplinary Conference on Clinical Supervision, Garden City, NY, June 2014.
- Mertz, Linda K.P. “Integrating Theory and Practice: Cognitive Behavioral Treatment for Older Adults”. Presented to the NYS NASW 2011 Annual Power of Social Work Conference, Albany, NY, March 11, 2011.
- Mertz, Linda K. P. and Urbanski, P. “Integration of Evidence-Based Gerontology Content Modules into Non-Aging Advanced MSW Courses”. Presented to the NYS Social Work Educators Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY, October 15, 2009.
- Mertz, Linda K. P., Zendell, A, and Urbanski, P. “Integration of Evidence-Based Gerontology Content Modules into Non-Aging Advanced MSW Courses”. Presented to the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Conference, San Antonio, TX, February 28, 2009.
- Mertz, Linda K.P. “Rotations in Field Education: Field Instructors’ Perspectives”. Presented to the American Society on Aging Conference, Washington, DC, and March 29, 2008.
- Zendell, A, Mertz, L., and Fortune, A. “Off-Site Clinical Supervision: The Wave of the Future”. Presented to the NYS Social Work Education Association Conference, Saratoga, NY, October 6, 2007.

- Mertz, Linda K.P. and Zendell, Anna. "Off-Site Field Supervision in Gerontological Social Work: The Wave of the Future?". Presented to the American Society on Aging Conference, Chicago, IL, March 8, 2007.
- Fortune, Anne E, Mertz, Linda K.P., and Cooke Robbins, Virginia. "Missing in Action: Infusing Gerontology into Field Education". Presented to the CSWE Gero-Ed Forum, Charleston, SC, February 3, 2007.
- Fortune, Anne E, Mertz, Linda K.P., and Zendell, Anna. "Broadening the Scope: Use of Task Supervisors in Field Education". Presented to the International Interdisciplinary Conference on Clinical Supervision, Buffalo, NY, June 17, 2005.
- Mertz, Linda K. P. "A New Model for Field Education: Rotations in Field". Presentation to the University of Kentucky, College of Social Work Field Symposium, Lexington, KY, May 13, 2005.
- Mertz, Linda K.P. and Zendell, Anna. "Factors Associated with and Contributing to Changes in MSW Students' Attitudes Toward and Knowledge Base of Older Adults". Presentation at the American Society on Aging Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 12, 2005.
- Fortune, Anne E. and Mertz, Linda K.P.. "Perspectives of Field Instructors in a Rotational Field Model". Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Conference, New York, NY, March 1, 2005.
- Fortune, Anne E, Mertz, Linda K.P., and Kenaley, Bonnie. "Use of Task Supervisors in Field Education". Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Conference, New York, NY, February 27, 2005.
- Fortune, Anne E, Mertz, Linda K.P., and Zendell, Anna. "Factors Associated with and Contributing to Changes in MSW Students' Attitudes Toward and Knowledge Base of Older Adults". Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Conference, New York, NY, February 27, 2005.
- Fortune, Anne E, Garcia Chris, Mertz, Linda K.P., Kenaley, Bonnie and Zendell, Anna. "Building University – Community Partnerships: Education for Services to Older Adults". Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Conference, Anaheim, CA, February 28, 2004.
- Mertz, Linda K. P., Zendell, Anna, Hadden, Bernadette and Fortune, Anne. E. "Building University-Community Partnership: Education for Services to Older Adults". Presentation at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual NYS Social Work Education Association Conference, Rochester, NY, November 14, 2003.
- Mertz, Linda, Kenaley, Bonnie, Wozniak, Maria and Fortune, Anne E. "Encouraging Research in Field: Professional Development Projects of the Internships in Aging Project". Presentation at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual NYS Social Work Education Association Conference, Rochester, NY, November 13, 2003.
- Mertz, Linda K.P., Zendell, Anna and Zinoman, Michelle. "Case Management with Older Adults: Special Needs and Considerations". Presentation at the NYS Case Management Coalition Annual Conference, Best Western Sovereign Inn, Albany, NY, May 21, 2003.
- Sanchez, Bonita, Mertz, Linda K.P., Watson, P. and Sanders, Jane. "Secrets and Lies: Confidentiality Issues in Perspective." Presentation at the Ninth Annual New York State Conference on Adult Abuse, Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY, October 2, 2002.
- Postmus, Judy L., Fortune, Anne E., Mertz, Linda, K.P. and Yamada, Yoshiko. "Establishing Partnerships between the Schools of Social Work and Community Agencies." Paper Accepted for presentation at the annual conference of the New York State Social Work Educators Association, Albany, NY, November 14-16, 2001.

Mertz, Linda. “Life Care Planning and Care Management” and “Home Care” presentations for the Third Annual Elder Law Seminar presented by Eannace and Pierro, LLP, Attorneys at Law, Utica College, Utica, NY. June 13, 2001.

Mertz, Linda and Postmus, Judy L. “Social Work Skills for an Aging Population.” Invitational presentation for the NASW, New York State Chapter, Northeast Division, Albany, NY, January 12, 2001.