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**Education:**  
The University of Georgia, BA, Philosophy 2006  
The University of Georgia, MSW, 2011; PhD, 2017, Social Work

**Faculty Appointments:**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, University of West Florida, Pensacola,  
August 2021 – present

**Research:**  
My research examines criminal legal systems, disability policy, and their convergence. My secondary research trajectory focuses on the professional standards of macro social work practice within the context of digital information & communications technology.

**Publications:**  
*Selected Peer-Reviewed Articles:*

**Ricciardelli, L.A.** (2024). Social work students & social media: A descriptive analysis of survey items across four time-points. *Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swae026>

**Ricciardelli, L.A.,** McGarity, S.V., & Berry, J. (2024). Social work & social media: A national replication study of use, attitudes, and knowledge among U.S. students. *Social Work Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2025.2474492>

**Ricciardelli, L.A.,** Dillard, D.R., Quinn, A.E., Skinner, J., & Nackerud, L. (2023). U.S. social work students' attitudes on social media as treatment modality: A pre-pandemic national survey. *Journal of Social Work*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/14680173231197796>

**Ricciardelli, L.A.,** Quinn, A., & Nackerud, L. (2022). Social work & social media: A survey of use, attitudes, and knowledge among U.S. students. *Social Work Education*, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2022.2122950>

*Book Reviews:*  
**Ricciardelli, L. A.** (2020). [Review of the book *Capital defense: Inside the lives of America's death penalty lawyers* by J. B. Gould and M. Pagni Barak]. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 31(3), 468-470. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511253.2020.1764994>

*Refereed Encyclopedia Articles:*

NASW Press & Oxford University Press. (2021). Unemployment insurance. In *Encyclopedia of social work*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.404>

Sage Publications, Inc. (2015). Maine. In *SAGE encyclopedia of world poverty*.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781483345727.n676>

## **Presentations:**

### *Selected Conference Presentations:*

**Ricciardelli, L.A., & Toland, A.** (March 2024). Social work student mental health. Round Table Presentation at the 2024 Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

**Ricciardelli, L.A., & McGarity, S.** (November 2022). Social work, information & communication technology, and the sphere of rights. Poster presentation at the 2022 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

## **Internal Funding:**

University of West Florida, UKCOH Resource Allocation Committee (RAC). [\$2,250]. Request for travel funding to present at the 29th Annual Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Conference in Seattle, Washington. Awarded November 13, 2024.

University of West Florida, UKCOH High Impact Practice (HIP). [\$3,700]. *Bridging research-informed practice & practice-informed research in social work graduate education: Implications for professional standards and regulations*. Awarded March 1, 2024.

University of West Florida, UKCOH Resource Allocation Committee (RAC). [\$2,600]. Request for travel funding to present at the 41st Annual Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Awarded November 15, 2023.

## **Courses:**

### *University of West Florida:*

SOW 5105, *Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, MSW, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL (Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

SOW 5218, *Analysis of Social Service Policy*, MSW, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL (Spring 2022, Spring 2023 [online], Spring 2024 [online], Spring 2025 [online])

SOW 5404, *MSW Research Foundations*, MSW, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2022 [online], Fall 2023 [online], Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

SOW 5757, *History, Philosophy, and Theory of Social Work Practice*, MSW, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL (Spring 2022, Summer 2022 [online], Spring 2023 [online], Summer 2023[online], Summer 2024 x 2 [online], Fall 2024 [online], Spring 2025 [online])

SOW 6432, *Evaluation of Social Work Practice*, MSW, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL (Fall 2021 [online; x 2], Fall 2022 [online], Fall 2023 [online])

**Selected Service:***University:*

University of West Florida, invited participant, Argo Teaching Academy 2024-2025

University of West Florida, research proposal reviewer for Office of Undergraduate Research, Spring 2023, Fall 2024

University of West Florida, volunteer alternate reviewer, Institutional Review Board, Fall 2023 – present

University of West Florida, hooder for the Fall 2024 Graduate Commencement Ceremony

*College:*

University of West Florida, UKCOH Council, secretary, Spring 2025

University of West Florida, UKCOH Council, member, Fall 2023 – present

University of West Florida, UKCOH Interprofessional Education Committee (IPE), member, Fall 2023 - present

*Department:*

University of West Florida, Department of Social Work Curriculum Committee, chair, August 2023– May 2024; chair, August 2024- present

University of West Florida, Department of Social Work Bylaws Committee, member, 2021 – present

University of West Florida, Department of Social Work Student Success Committee, chair, August 2024– present

University of West Florida, Department of Social Work Assessment Committee, member, August 2024– present

University of West Florida, Department of Social Work MSW Admissions Committee, MSW program liaison for prospective in-person applicants, July 2023 – August 2024

*Profession:*

*Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work (JEBSW)*, co-guest editor for the special issue entitled, “Social Work in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Ethical Implications for Practice, Education, Research, & Society.” January 2025 – present

*Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work (JEBSW)*, co-guest editor for the special issue entitled, “Addressing ASWB exam pass rate disparities: Aligning with standards and ethics,” April 2023 – February 2024

**Experience:**

Georgia Options in Athens, GA

Community Support Coordinator (Oct. 2012- Aug. 2013)

In a non-profit setting, supervised team of 30 direct care workers who provided daily community living supports for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities;

Participated in interdisciplinary team assessments;

Coordinated with support team, state agencies, and individuals served to ensure life goals were implemented, personal outcomes achieved, and high quality of care.

FMC-NA Clarke County Dialysis in Athens, GA

Licensed Master of Social Work (Jan. 2012 – Oct. 2012)

Provided case management to 98 individuals diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease;

Worked in the capacity of patient advocate, case manager, and admissions coordinator;

Administered standardized assessments and participated in interdisciplinary assessment, working closely with the clinic director, nutritionist, insurance coordinator, technicians, nurses, and nephrologists.

Rutland Academy in Athens, GA

MSW Student Intern (Aug. 2010- May 2011)

Worked collaboratively with educators in the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) setting for youth diagnosed with severe emotional disturbance with some co-occurrence of intellectual/ developmental disabilities;

Facilitated/ co-facilitated social skills learning groups at the middle and high school levels;

Developed and implemented Rutland Peer Mentor Program, promoting peer led learning.

Heritage Healthcare at Grandview in Athens, GA

MSW Student Intern (Jan. 2010 – May 2010)

Worked closely with the activities director and social worker to facilitate active and communal living, and to assess and advocate for the needs of the residents;

Performed intake and quality of life assessments, and assisted with transition planning;

Facilitated reminiscence groups and conducted 1:1 sessions.

Advantage Behavioral Health Systems in Winder, GA

Community Resource Coordinator (Jan. 2009- Aug. 2009)

Provided residential and community support coordination for two adults with intellectual/ developmental disabilities and co-occurring psychiatric diagnoses;

Fostered independent living skills and ensured dignity and respect in all aspects of daily living;

Utilized person-centered approach to facilitate identification and achievement of goals.

Impact Counseling & Consulting in Northeast GA

Case Manager (Jul. 2008- Oct. 2010)

Wrap-around service provider for female youth in Northeast Georgia involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice;

Engaged and intervened with youth and family to decrease challenging behaviors;

Attended court hearings and provided written recommendations to court officials, helping to inform subsequent interventions.

**Awards and Nominations:**

- Received the FL NASW Educator of the Year Award for the State (May 6, 2024)
- Received the Northwest Unit FL NASW Educator of the Year Award (March 8, 2024)