

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2011	Ed.D.	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Belton, Texas
1979	MSW	Our Lady of the Lake University San Antonio, Texas
1975	BA	Sociology/Behavioral Sciences Teacher Certification, Secondary Social Sciences Mary Hardin-Baylor College Belton, Texas

(Extra curricular activities included Student Government President, Easter Pageant Director, Burt Dorm Head Proctor)

LICENSURE: LCSW, State of Texas 9514
CERTIFICATIONS: ACSW-NASW
DCSW: Diplomate, Certified Social Worker

EXPERIENCE

Teaching

School of Social Work	Baylor University	1997-Current
Health Education	Baylor University	1993-1997 1987-1988

Administrative Practice

Director of Graduate Field Education	Baylor University SSW	2005-2007
Director of Field Education	Baylor University SSW	1997-2005
Bereavement Coordinator	Hillcrest Hospice	1994-1997
Manager of Hospice	Hillcrest Hospice	1988-1990
Director of Hospice and Home Care	Hillcrest Hospice	1984-1988
Director: Foster Care	South Texas Children's Home	1980-1983

Social Work Clinical Practice

Hospice	Hillcrest	1984-1997
Children's Home	Methodist Children's Home	1984
Foster Care and Children's Home	South Texas Children's Home	1976-1983
Crisis Intervention	Army Community Services	1975-1976

PUBLICATIONS

- Harris, H. (2010). Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder or grief: A study exploring the association between childhood loss and grief and a diagnosis of AD/HD in elementary aged children in Central Texas. Belton, Texas: The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.
- Harris, H. & Harris, B. (2010). Faith and adoption: Applying the principles of Alan Keith-Lucas. *Social Work & Christianity: An International Journal*, 38 (1), 51-63.
- Harris, H. (2010). A look back for the future: Applying the Wisdom of Alan Keith-Lucas For Child Care Services Today. *Social Work & Christianity: An International Journal*, 37 (3).
- Ellor, J. W., **Harris, H. W.**, Myers, D. R., & Russell, I. (2009). Guardianship of Frail Elders: Student Supported Process for Legislative Change. *Educational Gerontology*, 35(7).
- Ellor, J., & **Harris, H.** (2009). Denial of death. In C.D. Bryant & D. L. Peck (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of death and the human experience*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Press.
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- Harris, Helen. (2008). Application to the church: Response to elderly and living alone in rural Mississippi. *The Journal of Family and Community Ministries*, 22(3), 37.
- Hugen, Beryl and Scales, Laine T. Editors. (2008). **Helen Harris**. The Helping Process and Christian Beliefs: Insights from Alan Keith-Lucas. *Christianity and Social Work*. Botsford, CT: North American Christians in Social Work.
- Hugen, Beryl. and Scales, Laine T. Editors. (2008). Integrating Christian Faith and Social Work Practice: Students' Views of the Journey. T. Laine Scales, **Helen Harris**, Dennis Myers, and Jon Singletary. *Christianity and Social Work*. Botsford, CT: North American Christians in Social Work

- Harris, Helen. (2008). "Growing While Going: Spiritual Formation at the End of Life." *Journal of Religion, Spirituality & Aging*. 20:3. pp. 227-245.
- Csikai, Ellen L. and Jones, Barbara. (2006). **Harris, Helen**. "Assignments and Syllabus: When Mourning is Complicated." *Social work in end-of-life and palliative care: A compendium of syllabi and teaching resources*. In press. Lyceum Books, Inc.
- 30 Items on the National Intermediate Social Work Examination. 2005-2006. Association of Social Work Boards. Richmond, Virginia.
- Singletary, J. **Harris, H.**, Myers, D., & Scales, L. (2006). Student Narratives of Social Work as a Calling. *Arete*, Volume 30 (1) Winter 2006.
- Scales, Laine T. and Wolfer, Terry A. (2006). **Harris, Helen**. Twice a Victim....In English Please. *Decision cases for generalist social work practice: Thinking like a social worker*. Belmont, Ca: Thomson/Brooks/Cole.
- Myers, Dennis; Roff, Lucinda; **Harris, Helen**; Klemmack, Dennis; & Parker, Michael. (2004). "A Feasibility Study of a Parent Care Planning Model with Two Faith-Based Communities." *Journal of Religion, Spirituality & Aging*. Volume 17, Numbers ½. Pp.39-55.
- Guest Editor, Winter Issue 2003-2004, *Family Ministry* with Dennis Myers.
- Harris, Helen. (2003). What is a congregation to do? Grief in family congregational life. *Family Ministry: Empowering Through Faith*. Volume 17, Number 2, Summer, 2003.
- Harris, Helen. (2003). Caring for Children in Crisis. *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics*. The Center for Christian Ethics. Baylor University. Summer.
- Harris, Helen. (2003). What is a congregation to do? Dying in family congregational life. *Family Ministry: Empowering Through Faith*, 17, (1). Spring, 2003.
- 30 Items on the National Intermediate Social Work Examination. 2002-2003. Association of Social Work Boards. Richmond, Virginia.
- Harris, Helen & Myers, Dennis. (2002). A Response to: A Slice of the Sandwich Generation. *Family Ministry: Empowering Through Faith*, 16 (3). Fall, 2002.
- Harris, Helen. (2002). These Things Happen: Confronting Dual Responsibilities. *Spirituality and Religion in Social Work Practice*. (2002). Scales, T. Laine; Wolfer, Terry; Sherwood, David; Garland, Diana; Hugen, Beryl; and Pittman, Sharon. Editors. Alexandria, Virginia: The Council on Social Work Education.
- Harris, Helen. (2001). Beginning Griefwork with Children", *Theophilus*, Baylor University. Spring, 2001.

Harris, Helen.(2000). Congregational Care for the Chronically Ill, Dying and Bereaved.”
Family Ministry: Empowering Through Faith, 14 (1).
Spring, 2000.

30 Items on the National Intermediate Social Work Examination. 2000-2001.
Association of Social Work Boards. Richmond, Virginia.

Current Writing Projects

Submitted:

Harris, H. & Zipperlen, M. (2010). Childhood loss and AD/HD: Program Implications for Education Administrators. To: Administrative Issues Journal.

Perceptions of the Integration of Faith and Practice: Outcomes from Field Instructor Training at a Baptist University

Social Work and the Law: The Impact of the Separation of Church and State on the Integration of Faith and Practice

Oral and Written History of The South Texas Children’s Home with T. Laine Scales

Disenfranchised grief in the church

PRESENTATIONS

Harris, Helen (2010). Life Endings and Ethics. The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas. April 14, 2010.

Harris, Helen (2010) with Elisabeth Harris. Faith and Adoption. National Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Conference, Durham, North Carolina. November 12, 2010.

Harris, Helen (2010) with David Gibson. Applying the Principles of Alan Keith-Lucas to Child Welfare Services Today. Pre-Conference Institute for National Association of Christians in Social Work, in Durham, North Carolina. November 11, 2010.

Harris, Helen (2010) with David Gibson. Applying the Principles of Alan Keith-Lucas to Child Welfare Services Today. National Audio Conference for National Association of Christians in Social Work, in Waco, Texas. October 19, 2010.

Harris, Helen. (2009). Non Profit Ethics: Professionalism 101. Presbyterian Children’s Home and United Way. Corsicana, Texas. August 11, 2009.

Harris, Helen. (2009). Adolescent Refugees and Immigrants: Loss and Mourning. Catholic Charities, Fort Worth, Texas. July 31, 2009.

Harris, Helen and Bledsoe, Christie. (2009). Mastery Learning. TxATE Annual Conference. Austin, Texas. June 6, 2009.

Harris, Helen (2009). Loss and Opportunities for Congregational Response. Center for Family and Community Ministries. Waco, Texas. May 21, 2009.

Harris, Helen and Triana, Viviana. (2007). Field Education in Faith Based Organizations and Congregations. Workshop at the National Association of Christians in Social Work, Dallas, Texas, March 9, 2007.

Harris, Helen. The Helping Relationship According to Alan Keith-Lucas. (2007). Workshop at the National Association of Christians in Social Work, Dallas, Texas, March 9, 2007.

Ellor, Jim and **Harris, H.** (2007). Those Who Can, Teach: Curricular Innovations in Gerontological Education. Workshop at the Council on Social Work Education, GeroEd Forum, Charleston, South Carolina, February 3, 2007.

Gusukuma, I. and **Harris, H.** (2006). Strengthening the field education program: Field instructor's self-assessment on program objectives. Workshop at the Council on Social Work Education, Chicago, Illinois, February 17, 2006.

Myers, D., Ellor, J., and **Harris, H.** (2006). Impoverished elders and guardianships: Activating protective and humane responses. Workshop at the Council on Social Work Education, Chicago, Illinois, February 17, 2006.

“Texas Guardianship: A Method for Macro Change”
secondary, with James Ellor, PhD
National Association of Social Workers/Texas Chapter
Galveston, Texas
November 12, 2005

“Faith Based Organizations: A Resource for the Placement of Students in Field”
With Isaac Gusukuma PhD
Baccalaureate Program Directors Annual Program Meeting
Austin, Texas
November 5, 2005

“Using Case Method in the Social Work Classroom” with T. Laine Scales, PhD
Baccalaureate Program Directors Annual Program Meeting
Austin, Texas
November 6, 2005

“Diversity and Cultural Competence” with Isaac Gusukuma PhD
Texas Baptist Children's Home
Round Rock, Texas
October 26, 2005

“Gardens of Hope: Making a Difference in Foster Care”
Methodist Children's Home: Foster Parent Retreat
Waco, Texas
June 25, 2005

“Legacies: Building on the Rock”

South Texas Children’s Home
Beeville, Texas
June 4, 2005

“Alan Keith-Lucas and Family Centered Care”

Hand in Hand Conference
Dallas, Texas
March 4, 2005

The Changing Role of One Religiously Affiliated Children’s Home

With T. Laine Scales
Hand in Hand Conference
Dallas, Texas
March 4, 2005

“Religion, Faith, and Spirituality in Professional Practice Curricula”

With Jim Ellor and Dennis Myers
AGHE,
Chicago, Illinois
February 28, 2005

“Ethical Integration of Faith and Social Work Practice”

Providence and DePaul Center
Waco, Texas
May 18, 2004

“Ethical Integration of Faith and Social Work Practice”

Howard Payne University: Student and Community Practitioner Ethics Training
Brownwood, Texas
April 5, 2004

“Church-Affiliated Children’s Homes: Strengths in the Stories of Three Faith-Based Children’s Homes” with T. Laine Scales and Pam Crawford

Hand in Hand Conference
Dallas, Texas
March 27, 2004

“Back to the Future: The Child Care Wisdom of Alan Keith Lucas”

Hand in Hand Conference
Dallas, Texas
March 26, 2004

“Disenfranchised Grief and Older Adults in the Church”

Scholar’s Day: Baylor University
Waco, Texas
March 8, 2004

“Ethics and Child Welfare Practice” with Isaac Gusukuma

Dyer Workshop

- Waco, Texas
March 4, 2004
- “Older Persons as Agents of Gerontological Educational Transformation”
Council on Social Work Education: National Gerontology Conference
Anaheim, California
March 1, 2003
- “Ethics at the VAMC: Micro, Mezzo and Macro”
Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center, Waco campus and 4 teleconference sites
Waco, Texas
February 20, 2004
- “Called to Care: Aging, Congregations and Caregivers” with Dennis Myers
National Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Conference
Louisville, Kentucky
October 24, 2003
- “Family Relationships and Family Care Planning”
Family Care Conference
Woodway Baptist Church; Waco, Texas
October 18, 2003
- “Ethics in School Social Work”
Communities in Schools
Waco, Texas
August 22, 2003
- “Child Care Challenge: Working with Families of Origin”
Texas Baptist Children’s Home
Round Rock, Texas
August 20, 2003
- “Reamer’s Ethics Audit in Social Service Agencies”
Heartt of Texas Waco Area Gerontological Services
Waco, Texas
July 9, 2003
- “Social Work and Responses to the Impact of War and World Events”
National Association of Christians in Social Work Regional Meeting
San Antonio, Texas
June 14, 2003
- “What’s a Congregation to Do? Dying and Grief in Family and Congregational Life”
Center for Congregations and Family Ministries Annual Conference
Louisville, Kentucky
May 14, 2003
- “Called to Care: Congregational Responses to Caregivers of Aging Parents”
Texas Conference on Aging
Ft. Worth, Texas

April 15, 2003

“Children, Grief and the Church”
Hand in Hand Conference
Waco, Texas
April 7, 2003

Children and Grief
Dyer Spring Workshop
Waco, Texas
March, 2002

“Disenfranchised Grief In the Church”
Society for Applied Sociology Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana
March, 2002

“Field Placements in Congregations”
National Association of Social Workers; Texas Annual Meeting
Arlington, Texas
October, 2000

“Race Relations Workshop”
Stillwell Retirement Center
Waco, Texas
June, 2000

“Helping Caregivers Cope with the Death of a Child”
Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center
Waco, Texas
Summer, 2000

“Personal and Professional Resistance to Grief Counseling”
Society for Applied Sociology
New Orleans, Louisiana
March, 2000

“Ethics for Social Work Professionals”
Region XII Service Center
Waco, Texas
1999

“Ethics in Social Work Supervision”
National Association of Social Workers/Texas Annual Meeting
Austin, Texas
October, 1998

GRANTS

Wesley Woods, Dementia Care Competency Training \$4000	2007-2008
WMU, Mary Hill Davis Offering Internship Grant \$12,000	2006-2007
Hartford Foundation, Practicum Partnership Grant \$75000	2006-2009
Tip Grant for Continuing Education in Gerontology \$1000	2005-2006
“Go Therefore Into All the World: Social Work in Moldova Women’s Missionary Union Estimated: \$9000	2005
“Social Work Career Choice and Christian Vocation: Student Narratives on the Significance of Faith and Calling” With Dennis Myers, Jon Singletary, Laine Scales Vocations Grant, Lilly Foundation \$28,000	2004-2006
Geriatric Enrichment in Social Work Education; The Hartford Foundation Council on Social Work Education \$60, 000 over three years With Dr.Dennis Myers	2001-2004
Oral History of the South Texas Children’s Home Oral History; Baylor University \$2500 With Dr. Laine Scales	Summer 2003
“Living Water in a Thirsty Land” Women’s Missionary Union; Internship Stipends Estimated \$10,000	2003-2004
“Living Water in a Thirsty Land” Women’s Missionary Union; Internship Stipends \$8000	2002-2003

COURSES TAUGHT AT BAYLOR

Loss and Mourning
Dying and Death Education
Human Behavior I
Human Behavior II
Practice II
Field Internship I
Field Internship II

Health and Human Wellness
Advanced Practice: Health Care Concentration
Advanced Internship Seminar: Health
Advanced Internship Seminar: Families
Graduate Capstone Seminar
Baccalaureate Capstone Seminar
Care for the Dying
Counseling Grieving Adults
Counseling Bereaved Children
Counseling Older Adults
Complicated Mourning

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

New Program Development:

Field Education program for the graduate program in social work at Baylor University. The MSW program was accredited in record time with several commendations for the field education program.

Group supervision model for field educators in the Central Texas area.

Jamie's Place program for grieving children. This comprehensive program was the first of its kind in Central Texas serving both children of hospice patients and families, and children in the community at large. Housed both at the hospice office, and provided in area school systems, this program continues to provide much needed individual and group counseling for grieving children.

Community Hospice of Waco. As the first Director/Manager of Community Hospice, I was responsible for developing the program, licensure, accreditation, budget, staffing, etc. The program is the oldest, largest not for profit Hospice in the Central Texas area. The staff/volunteer training I developed for Community Hospice, now doing business as Hillcrest Community Hospice, continues to be the prototype for a number of area hospice programs.

Independent Living Program. While at South Texas Children's Home, I developed the first independent living program for adolescents preparing to leave as adults after years of care in the child care system. The program was the result of research and program development and was structured to allow progressive levels of responsibility and independence for juniors and seniors in high school in residential care settings. This program was shared with institutional settings around the country after I left.

Foster Care Training. While at South Texas Children's Home, I developed comprehensive foster care operations manuals and training programs still in use.

MEMBERSHIPS:

National Association of Social Workers
National Association of Christians in Social Work
Council on Social Work Education

Phi Alpha Honor Society
Alumni Association, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
President's Advisory Board: UMHB
Community Race Relations Coalition
Baylor Parent's League
First Baptist Church, Woodway
Waco Interfaith Coalition

VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES

CSWE: Abstract Reviews for Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting 2004 2005, 2007
CSWE: Reviewer for Heart of Social Work Awards, 2005
Texas Field Educator's Consortia, Past Chair 2005
Volunteer trainer, Hillcrest Community Hospice
Member, First Baptist Church Woodway
Community Race Relations Coalition
Past UMHB Alumni Homecoming Task Force

HONORS:

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Loyalty Cup
1986 YWCA Pathfinder for Health Care
1991 Waco NASW Social Worker of the Year
1993 Outstanding Young Alumnus, University of Mary Hardin Baylor
"Tiggerific Mom" bestowed by Daniel, 1991
Girl Scouts of America, Woman of Distinction, 2002

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

People, Calligraphy, Needlework, Reading, Journaling, Tennis

EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT

Transitioning from social work practitioner to educator is an exciting adventure. The opportunity to teach at Baylor has included participating in research and writing for publication. The first pivotal career decision for me was the decision to devote more time to my young children in 1988 and work only part time until they were both in school. The second was to focus on preparation of competent, ethical social work practitioners. My practice areas of interest include end of life care, separation and loss, gerontological social work, medical social work, residential child care, foster care and adoptions. My academic interests are in curricular development and teaching excellence.