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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2017 *Ph.D., Educational Studies - Concentration in Urban Education*
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
Dissertation Title: Voices of the Invisible: A Critical Ethnography of
Youth Put At Risk in an Age of Disposability
- 2011 *Master of Social Work*
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
- 2009 *Bachelor of Science in Social Work*
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
Departmental Honors in Social Work
Honors Thesis Title: Multiple Role Transitions
- 2007 *Michigan Association of College Registrars and Admission Officers (MACRAO)*
Articulation Agreement
Wayne County Community College, Taylor, MI
- 1979 *AAB Data Processing Technology*
University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Research interests include at-risk youth, social justice education, civic engagement, critical pedagogy, resistance, resilience and identity formation, child welfare workforce retention; qualitative methodology

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

O'Donnell, L.A., **Boraggina-Ballard, L.**, Allen, J. L., Szechy, K. A., Miller-Matero, L., & Loree, A. M. (2021). A qualitative investigation on the impact of mood and anxiety disorders in the workplace. *Social Work in Mental Health*.

Sobeck, J., **Boraggina-Ballard, L.**, Najor-Durrack, A., LaShore, T, & Olivera, A. (2021). High impact practices in graduate education: Preparing social work students for careers in child welfare. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Boraggina-Ballard, L., Sobeck, J., & Honig, D. (2021). What motivates highly trained child welfare professionals to stay or leave? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 124, 105958. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2021.105958>

Hong, J.S., Choi, J., Espelage, D.L., Wu, C.F., **Boraggina-Ballard, L.** & Fisher, B. W. (2020) Are children of welfare recipients at a heightened risk of bullying and peer victimization? *Child and Youth Care Forum*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10566-020-09587-w>

Manuscripts Under Review or Revision

Boraggina-Ballard, L. Reframing student oppositional behavior through the lens of resistance and resilience. *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Cardenas, I., **Boraggina-Ballard, L.**, & Saxon, S., Nikolova, K. Domestic violence deferral process in Michigan TANF Program.

Florentine, F., Pasman, E., **Boraggina-Ballard, L.**, O'Shay, S., Szechy, K. A., Ellis, J., Resko, S., & Brown, S. "Do not carry the load by yourself": Advice for families affected by opioid misuse.

GRANT AWARDS

Sobeck, J. & **Boraggina-Ballard, L.** Child Welfare Training Assessment, Redesign, Evaluation. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. May 2022 – April 2024. *Award Amount \$250,000*,

O'Donnell, L. & **Boraggina-Ballard, L.** An Investigation of Master's in Social Work Student Success with the Association of Social Work Boards License Exam. School of Social Work. November 2022 – November 2024. *Award Amount \$43,069*.

Sobeck, J., **Boraggina-Ballard, L.**, & Lashore, T. Addressing Child Welfare Workforce Retention and Child Health Outcomes through Strength-Based Supervision. The Michigan Health Endowment Fund. June 2020 – May 2022. *Award Amount \$100,000*.

Sobeck, J. & **Boraggina-Ballard, L.** Feasibility Assessment. The Heat and Warmth Fund, October 2019 March 2020, *Award Amount: 35,000*.

AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS

2018	AACTE Outstanding Dissertation Award Nominee (Nominated by Eastern Michigan University's College of Education)
2010	Outstanding Graduate Student Award (Social Work)

2009 Fellowship Undergraduate Symposium Award
2009 Eastern Michigan University Honors College Graduate

RESEARCH/ WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2018-Present *Research Associate*
Wayne State University, School of Social Work
- Co-Principal Investigator, Michigan Child Welfare Training Assessment, Redesign, Evaluation. Co-PI: Joanne Sobeck
 - Project Manager, Peers to Professionals: Enhancing and Expanding Behavioral Health Workforce. PI: Elizabeth Agius
 - Co-Principal Investigator, ASWB License Preparation Study. Co-PI: Lisa O'Donnell
 - Membership on MDHHS Child Welfare Certificate competency revision team
 - Project Coordinator, Michigan Child Welfare Inter-University Consortium
Program Evaluator/Project Coordinator, Addressing Child Welfare Workforce Retention and Child Outcomes Through Strength-Based Supervision, Wayne and Oakland Counties, Michigan. PI: Joanne Sobeck
 - Water, Health Infrastructure, Resilience, and Learning (WHIRL), qualitative analysis: Interactions between primary drinking water agencies and public health. Co-PIs: Joanne Sobeck, Richard Smith
 - Qualitative Analyst, An Evaluation of Peer Recovery Coaches as a Support for Opioid Clients, Michigan. Co-PIs: Elizabeth Agius, Stella Resko
 - Qualitative Analyst, An Evaluation of Advice for Families Affected by Opioid Misuse, Michigan. Co-PIs: Elizabeth Agius, Stella Resko
 - Qualitative Analyst, Study to Understand Barriers to Self-Sufficiency for TANF Clients, Wayne and Oakland Counties, Michigan. PI: Kristina Nikolova
 - Qualitative Analyst, Feasibility Study: Assessing Attitudes of a Workplace Intervention for Adults living with Mood and Anxiety Disorders, Wayne County, Michigan. PI: Lisa O'Donnell
 - Co-Investigator, Child Welfare Workforce Retention Study: Understanding Motivation Among MSW Students and Child Welfare Job Choice in Wayne County, Michigan. PI: Joanne Sobeck
 - Program Evaluator, The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) - Feasibility assessment for evaluation.
 - Field Placement Assistant, coordinated field placement sites for MSW Foundation year students
- 2014-2015 *Program Evaluator*
Partnership for Success II Grant –Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention – Task Force. Provided process and outcome evaluation services including data collection and analysis, and quarterly and summative report preparation. Funded by Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

- 2011-2014 *Doctoral Fellowship*
 EMU College of Health and Human Services Research Office Provided grant writing and evaluation services and other duties as assigned. Funded by Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority - EMU Agency Collaborative.
- 2013-2013 *Grant Evaluator*
 Evaluation of an Advanced, Competency-Based, Professional Development Training Model for Infant Mental Health Clinicians. Funded by Ethel & James Flinn Foundation.
- 2010-2011 *Master of Social Work Internship*
 Monroe High School, Monroe, MI
- 2009-2011 *Graduate Assistant*
 Eastern Michigan University School of Social Work
- 2009-2009 *Bachelor of Social Work Internship*
 (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs - GEAR-UP)
 Wayne Memorial High School, Westland, MI
- 2002-2005 *Substitute Teacher*
 Flat Rock Community Schools
- 1978-1991 *Programmer/Analyst*
 Toledo Trust
 Schindler Haughton
 Associated Physicians of the Medical College of Ohio

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 22013 Co-Instructor: Eastern Michigan University:
 General Education Writing Intensive Course
 Social Foundations - Schools for a Diverse and Democratic Society (W)*
 *Co-Taught with Dr. Christopher G. Robbins
- 2002-2005 Substitute Teacher & Classroom Aide:
 Flat Rock Community Schools, Flat Rock, MI

GUEST LECTURES

- 2022 Grounded Theory. Presentation to Ph.D. students in Social Work at Wayne State University
- 2021 Voices of the invisible: A critical ethnography of youth put at risk in an age of disposability.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Boraggina-Ballard, L., Nikolova, K. Sobeck, J. (2022). Evaluation Report: Strength-Based Supervision submitted to Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (2022). MYTIE Grant Project Coordinator's Perspectives on Key Components of the G. Submitted to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. Sobeck, J., Smith, R. (2020). Feasibility Assessment Report: Readiness for Evaluation. Submitted to The Heat and Warmth Fund.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (2015). Three-Year Summative Evaluation Report FY3: Partnership for Success II Grant -Taylor Coalition Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention - Task Force). Submitted to Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (2014). Summative Evaluation Report FY2: Strategic Prevention Framework/ Partnerships for Success II Grant (Taylor Implementation). Submitted to Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Authority.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (2013). Summative Evaluation Report FY1: Strategic Prevention Framework/ Partnerships for Success II Grant (Taylor Implementation). Submitted to Detroit- Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

Boraggina-Ballard, L., Mills, C. (2013). Evaluation Report: An Advanced, Competency-Based, Professional Development Training Model for Infant Mental Health Clinicians (Level II Endorsed IMH Specialists) Submitted to Detroit- Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (2012). Summative Evaluation Report: An Advanced, Competency-Based, Professional Development Training Model for Infant Mental Health Clinicians (Trainee Models 1-9) Submitted to Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Agency.

PRESENTATIONS

Boraggina-Ballard, L. & Sobeck, J. (September 2022). Child Welfare Preservice Institute Redesign - Assessment Findings and insights. Presented to MDHHS Child Welfare Stakeholders. Lansing, MI.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (October 2019). Reframing student oppositional behavior through the lens of resistance and resilience. Presented at The American Education Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (March 2017). Voices of the invisible: A critical ethnography of youth put at risk in an age of disposability. Presented at Eastern Michigan University Graduate Research Fair, Ypsilanti, MI.

Boraggina-Ballard, L., (March 2013). Service-learning: Impacting the "whole" student". Presented at Eastern Michigan University Graduate Research Fair, Ypsilanti, MI.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (January 2010) American ideal of beauty. Panel presentation at Eastern Michigan University Annual McNair and Social Work Honors Program, Ypsilanti, MI.

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (March 2009) *Multiple role transitions*. Senior Honors Thesis Presented at Eastern Michigan University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Ypsilanti, MI.

SKILLS

Academic Research/Grantsmanship

- Experience with IRB submission and approval process, research/grant proposal, and program evaluation
- Experience with designing quantitative and qualitative protocols, conducting focus groups/interviews, data coding/analysis, writing up results
- Experience with supervision of administration work for data collection
- Experience with program management

Computer Application Implementation

- Designed, tested, and programmed computer software systems
- Interviewed employees to determine system requirements
- Trained employees
- Documented system specification and configuration

Management/Organization

- Program Manager
- Liaison between multiple departments and companies
- Responsible for all aspects of the computer department of a small business
- Identify and resolve system issues
- Organized fundraising campaigns and volunteer assignments
- Planned entertainment/informational events

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Word, Excel, SPSSPC, Qualtrics, VISIO, NVIVO, and IBM Mainframe COBOL Programmer/Analyst

CERTIFICATES/ LICENSURES

2009-2018 Master of Social Work Limited License Michigan
2005 Certified Board Member Award Michigan Association of School Boards
 Institute for Local Government, University of Michigan, Dearborn, MI

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ LEADERSHIP

2019 *Member*, Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force
2018-2018 *Grant Consultant*: Taylor Police Department
2011-2011 *Student Representative*, EMU School of Social Work Faculty
 Hiring Committee
2005-2009 *Trustee*, Flat Rock Board of Education
 Committees Served:

*Chair: Policy Committee
Superintendent Hiring Committee
School Improvement Team
Sex Education Committee
Curriculum Committee*

2006-2007 *Vice President, Flat Rock Board of Education*
2005-2009 *Member, Flat Rock Kiwanis Club*
2005-2009 *Member, Flat Rock Community Service Organization*
1995-2009 *Classroom Volunteer, School/Community Event & Fundraiser Organizer*
2000-2003 *Coach, League Manager, Flat Rock Area Little League*
2003-2005 *President, Bobcean Elementary PTA*
2001-2004 *Secretary, Flat Rock Garden Club*

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

National Association of Social Workers
American Educational Studies Association

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