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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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School of Social Work  
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**EDUCATION**

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- 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**

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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**

**Manuscripts Under Review or Revision**

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

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

Hong, J.S., Choi, J., Espelage, D.L., Wu, C.F., & Boraggina-Ballard, L.. Are children of welfare recipients at a heightened risk of bullying and peer victimization? *Child and Youth Care Forum*.

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Boraggina-Ballard, L., Sobeck, J., Honig, D. What motivates highly trained child welfare professionals to stay or leave?

**GRANT AWARDS**

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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**

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| 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**

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| 2018-present | <i>Research Associate</i><br>Wayne State University, School of Social Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-Investigator, Child welfare workforce retention study: Understanding motivation among MSW Students and Child Welfare Job Choice in Wayne County, Michigan. PI: Joanne Sobeck</li><li>• Program Evaluator, The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) - Feasibility assessment for evaluation .</li><li>• Field Placement Assistant, coordinated field placement sites for MSW Foundation year students</li></ul> |
| 2014-2015    | <i>Program Evaluator</i><br>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    | <i>Doctoral Fellowship</i><br>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

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2013                            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

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

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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

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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

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### **Academic Research/Grantsmanship**

- Experience with IRB submission and approval process, research/grant proposal and program evaluation

### **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**

- 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

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

## CERTIFICATES/ LICENSURES

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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

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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

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National Association of Social Workers  
American Educational Studies Association