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**EDUCATION**      *Ph.D., Educational Studies - Concentration in Urban Education: 2017*  
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI  
Dissertation Title: Voices of the Invisible: A Critical Ethnography of  
Youth Put At Risk in an Age of Disposability

*Master of Social Work: 2011*  
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

*Bachelor of Science in Social Work: 2009*  
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI  
*Departmental Honors in Social Work*  
Honors Thesis Title: Multiple Role Transitions

*MACRO Articulation Agreement: 2007*  
Wayne County Community College, Taylor, MI

*AAB Data Processing Technology: 1979*  
University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

**RESEARCH AREAS**      at-risk youth, social justice education, civic engagement, critical pedagogy, resistance theory, the relationship between one’s “lived reality” and resistance, resilience and identity formation, evidence-based trauma-related interventions, and child welfare retention

**AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS**      2018 AACTE Outstanding Dissertation Award Nominee (Nominated by Eastern Michigan University’s College of Education)  
Outstanding Graduate Student Award (Social Work) (2010)  
Fellowship Undergraduate Symposium Award (2009)  
Eastern Michigan University Honors College Graduate (2009)

**RESEARCH/ WORK EXPERIENCE**      *Research Associate (2018 – Present)*  
Wayne State University, School of Social Work

*Program Evaluator (2014-2015)*  
Partnership for Success II Grant - Out-Wayne Taylor Coalition (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.

*Doctoral Fellowship (2011-2014)*  
EMU College of Health and Human Services Research Office  
Provided grant writing and evaluation services and other duties as assigned. Funded by Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency - EMU Agency Collaborative.

*Grant Evaluator (2013)*  
Flinn Grant Infant Mental Health: An Advanced, Competency-Based, Professional Development Training Model for Infant Mental Health Clinicians. Provided evaluation services. Funded by Ethel & James Flinn Foundation. Flinn Foundation Advanced Infant Mental Health Training Project

*Master of Social Work Internship (2010-2011)*  
Monroe High School, Monroe, MI

*Graduate Assistant (2009-2011)*  
*Eastern Michigan University School of Social Work*

*Bachelor of Social Work Internship (2009-2009)*  
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs - GEAR-UP)  
Wayne Memorial High School, Westland, MI

*Substitute Teacher (2002-2005)*  
*Flat Rock Community Schools*

*Programmer/Analyst (1978-1991)*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Co-Instructor: Eastern Michigan University: (2013)  
General Education Writing Intensive Course  
Social Foundations - Schools for a Diverse and Democratic Society (W)\*  
\*Co-Taught with Dr. Christopher G. Robbins

Substitute Teacher & Classroom Aide: (2002-2005)  
Flat Rock Community Schools, Flat Rock, MI

## **TECHNICAL REPORTS**

Boraggina-Ballard, L. (2015). Three-Year Summative Evaluation Report FY3: Partnership for Success II Grant - Out-Wayne Taylor Coalition (Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention - Task Force). Submitted to Detroit Wayne County 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. (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., (2013). Service-learning: Impacting the “whole” student”. Presented at Eastern Michigan University Graduate Research Fair, Ypsilanti, MI.

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

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

## **SKILLS**

### **Academic Research/Grantsmanship**

- Experience with IRB approval process, research/grant proposals, and grant 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**

IBM Mainframe COBOL Programmer/Analyst  
Familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel, SPSS, and SNA

**CERTIFICATES/  
LICENSURES**

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

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICE/  
LEADERSHIP**

*Member*, Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force (2018-Present)  
*Grant Consultant*: Taylor Police Department (2018)  
*Student Representative*, EMU School of Social Work Faculty Hiring  
Committee (2011)  
*Trustee*, Flat Rock Board of Education (2005-2009)  
Committees Served:  
*Chair*: Policy Committee (2005-2007)  
Superintendent Hiring Committee  
School Improvement Team  
Sex Education Committee  
Curriculum Committee  
*Vice President*, Flat Rock Board of Education (2006-2007)  
*Member*, Flat Rock Kiwanis Club (2005-2010)  
*Member*, Flat Rock Community Service Organization (2005-2009)  
*Classroom Volunteer*, School/Community Event & Fundraiser Organizer  
(1995-2009)  
*Coach, League Manager*, Flat Rock Area Little League (2000-2003)  
*President*, Bobcean Elementary PTA (2003-2005)  
*Secretary*, Flat Rock Garden Club (2001-2004)