

# DIANNE J. ORTON

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## EDUCATION:

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**University of Stellenbosch**, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Degree: DPhil Social Work, 2007

**University of Iowa**, Iowa City, Iowa

Degrees: Masters of Social Work, 1976

Masters – Therapeutic Recreation, 1976

**University of Northern Colorado**, Greeley, Colorado

Degrees: Bachelor of Science – Special Education, 1972

Liberal Arts – Therapeutic Recreation, 1972

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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### **Clinical Assistant Professor**

University of Missouri, School of Social Work, Columbia, MO.

January 2009-present Teach undergraduate social work classes, field faculty liaison for undergraduate and graduate students, advise undergraduate students. Assist in recruitment, fundraising and development efforts to secure scholarships, program support funding, and building alumni and community relationships. Assist in creating SSW recruitment and development materials and coordinate continuing education workshops.

### **Director of Undergraduate BSW Studies/Clinical Assistant Professor**

University of Missouri, School of Social Work, Columbia, MO.

June, 2007-December 2008 Serve as primary spokesperson for and representative of the program within the institution, with all program stakeholders, and with external academic, administrative, regulatory, professional and legal entities. Provide day-to-day oversight and supervision of the program. Administer student recruitment, matriculation, admission, advising and other academic issues related to the program.

### **Director Field Education /Clinical Assistant Professor /**

*University of Missouri, School of Social Work, Columbia, MO*

January 1991 – May, 2007

Orientate and evaluate field practicum agencies and field instructors. Coordinate annual field instruction workshop. Maintain and revise field manual, directories and field placement agreement documents. Personally interview undergraduate and graduate students and arrange for individualized field practicum education experiences. Group orientations for both undergraduate and graduate students. Maintain agency database.

### **Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies**

*University of Missouri, School of Social Work, Columbia, MO*

August 1993 – Summer 1995

Orientation, recruitment, advising, course review, policy and procedure review, handbook updates, facilitate joint degree programs with Human Environmental Sciences, coordinate special events, accreditation maintenance activities, interface with campus offices and departments, i.e. admissions, registrar, and committees.

### **Medical Social Worker**

*H.S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital, Columbia, MO*

November 1987 – December 1990

Discharge planner, inter-disciplinary team member, consultant and resource coordinator for veterans receiving in-patient acute care services. Communication skills, crisis intervention, patient advocacy, resource management, problem solving and decision-making skills were important job skills necessary to be an effective and efficient medical social worker.

**Clinical Social Worker**

*Charter Hospital, Columbia, MO*

January 1987 – November 1987

Provided therapeutic services to children including psychosocial evaluations, family, individual and group therapy. Coordinated the formulation of treatment plans and discharge planning. Team leader for professional support services. Responsible for psychosocial reports, progress notes, including group therapy, individual and family sessions.

**Director/Owner**

*Kid's Depot, Kids' Farm, Columbia, MO*

August 1983 – January 1987

Founded and directed private, year-round childcare program and outdoor summer day camp for "latch-key" children age's 6-12 years. Center was a state-licensed facility with a capacity of 78 children. Managed daily operations developed the curriculum policies and procedures, long-range planning, staffing, personnel management, newsletter, marketing and public relations.

**Assistant to the Vice-President for Student Affairs/Director of Student Activities**

*Columbia College, Columbia, MO*

July 1981 – August 1983

Coordinated, planned and scheduled special events and co-curricular programs. Campus Community Government organizations adviser. Liaison for community professionals and businesses. Initiated and supervised internal and community public relations efforts. Supervised student center; coordinated graduation ceremonies, conferences, retreats; administered student activities budget; leadership instructor; negotiated contracts; assisted with fund raising campaigns; organized special recognition and awards programs; coordinated campus club and organizations; served on various college committees. Adjunct instructor for University of Missouri–Columbia and Columbia College.

**Project Coordinator, Instructor**

*Recreation and Leisure Studies, North Texas State University*

August 1980 – July 1981

Development and implementation of a Regional Bilingual Doctoral level competency based curriculum in therapeutic recreation. Supervised research staff, organized doctoral student recruitment program and materials, compiled and edited interim and final grant reports, workshop proceedings, newsletters and other project documents.

**Marketing Manager**

*Central Colorado Wilderness Log Homes, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado*

June 1979 – July 1980

Supervised regional marketing campaigns, designed marketing brochures, conducted direct mail and telephone solicitation activities, sales presentations, prepared sales contracts, coordinated client financing, negotiations and closings.

**Learning Disabilities Teacher**

*Air Academy Schools, Colorado Springs, Colorado*

September 1978 – June 1979

Assessment of special education students, developed individual academic programs, instructed students, provided consultations with teachers, parents and other academic personnel.

**Social Worker**

*Keystone Area Educational Agency, Dubuque, Iowa*

August 1976 – June 1978

Evaluation, placement and counseling with school age children in private and public institution K-12. Provided parent education classes, individual and family counseling, home visitations, consultation to school personnel and administrators, liaison coordinator for public schools and mental health center and team leader for professional support services.

**Special Education Teacher**

*Dubuque Community Schools, Dubuque, Iowa*

August 1973 – June 1974

Provided instructional services for educable mentally handicapped junior high students. Supervised student teachers from the University of Dubuque.

**Special Education Teacher**

*Jefferson County Public Schools, Evergreen, Colorado*

August 1972 – June 1973

Provided instructional services for educable mentally handicapped, learning disabled and emotionally impaired junior high students

**UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**University of Missouri, School of Social Work. Columbia, Missouri,**

*SW 1115 Introduction to Social Welfare and Social Work* – Service learning course open to students in all disciplines across campus, 2008-

*SW390/4971 - Undergraduate Practicum I* - Supervising undergraduate social work students placed in school approved agencies, focusing on development of direct practice skills. 1991-present

*SW460/7971 - Graduate Practicum I* - Supervised first year social work graduate students placed in school approved agencies, providing a full range of interventive experiences. 1991-present

*SW398 - Senior Professional Seminar* - Integrative professional practice seminar for undergraduate students.

Focuses on the principle of generalized practitioner and application to direct practice in diverse fields, career planning and responsibilities, 1992-2000.

*SW4688971 - Graduate Practicum II* - Supervised second year social work graduate students in field instruction tailored to developing depth in clinical skills in direct service or in administration, staff development or supervision. 1991-present

**Columbia College. Columbia, Missouri, Fall 1982**

*PSY 110 – Leadership Development Seminar* - Personal dynamics principles and techniques for developing effective leadership skills, i.e., communication, motivation, time management, attitude enrichment, etc.

**University of Missouri, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Columbia, Missouri. Fall 1982**

*RPU 426 – Analysis of Leisure & Special Populations* - History, theory, philosophy and methodology of recreation services to special groups including: mentally handicapped, aging, juvenile delinquent and correctional, physically disabled, deaf, blind, emotionally disturbed, etc.

*RECR 490 – Special Problems* - Independent Study Course.

*RECR 513 – Principles of Therapeutic Recreation* - Principles and techniques in the delivery of recreation services for special populations. Includes theoretical bases for therapeutic recreation services, as well as practical guidelines for the provision of such services.

*RECR 590/490 – Programming and operations of Church Recreation* - Philosophy of work, play and workshop and how they apply in the programming and operation of church recreation programs.

**Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa. 1978**

*Special Problems Class* - Administration, supervision and instruction of college students in a program similar to Big Brothers and Sisters entitled, "Project Pal."

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI RECOGNITION**

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**Global Scholars Award, MU Human Environmental Sciences Award, Spring 2001**

**South African Exchange, University of Missouri System Award - Summer 2000**

*University of Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa.*

## **PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE**

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### **“The Use of Photography, Reflective Writing and Photo-elicitation Interviews in Social Work”**

IASSW 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress, Durban, South Africa, July 2008.

### **“Photo-Perceptions – A Look At Visual Imagery and Reflective Writing of South African Social Work Students During Their Final Field Work Experience”**

University of Stellenbosch, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, March 2007.

### **“Story Telling Portfolios – The Cowboy Way to Document BSW Knowledge, Values and Skills”**

Baccalaureate Directors Program Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, Fall 2005

### **“Transferring Student Skills and Employer Requirements: Building Professionals”**

Baccalaureate Directors Program Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa. Fall 2002

### **“ Snapshots -Photo Scribing Student Field Work Experience”**

Baccalaureate Directors Program Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, Fall 2001

### **“Social Work Students Are Write On!”**

*Baccalaureate Directors Program Annual Conference, Destin, Florida, Fall 2000*

### **“Social Work Journaling – Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Reflection Guide”**

*University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa, Summer 2000*

### **“Snapshots – Global Perspective of Social Service Agencies”**

*University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa, Summer 2000*

### **“Stars – Student Tracking and Resource Retrieval Database”**

*Baccalaureate Program Director Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, Fall 1999*

## **Coordinating Experience**

Assistance in coordinating fall and spring continuing education workshops the School of Social Work has on MU's campus and throughout the state of Missouri, 2008-

### **“Contemporary Issues and Emerging Trends in Field Education”**

*Institute for Social Work Field Instruction, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri, 1998-1999*

### **“Shades of Grey: Ethical Dilemmas of Practice”**

*University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri, 1995*

### **“Tapestry – Valuing Diversity in Social Work Practice”**

*University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri, 1994*

### **“Training Licensing Child Care Consultants Project (T.L.C.)”**

*Training Project with Department of Family Services Childcare Licensing Staff and MU School of Social Work, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri. 1992-1993.*

### **“School Plus Project”**

*School based training initiative with Department of Family Services and MU School of Social Work, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri, 1993.*

### **“Professional Ethics – Pieces of the Social Work Picture”**

*School of Social Work, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri. Fall 1992.*

**“The Art of Supervising Social Work Field Practicum Students”**

*MU Field Instruction Workshop, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri. Fall 1991.*

**“Courageous Voices Echoing in Our Lives”**

*Federal Women’s Program Committee, VA Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, March 1988.*

**“Leadership Effectiveness and Development Congruence”**

*Columbia College, Columbia Missouri. May 1982, December 1982, May 1983.*

**Graduation Ceremony and Activities**

*Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri, January 1983.*

**Student Government Retreats**

*Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri, Fall 1981, 1982.*

**“Recreation Programming for Handicapped Hispanics”**

*North Texas State University, Denton, Texas, 1981.*

**Publications**

Orton, Diane J. Inspiration, Coping and Hope: South African Social Work Student Reflections during Field Work. *New Social Worker*, winter 2009.

Orton, Dianne J., Freelin, Tammy L.W., Jacobs J. Fresa, & Wingo, Robin, R. (2002). *Building Professionals: Designing a Professional Portfolio*. Denver, Co: Prentice Hall.

Orton, Dianne J. & Jacobs, F. (2003) *Helping Professionals Critical Thinking and Reflection Journal*. Boston, Ma: Allyn & Bacon.

**MISSOURI UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

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**School of Social Work Newsletter Board Member, Social Work Notes, 2009-**

**School of Social Work Director’s Development Council member, 2010-**

**Undergraduate Advisor, School of Social Work 1991-**

**University of Missouri – School of Social Work Alumni Board, faculty representative 2005-2007**

**Professional Advisory Board School of Social Work, Faculty representative 2006-**

**School of Social Work Admissions and Scholarship Committee, Chair 2002 – 2004**

**School of Social Work Fall Conference Planning Committee, Member 2002-2005**

**School of Social Work Social Work Month Planning Committee, Member 2002-2005**

**School of Social Work Admissions & Scholarship Committee, Member 1996 -2000**

**School of Social Work Search Committee, Member 1997, 1998**

**Diamond Jubilee Celebration. School of Social Work, Faculty Representative 1993-1994**

**Legion of Black Collegians 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, College Representative 1993-1994**

**Margaret Mangle Lectureship, Co-chair 1993**

**Women’s Network for Faculty and Professional Staff, Co-chair 1992-1993**

**Margaret Mangel Lectureship Committee**, *Member and Chairperson of Publications of Lectureship, 1992-1993*

## **LICENSES / CERTIFICATES**

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**Clinical Social Worker**, *State of Missouri*. 1991-current

**School Social Work Specialist**, *NASW*. March 1992

**Missouri Lifetime Teaching Certificate** – *Educable Mentally Handicapped, K-12*.

## **VOLUNTEER / SERVICE** (past five years)

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**Board of Director Member**. Voluntary Action Center, 2010-

**Board of Director Member**. University YMCA, 2005-2008, co-chair fund raising committee

**Board of Directors Member**. *Lutheran Family & Children Services, of Mid-Missouri* 1995-1998. Co-chairperson of the fund raising committee.

**Participant** *MU Alternative Spring Break* 1995. Americorp experience in Delta Region of Arkansas

**Board of Directors Member**. *R.A.I.N. Regional Aids Interfaith Network*. 1999- Art and Wine Auction and Education Committee member.

**State of Missouri Board Member** *Make-A-Wish Foundation*. June 1997-1998.

**Treasurer**, *American Association of University Women*. 1997-1998.

School Social Work Association of Missouri – Higher Education representative, 2000-

## **AWARDS**

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**Excellence in Education Nominee**, University of Missouri Division of Student Affairs and MU Parents Association, April 2007.

**Outstanding Faculty Award**, MU Alumni Association. May 1998.

**Director's Special Contribution Award**, Veterans Hospital, June 1998, 1990.

**Superior Performance Award**, Veterans Hospital, June 1989, 1990.

## **OLDER PUBLICATIONS**

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Orton, Dianne. "An Investigation of the Past, Present, and Future Recreation Pursuits of Adult Inmates in Two Iowa Correctional Institutions." *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, 1977, Volume IX, No. 2, 66-69.

Nelson, Pam and Orton, Dianne. "Unlocking Me", *an education game*. Good Apple, Carthage, Illinois, 1977.

An accompanying file of counseling games and activities published by Keystone Area Education Agency, 1977.