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Curriculum Vitae

School of Social Work
Brigham Young University
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EDUCATION

2012 Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Social Welfare
University at Albany, State University of New York

2005 Masters of Social Work (MSW)
Brigham Young University

2002 Bachelors of Science (BS)
University of Utah

2002 Certificate in Criminology and Corrections
University of Utah

INTERESTS

Substance Use Treatment, Social Work Practice, Phenomenology, Aging

LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), State of Utah
Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), State of California

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023-Current *Associate Professor*, School of Social Work, Brigham Young University

2015-2023 *Assistant Professor*, School of Social Work, Brigham Young University

2012-2015 *Assistant Professor*, School of Social Work, California State University, San Bernardino

PUBLICATIONS (*Denotes current or former student)

*Brown, H. & Dennis, C. B. (Under Review). Mental Health and Substance Use Client Factors and Relapse During Treatment. Submitted to *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*.

- *Steinberg, R. M. & Dennis, C. B. (Under Review – R&R). Perception of overall health differences in veterans across marital statuses. Revisions submitted to *Military Behavioral Health*.
- Hooley, C., Adams, D. R., Ng, W. Y., Wendt, C. L. E., Dennis, C. B. (Under review – R&R). Key actors in behavioral health services availability and accessibility research: A scoping review bibliometric analysis. *Discover Mental Health*.
- *Carter, A. C. & Dennis, C. B. (2023). Strengths and Weaknesses: Clinician Assessment Effect on Substance Use Treatment Engagement and Discharge. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*. Advanced online publication
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2023.2275063>
- *Brown, H. & Dennis, C. B. (2023). The Impact of Suicidality and Spirituality on Substance Use Day Treatment Discharge. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 20(6), 840-850.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2023.2230186>
- *Stones, B. & Dennis, C. B. (2023). Childhood trauma and substance use treatment length of stay and completion. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 41(3), 265-277.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07347324.2023.2205830>
- *Morgan, C. & Dennis, C. B., (2023). Addressing length of stay in substance abuse treatment to predict successful completion. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 23(3), 243-255, <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2022.2063345>
- *Carter, A. C. & Dennis, C. B. (2023). Legal Involvement and Substance Use Treatment Engagement and Outcomes. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 23(2), 76-85. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2021.1988492>
- *Stones, B. & Dennis, C. B. (2022). Evaluating interpersonal associations and substance use treatment using clinical data mining. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 44(4), 443-454.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07347324.2022.2087577>
- Wood, D. S., *Applegarth, D. M., Dennis, C. B., *Kevern, T. C., & Limb, G. E. (2022). Effects of online training on social work students' efficacy and confidence related to screening, brief Intervention, referral and treatment. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 32(8), 1089-1100. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2021.1992695>
- *Evans, S. N. & Dennis, C. B. (2022). Interpersonal Associations and Completing a Substance Use Day Treatment Program. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 19(1), 64-76.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2021.1982435>

- Dennis, C. B. & *Champlin, J. F. (2021). Not forgetting the family system of the substance using client. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 31(8), 951-980.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2020.1832638>
- Bryan, M., Hruschak, V., Dennis, C., Rosen, D., & Cochran, G. (2020). The opioid crisis. In *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.1350>
- *Kenney, A. & Dennis, C. B. (2019). Environmental paths that inform adolescent substance use prevention. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 29(7), 897-908.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2019.1633982>
- Leedahl, S. N., Brasher, M. S., Estus, E., *Breck, B. M., Dennis, C. B., & Clark, S. C. (2019). Implementing an interdisciplinary intergenerational program using the Cyber-Seniors® reverse mentoring model within higher education. *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, 40(1), 71-89. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02701960.2018.1428574>
- *Breck, B. M., Dennis, C. B., & Leedahl, S. N. (2018). Implementing reverse mentoring to address social isolation among older adults. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 61(5), 513-525. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2018.1448030>
- *Ward, K., Dennis, C. B., & Limb, G. E. (2018). Stepfamily relationship quality and its impact on emerging adult non-medical use of prescription drugs. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 44(4), 463-471. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00952990.2017.1405010>
- Dennis, C. B., Roland, B. D., & Loneck B. M. (2018). Strengthening the working alliance through a clinician's familiarity with the 12-Step approach. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 44(3), 378-385. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00952990.2017.1378892>
- Dennis, C. B., Davis, T. D., Chang, J., & McAllister, C. (2017). Psychological vulnerability and gambling in later life. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 60(6-7), 471-486.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2017.1329764>
- Dennis, C. B., Davis, T. D., *Bernardo, K. R., & *Kelleher, S. R. (2017). Enhancing health-conscious behaviors among clients in substance abuse treatment programs. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 17(3), 291-306.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2017.1338575>
- Dennis, C. B. & Davis, T. D. (2017). Enhancing the referral-making process to 12-step programs: Strategies for social workers. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 27(4), 423-433.
<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1049731515586582>

Davis, T. D., Dennis, C. B. & Culbertson, S. (2015). Practice evaluation strategies among clinical social workers: New directions in practice research. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 25(6), 654-669. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F10497315155592955>

Dennis, C. B. & Earleywine, M. (2013). Assessing the attitudes substance abuse professionals have towards 12-step culture: Preliminary results. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 13(4), 373-392.

Dennis, C. B., Roland, B. D., & Loneck, B. (2013). The impact of twelve-step program familiarity and its in-session discussion on counselor credibility. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 39(5), 298–303.

Dennis, C. B., McCallion, P., & Ferretti, L. A. (2012). Understanding implementation of best practices for working with the older homeless through the lens of self-determination theory. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 55(4), 352–366.

WORKS IN PROGRESS (*Denotes current or former student)

*Stones, B. & Dennis, C. B. (In progress). A Phenomenology of Eating Disorder Recovery.

Dennis, C. B. (In progress). Paradox as a Portal to the Founding Experiences for What Became Alcoholics Anonymous.

FUNDED PROJECTS

A Clinical Data Mining Approach to the Study of Substance Abuse Treatment. Funded by Brigham Young University, Office of Research & Creative Activities, Mentoring Environment Grants (\$10,000). 2017-2018.

Ways to promote client health in substance abuse treatment as informed by treatment professionals. Partially funded by the NIDA (1R24DA033877-01; PI: Cynthia A. Crawford) CSUSB Diversity-promoting Institutions Drug Abuse Research Program (\$13,500). 2013-2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*Denotes current or former student)

*Stones, B. & Dennis, C. B. (2022, November). *Interpersonal Associations and Substance Use Treatment*. Oral presentation at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

*Carter A. C. & Dennis C. B. (2021, January). *Legal Involvement, Engagement, and Substance Use Treatment Outcomes*. Poster at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Virtual.

- *Carter, A. C. & Dennis, C. B. (2020, November). *Legal involvement, engagement, and substance use treatment outcomes*. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Virtual.
- Hooley, C. D., *Flores, N., *Vaughn, K. & Dennis, C.B. (2020). *Measuring availability and accessibility to behavioral health services as part of scale-up: A scoping review, part 1*. Poster presented at Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Virtual.
- Dennis, C. B. & *Fisher, J. (2020, January). *Family well-being in the context of addiction*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- *Morgan, C. & Dennis C. B. (2018, January). *Addressing length of stay in substance abuse treatment to predict successful completion*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Dennis, C. B., Roland, B. D., & Loneck B. M. (2018, January). *Strengthening the working alliance through familiarity with the 12-Step approach to recovery*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- *Ward, K. P., Limb, G., & Dennis, C. B. (2018, January). *The effect of stepfamily closeness on emerging adult prescription drug abuse: A structural equation modeling approach*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research conference, Washington DC.
- *Breck, B. M., Dennis, C. B., & Leedahl, S. N. (2017, October). *Promoting digital literacy among older adults: An intergenerational approach*. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- *Morgan, C. & Dennis C. B. (2017, October). *Addressing length of stay in substance abuse treatment to predict successful completion*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Dennis, C. B., Davis, T. D., Chang, J. & McAllister, C. (2017, January). *Gambling to cope with psychological vulnerability in later life*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- *Kenney, A. & Dennis, C. B. (2017, January). *Environmental risk factors for adolescent substance use: Implications for social work*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- *Kenney, A. & Dennis, C. B. (2016, November). *Environmental risk factors for adolescent substance use: Implications for social work*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

*Steinberg, R. & Dennis, C. B. (2016, November). *Perception of overall health, alcohol use, and family composition concerning military veterans*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Dennis, C. B., Davis, T. D., *Bernardo, K. R. & *Kelleher, S. R. (2016, January). *Enhancing health-conscious behaviors among clients in substance abuse treatment programs: Strategies for social workers*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

*Del Fierro, M. & Dennis, C. B. (October, 2015). Translating social work education into practice in response to an international need. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Dennis, C. B., Davis, T. D., *Bernardo, K. & *Kelleher, S. (2014, October). *Beliefs about Physical Health and Recovery among Substance Abuse Counselors*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Dennis, C. B. & Davis, T. D. (2014, October). *Revisiting Gambling Risk Using the Windsor Gambling Screen for Older Adults*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Dennis, C. B. & Davis, T. D. (2014, May). *Revisiting Gambling Risk Using the Windsor Gambling Screen for Older Adults*. Poster presented at the 5th Annual West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders, La Quinta, CA. Received Honorable Mention

*Bernardo, K., Dennis, C. B., Davis, T. D., & *Kelleher, S. (2014, May). *Beliefs about Physical Health and Recovery among Substance Abuse Counselors*. Poster presented at the 5th Annual West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders, La Quinta, CA. Received Honorable Mention

*Kelleher, S., Dennis, C. B., Davis, T. D., & *Bernardo, K. (2014, May). *Beliefs about Smoking Cessation among Substance Abuse Counselors*. Poster presented at the 5th Annual West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders, La Quinta, CA. Received Early Investigator Research Award

Dennis, C. B. & Davis, T. D. (2014, January). *Modeling ways to enhance the referral-making process to twelve-step programs*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX. Session Moderator.

Davis, T. D. & Dennis, C. B. (2014, January). *Practice Evaluation Strategies Among Licensed Clinical Social Workers*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Davis, T. D. & Dennis, C. B. (2013, November). *Practice Evaluation Strategies Among Licensed Clinical Social Workers: In Their Own Words*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Dennis, C. B. & Davis, T. D. (2013, November). *Enhancing referrals to twelve-step programs: What everyday social workers need to know*. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Dennis, C. B. & Earleywine, M., (2013, June). *Measuring how familiar substance abuse professionals are with twelve-step program culture*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders, La Quinta, CA. Received Honorable Mention

Dennis, C. B., McCallion, P., & Ferretti, L. A. (2011, October). *The older homeless and the role of client self-determination in best practices*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Dennis, C. B. & Stachewicz, E. M. (2010, October). *Empowering aging and disabled friendly communities*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the State Society on Aging of New York, White Plains, NY.

Dennis, C. B., Roland, B. D., & Loneck, B. (2010, October). *12-Step familiarity and its in-session presence on client perception of clinicians*. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Portland, OR.

Dennis, C. B., McCallion, P., & Ferretti, L. A. (2009, October). *Best practices and the older homeless*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the State Society on Aging of New York, Rochester, NY.

Shiau-fang, C., McCallion, P., Ferretti, L. A., & Dennis, C. B. (2009, October). *Measuring effectiveness of nurse training in developmental disabilities and aging*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the State Society on Aging of New York, Rochester, NY.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Davis, T. D. & Dennis, C. B. (2014, June). *Practice Evaluation Strategies among Licensed Clinical Social Workers*. Paper presented at the Third International Conference on Practice Research, New York, NY.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS (*Denotes student researcher)

*Del Fierro, M., *Huxster, M., *Mitchell, A., *Chaparro, C., *Batool, K., & Dennis, C.B. (August, 2014). *Tabang Daanbanatayan: Philippines Research & Service Project*. Presentation at Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente, Cebu, Philippines.

Dennis, C. B. & Davis, T. D. (2013, June). *Enhancing the referral-making process to twelve-step programs*. Presentation at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science 8th Drug Abuse Research Symposium, Los Angeles, CA.

Stachewicz, E. M., Dennis, C. B., & Gebell, Y. (2010, May). *Empowering communities to become aging and disabled friendly*. Invited presentation at the Aging Friendly Community/Livability for All: Capital Region Initiatives Forum, Latham, NY.

Dennis, C. B. (2008, April). *Older adults and gambling interventions: A literature review*. Poster presented at the University at Albany, School of Social Welfare, Breakfast Lecture Series, Albany, NY.

PROJECTS & REPORTS (*Denotes current or former student)

*Del Fierro, M., *Huxster, M., *Mitchell, A., *Chaparro, C., *Batool, K., & Dennis, C.B. (2014). *General needs survey report: Maya, Daanbantayan*. Cebu, Philippines. Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente

Stachewicz, E. M. & Dennis, C. B. (2010). *Albany and Schenectady counties planning project: Empowering aging and disabled friendly communities*. Albany, NY. Albany County DSS.

McCallion, P. Dennis, C. B., & Ferretti, L. A. (2009). *Facing the challenges: Working with people who are homeless*. Albany, NY: NYS OCFS. A cd-rom.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2007-2012 Graduate Assistant (for Philip McCallion, PhD)
Center for Excellence in Aging and Community Wellness, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany

2003-2004 Research Assistant (for Marge Edwards, PhD)
School of Social Work, Brigham Young University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Level

School of Social Work, Brigham Young University

- Soc W 663 – Social Work Practice with Groups (formerly: Advanced Group Work)
- Soc W 666 – Specialized Direct Social Work Practice (formerly: Advanced Practice Skills)

- Soc W 611 – Supervised Clinical Practicum
- Soc W 595R – Directed Readings (as requested by students)

School of Social Work, California State University, San Bernardino

- SW 602A – Foundation Micro Practice I
- SW 602B – Foundation Micro Practice II
- SW 602C – Foundation Micro Practice III
- SW 612 – Social Work Research I
- SW 625A&B – Research Supervision (20 MSW Student Research Projects)

Undergraduate Level

School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, State University of New York

- RSSW301 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment

Teaching Internship (with Eric Hardiman, PhD)

Graduate Level

School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, State University of New York

- RSSW620 – Micro Practice in Social Work I
- RSSW621 – Micro Practice in Social Work II

INTERNAL CITIZENSHIP

Brigham Young University

2023-Current	Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Family, Home and Social Science
2023-Current	Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work
2018-Current	Coordinator, Comprehensive Clinic, School of Social Work
2017-Current	Faculty Affiliate, Gerontology Program
2015-Current	Practice/611 Sequence Meeting, School of Social Work
2015-2022	Member, Space Management Committee, College of Family, Home and Social Science
2019-2021	Admissions Committee, School of Social Work
2019-2020	Advisor, BYU Homeless Alliance
2020/21	Faculty Reviewer for two student manuscripts submitted to <i>Intuition: The BYU Undergraduate Journal of Psychology</i>
2018	Organizer, Annual Social Work Conference
2017	Organizer, February Grand Rounds, Comprehensive Clinic
2016, 2017, 2020	Judge, Fulton Poster Conference, Mentored Student Research Conference, College of Family, Home and Social Science
2016	Reviewer, Graduate Studies, Graduate Research Fellowship.

2015-2019 Advisor, Masters of Social Work Student Association, School of Social Work

MSW Research Assistants, 2015 – Current (*publication/presentation with the student):

Amy Kenney*

Rachel Steinberg*

Lindsay Selk

Bethany Breck*

Chase Morgan*

Jessica Fisher (also assisted me pre-MSW)*

Christiana Hoffman

Kristen Grant

Sara Evans*

Rebecca Carlson

Morgan Evans

Annie Carter (also assisted me pre-MSW)*

Bailee Stones*

Hannah Brown*

Iida Harju

Mia Greer

Tessa Larsen

Madeline Kapetanov

Graduate Student Thesis Committee Member

Dallin Everett (Sociology – 2016/2017)

Thesis Title: “Examining the effect of friends’ drug treatment on one’s drug use: Investigating positive peer influence in the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health.”

Former Students Supervised toward LCSW

Amy Kenney

Alexandra Lamoureux

Heather Walker

Keegan Mauer

California State University, San Bernardino

2013-2015 Advisor, Certificate in Health Equity and Health Disparities

2012-2015 Member, Micro Practice Committee, School of Social Work

2012-2015 Member, Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work

2012-2015 Member, MSW Admissions and Student Recruitment, School of Social Work

2012-2015 Member, Strategic Planning Committee, School of Social Work

2012-2015 Faculty Affiliate, The Center for the Promotion of Health Disparities Research and Training

University at Albany, State University of New York

2009-2010 Member, Steering Committee, Community Empowerment for Aging in the Community Planning Grant, Center for Excellence in Aging and Community Wellness

2009-2010 Member, PhD Program Committee, School of Social Welfare

EXTERNAL CITIZENSHIP

2022-Current Reviewer: *Clinical Social Work Journal*

2021-Current Review Board Member: *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*

2022 Reviewer: *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*

2019-2021 Reviewer: *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*

2019-2021 Reviewer: *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*

2014 Session Moderator, Session: *Factors and Processes in Substance Use Referral and Treatment*, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

2013-2014 Peer Review Board Member: *Addiction, Recovery, and Aftercare*.

2007 Member, Board of Directors, Gathering Place, Orem, UT

DIRECT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2015-Current Clinical Social Worker, Provo Counseling Center, Provo, UT & Freelance
Provide direct social work practice services to clients. Provide supervision to clinicians working towards independent licensure. Consult treatment providers.

2010-2012 Clinical Social Worker, LDS Family Services, Albany, NY
Responsibilities included providing individual, couple and family counseling, consulting with ecclesiastical leaders, and leading an addiction recovery group.

2005-2007 Clinical Social Worker, Cirque Lodge, Orem, UT

Responsibilities included providing individual, group and family substance abuse treatment, and discharge planning with assigned residents.

- 2005-2006 Clinical Social Worker, Today's Youth, Pleasant Grove, UT
Responsibilities included providing individual therapy to youth in foster care in coordination with the efforts of case managers, foster parents and trackers
- 2005 Clinical Social Worker, Gathering Place, Orem, UT
Responsibilities included providing individual, group and family substance abuse treatment to adult and adolescent clients on an outpatient basis, in addition to program development and educational workshops
- 2004-2005 Social Work Intern, Gathering Place, Orem, UT
Responsibilities included providing individual and group substance abuse treatment to adults and adolescents on an outpatient basis
- 2004 Social Work Intern, VA Hospital, Inpatient Psych Unit, Salt Lake City, UT
Duties included discharge planning, patient assessment, participation in team rounds and daily group work

OTHER RELATED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2001-2004 Division of Youth Corrections, Salt Lake City, UT
Responsibilities included supervising youth in alternative programming to secured care on various work projects benefiting the local community, and tracking youth on house arrest.

AWARDS

- 2014 & 2015 Most Inspiring Professor Award, Social Work Student Association, School of Social Work, California State University, San Bernardino

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)