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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Doctorate in Social Work (DSW), Tulane University, 2022
- Master of Social Work (MSW), University of Texas at Arlington, 2005
- Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), University of North Texas, 2002

Licensure & Certifications

- Licensed Master Social Worker, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, License #37655 (2005 to present)
- Independent Practice Recognition, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (2007 to present)
- Certified Mediator, State of Texas (2018 to present)

Professional Experience

- Owner, Pineywoods Family Supervision (2020–present)
- MSW Field Instructor, University of Texas at Arlington (2020–present)
- MSW Field Instructor, University of Houston (2018–2020)
- Court-Appointed Child Custody Evaluator (2006–present)
- Court-Appointed Adoption Evaluator (2006–present)
- Family Law Expert Consultant (2016–present)
- Parenting Facilitator (2018–present)
- Foster/Adopt Home Study Provider – Buckner Children & Family Services (2007–2017)
- Clinical Social Worker – Memorial Health Systems of East Texas (2006–2008)
- BSW Field Instructor – Stephen F. Austin State University (2007–2008)
- Clinical Social Worker – Children’s Medical Center of Dallas (2004–2006)
- Clinical Social Worker – Parkland Health & Hospital System (2002–2004)
- Clinical Social Worker – John Peter Smith Hospital (2002)

Professional Affiliations

- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Member (2011-present), Board Member (2022- present)
- Forensic Association of Coparenting Specialists, President (2025-present)
- Lufkin Community Partners, President (2006-2022), Board Member (2022-present)

Publications

- Axelson & Valentine (2023). When and How to Challenge Child Custody Evaluations. Advanced Family Law.
- Axelson & Gentile (2024). Are Child Custody Evaluations Beneficial to Family Law Judges? A Study from the Judicial Perspective. Family Court Review.
- Axelson (2024). Are Child Custody Evaluations Beneficial to Family Law Judges? Family News & Views, AFCC New York.

Seminar & Conference Presentations

- Focusing on Fundamentals: Family Violence and Child Interviewing in Family Law Cases, Texas AFCC, April 2026, Virtual
- Custody & Adoption Evaluations Essentials Course, January to March 2026, Virtual
- Testifying with Confidence: Subpoenas, Testimony and Ethical Boundaries, FACS, October 2025, Tyler, TX
- Top 10 Most Common Mistakes in Child Custody Evaluations— Texas AFCC, October 2025, Austin, TX
- Custody & Adoption Evaluations Essentials Course, July to October 2025, Virtual
- Parental Alienation — Mission Possible Conference, March 2024, Lufkin, TX
- Social Workers in the Courtroom— University of Alabama, February 2024, Virtual
- When and How to Challenge Child Custody Evaluations— Advanced Family Law Course, August 2023, San Antonio, TX
- Scared of the Courtroom? — AFCC National conference, May 2023, Los Angeles, CA
- Working with Court-Involved Families — Mission Possible Conference, March 2023, Lufkin, TX
- Social Workers in the Courtroom — National DSW Conference, March 2023 (Virtual)
- What Judges Really Want — California AFCC, February 2023, Costa Mesa, CA
- Licensure Boards to the Courtroom — Texas AFCC, December 2022, Austin, TX
- The ABC's and 123's of Child Custody Evaluations — AFCC Child Custody Symposium, November 2022, Las Vegas, NV
- Training Child Custody Evaluators — AFCC Annual Conference, May 2022, Chicago, IL
- The Good, Bad, and the Ugly — AFCC Annual Conference, May 2022, Chicago, IL
- Issues and Evaluations in Family Court — January 2022, Coppell, TX
- The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse — AFCC Annual Conference, June 2021, Boston, MA
- The Silver Spoon vs. the Spork — AFCC Child Custody Symposium, November 2020, Madison, WI
- Advanced Child Custody Evaluation Training Seminar — February 2020, Plano, TX

Professional Continuing Education

- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Texas Chapter, 2025 Legislative Update, December 2025
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Texas Chapter Annual Conference, Beyond Awareness: Bias Recognition and Strengthening Cultural Competence for Legal and Mental Health Professionals, October 2025

- Texas Association of Family Forensics, In the Hot Seat: A Mock Trial Experience for Family Law Practitioners, September 2025
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Texas Chapter, Collateral Damage: Ethics, Boundaries & Board Compliance in Family Law, August 2025
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Texas Chapter, How To Go From Court Avoidant to Court Involved, June 2025
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, How We Think as Evaluators and Clinicians: Update on Clinical Judgment Research, May 2025
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Texas Chapter, Staying out of Hot Water: Responsible Practices for Therapists, Evaluators, and Facilitators, March 2025
- HIPPA Awareness for Mental Health Professionals (Online), January 2025
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 16th Symposium on Child Custody, Shaping The Future: Screening and Assessing for Safety and Wellbeing of Parent-Child Relationships, November 2024
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Texas Chapter, Help! Is It Just Me or Are All My Cases High Conflict, October 2024
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Equal Parenting Time and Policy: A friendly Debate and Discussion, February 2024
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Texas Chapter, Addressing Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse in Family Law Cases, November 2023.
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 60th National Conference, 60 Years of Asking Difficult Questions, May 2023
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts California Chapter, Runnin' On Empty: What Do You Do When You Haven't Got a Clue- Innovative Ideas and Solutions for New and Old Problems, February 2023
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 15th Symposium on Child Custody, From A Full House to Parenting Apart, November 2022
- Our Family Wizard Webinar, Technology, The Silent Witness: What you need to Know, August 2022
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 59th Annual Conference, The Use, Misuse and Abuse of Technology in Family Law, May 2022
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, What Do Judges Want Webinar, April 2022
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Focused or Cost-Effective Evaluations Webinar, February 2022
- Introduction to Developmentally Appropriate Interviewing of Children using the Revised NICHD (Six- week course). Palo Alto University, January 2022 to February 2022.
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and AAML Conference on Advanced Family Law Issues, September 2021
- North Texas Families in Transition, New Discovery Rule for Mental Health Experts Webinar, December 2020
- Enhanced Forensic Decision-Making Online Training, December 2020
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Child Custody Symposium on the Future of Child Custody, November 2020
- Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, June 2020
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Parental Alienation: False Positives and Myriad Concerns Webinar, June 2020
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts AAML Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody, August 2019
- North Texas Families in Transition, Legal and Licensing Issues: What Every Therapist Should Know, February 2019
- Between Two Homes Co-parenting Class Teacher Certification, January 2019
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 13th Symposium on Child Custody, November 2018
- Parenting Coordination/Facilitation: Intervention for High Conflict Families, Bradley Craig, LMSW-IPR, and Aaron Robb, Ph.D., September 2018
- Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, June 2018
- Counselors in the Courtroom: Christy Bradshaw, LPC, and Michael Puhl, JD, January 2018

- Challenging Clients and Challenging Topics: Advanced Issues with Clients in Family Litigation; North Texas Families in Transition, October 2017
- Child Custody Evaluations: From Nuts and Bolts to Advanced Issues; Christy Bradshaw, LPC, and Aaron Robb, Ph.D., July 2017
- One for the Road and Two for the Courtroom: Differentiating Drug and Alcohol Issues with Family Court Clients, North Texas Families in Transition, February 2017
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 12th Symposium on Child Custody, November 2016
- Child Custody Evaluations: Opportunities and Challenges for Legal and Mental Health Professionals, Christy Bradshaw, LPC, and Aaron Robb, Ph.D., May 2016
- Child Custody Evaluations, SMU Denman School of Law and Texas Family Law Foundation, February 2016
- Mock Trial: Testimony and Examination Issues with Mental Health Professionals, Jenny Gomez, MS, LPC-S, RPT-S, February 2016
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 11th Symposium on Child Custody, November 2014