

CURRICULUM VITAE

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MARCELA SARMIENTO MELLINGER

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	2011	University of Georgia, Athens, GA, School of Social Work. Certificate: Nonprofit Management
M.S.W.	1999	Temple University, School of Social Administration, Philadelphia, PA Administration and Social Planning Focus
B.A.	1998	Millersville University, Millersville, PA Social Work Major

Experience in Higher Education

2011 – Present	University of Maryland Baltimore County, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Baccalaureate Program
2009 – 2011	University of Georgia, Teaching Assistant/Instructor, School of Social Work
2006 – 2007	Millersville University, Temporary Full-Time Instructor, School of Social Work
2002 – 2006	Harrisburg Area Community College, Lancaster Campus, Adjunct Instructor, Social Services/Sociology

Experience in Other than Higher Education

2001 – 2007	Family Service, Advocacy and Community Initiatives Administrator; Advocacy Coordinator, Lancaster, PA Responsible for administration of advocacy program. Identified community needs and led community initiatives to meet social needs; developed collaborations with community organizations, businesses, and government officials; assisted in providing oversight of agency programs.
2000 – 2001	National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Technical Assistant Specialist, Harrisburg, PA Provided technical assistance at the national level to organizations and individuals in the full range of domestic violence issues; researched current and valid domestic violence information for dissemination nationwide; served as liaison for nationwide networking.

1998 Lancaster Shelter for Abused Women, Welfare Advocate, Lancaster, PA
 Advocated for public benefits needed by victims of domestic violence; served a liaison between shelter residents and the Department of Public Welfare.

Honors Received

2014 – 2016 Eminent Scholar Program, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
 2010 – 2011 Future Faculty Program Scholarship, University of Georgia
 2009 – 2010 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia
 2007 – 2009 Graduate School Assistantship, The Graduate School, University of Georgia
 1999 Social Work Graduate School Award, Temple University
 1998 Social Work Organization Award, Millersville University

Research Support and/or Fellowships

2016 \$15,600, UMBC Strategic Awards for Research Transitions (START), primary investigator (Funded – Academic year 2016-2017)
 2015 – 2016 \$1,500 Undergraduate Research Assistantship Support, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
 2012 – 2013 \$1,500 Undergraduate Research Assistantship Support, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
 2011 Summer \$6,000, Summer Faculty Fellowship, University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Principal investigator
 2010 – 2011 \$1,000, *Dean's Award*, The Graduate School, University of Georgia; Dissertation Funding

Grants submitted

2016 \$5,000, Council on Social Work Education Policy Practice in Field Education Planning Grant, co-investigator (Not funded)
 2014 \$10,500, UMBC Special Research Assistantship/Initiative Support (SRAIS), primary investigator (Not funded)
 2013 \$1,500, UMBC Undergraduate Research Assistantship Support for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014, research mentor (not funded)
 2013 \$19,500, UMBC Special Research Assistantship/Initiative Support (SRAIS), primary investigator (Not funded)

2013 \$180,830, Abell Foundation, Co-investigator (10% time); House of Ruth Gateway Center project (Not funded)

Non-Research Grants (Program Funding)

2007 - 2009 *Family Service's Supervised Visitation Program Redesign Renewal.* Office on Violence against Women, Safe Havens Grant (funded: \$200,000)

2006 - 2007 *Family Service's Student and Family Liaison Program.* School District of Lancaster, Community School Pilot (funded: \$150,000)

2006 *Family Service's Community School Program.* School District of Lancaster, Community School Pilot (funded: \$55,740)

2006 *Family Service: Telephone system upgrade.* Lancaster Community Foundation (funded \$10,000)

2006 *Family Service parenting classes.* Osteopathic Health Foundation (funded: \$7,500)

2006 *Family Service's Family Week Celebration at Washington Elementary School.* Alliance for Children and Families, National Family Week (funded \$1,000)

2005 –2007 *Family Service's Supervised Visitation Program Redesign.* Office on Violence against Women, Safe Havens Grant (funded: \$200,000)

2001-2006 *Family Service's Advocacy Program.* United Way of Lancaster, yearly competitive fund cycle (funded: Average per year \$80,000)

Undergraduate Students

Emily Preston, School of Social Work.
Undergraduate Research Award (\$1,500). Research Mentor.
Grassroots to mainstream: The history of the intimate partner violence advocacy movement, and its implications for future advocacy efforts study (2015-1016)

Chanel Wiggins, McNair Scholars Program
Research mentor (McNair Class of 2015).

Kathleen Algire-Fedarcy, School of Social Work.
Undergraduate Research Award (\$1,500). Research Mentor.
Advocacy as interpreted by human service providers: A qualitative exploratory study (2012-1013)

Ph.D. Students

Galina Portnoy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Department of Psychology (in progress). Committee Member. Behavior Change Processes of Partner Violent Men: An In-Depth Analysis of Recidivist Events Following Abuser Intervention Program Completion

Publications (all peer reviewed)

Mellinger, M. S. What drives advocacy? An exploration of value, mission, and relationships. *Journal of Policy Practice*. (In-press).

Witmer, H., & Mellinger, M. S. Organizational resilience: Nonprofit organizations response to funding changes, a lens for understanding organizational adaptability. *WORK, A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, & Rehabilitation*. (In-press).

McCabe, H. A., Hylton, M. E., Kooreman, H. E., Mellinger, M. S., & Day, A. (2016). Civic knowledge and social work education: Results from a multi-site study. *Journal of Policy Practice*.

Jani, J. & Mellinger, M. S. (2015). Writing to learn in social work education: Reassessing the challenges facing students. *Journal of Social Work Education, 51*, 136-152.

Ting, L., Mellinger, M. S., & Morris, K. (2014). Perceived skills, self-efficacy, and attitudes toward technology: A pilot study of BSW students. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work, 19*, 65-81.

Mellinger, M. S., & Carney, M. M. (2014). Interpersonal dependency constructs and male perpetrators of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Forensic Social Work, 4*, 29-47.

Mellinger, M. S. (2014). Do nonprofit organizations have room for advocacy in their structure? An exploratory study. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance, 38*, 158-168.

Mellinger, M. S. (2014). Beyond legislative advocacy: Exploring agency, legal, and community advocacy. *Journal of Policy Practice, 13*, 45-58.

Mellinger, M. S., & Kolomer, S. (2013). Legislative advocacy and human service nonprofits: What are we doing? *Journal of Policy Practice, 12*, 87-106.

Mellinger, M. S. (2009). Application of the feminist perspective in social work practice with women in abusive relationships. *Perspectives on Social Work*, 8, 9-13.

Non-Peer Reviewed/Invited Publications

Jani, J., & Mellinger, M. S. Risk and protective factors among immigrant children: Implications for advocacy. (2015). In K. Rice & M. Felizzi (Eds.), *Global youth: Understanding challenges, identifying solutions, offering hope* (pp. 107-121). Newcastle upon Tyne, England: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Publications Under Review

Belcher, J., & Mellinger, M. S. Integrating spirituality with practice and policy: The challenge for social work. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work*. (Revised and resubmitted).

Publications in Preparation

Mellinger, M. S. Does mission drive the structure of advocacy in nonprofit organizations? A qualitative study.

Mellinger, M. S. Social justice, diversity, and social work education: How are we doing?

Mellinger, M. S. Advocacy within a movement: Changes, challenges, and improvements from a staff perspective.

McCoy, M., Hofer, R., Nordberg, A., & Mellinger, M. S. Understanding domestic violence coalitions through a principal-agent and stewardship lens: A one state analysis.

Mellinger, M. S., McCoy, M., Hofer, R., & Nordberg, A. Understanding domestic violence coalitions in two states through a principal-agent lens: A qualitative study.

Presentations (Juried)

Mellinger, M. S. *Advocacy within a movement: Changes, challenges, and improvements from a staff perspective*. Society for Social Work and Research 21st Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2017. (Submitted).

Mellinger, M. S. *Sensitive qualitative research in macro practice: What are the issues?* Society for Social Work and Research 21st Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 2017. (Submitted).

Mellinger, M. S., McCoy, M., Hofer, R., & Nordberg, A. *Understanding domestic violence coalitions through a principal-agent lens: A qualitative study*. ARNOVA 45th Annual Conference: Policy and Partnerships in an Era of Change. Washington DC. November 2016. (Accepted).

Mellinger, M. S. *Advancing social justice by engaging diversity and difference in social work education*. The 62nd Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education. Atlanta, GA. October 2016 (Accepted).

Ekas-Muetting, A., Mellinger, M. S., & Judson, A. *To grade or not to grade: An interactive discussion on assessing field*. The 62nd Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education. Atlanta, GA. October 2016 (Accepted).

Mellinger, M. S. *Training leaders and effective advocates: How early do we start?* The 33rd Annual BPD Conference, Social Work: Promoting Excellence in Undergraduate Social Work through Education and Leadership. Dallas, TX. March 2016.

Mellinger, M. S., & Morris, K. *An interdisciplinary comparison of student's perceptions of poverty: Implications for advocacy*. The 61st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Denver, CO. October, 2015.

Mellinger, M. S., Pfau Laney, C., & Powell, L. *Rapid rehousing and domestic violence: A call for advocacy*. The 2nd Annual Global Well-Being Conference, Exploitation of Women and Children: Global Perspectives. Lancaster, PA. June 2015.

Mellinger, M. S. *Using current news stories to engage BSW students in policy and advocacy*. The 32nd Annual BPD Conference, Social Work: Educating the Masses. Kansas City, MO. March 2015.

Morris, K. & Mellinger, M. S. *Advocating for bilingual students' writing success through an innovative Bilingual Mentor Program*. The 32nd Annual BPD Conference, Social Work: Educating the Masses. Kansas City, MO. March 2015.

Mellinger, M. S. & Tice, C. *Then and Now: Hybrid Advocacy Strategies*. The 35th Annual Welfare Advocates Conference, Towson, MD. November 20, 2014.

Mellinger, M. S. *Advocacy as interpreted by human service providers: A qualitative study*. The 60th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL. October, 2014.

Mellinger, M. S., & Ekas-Muetting, A. *Writing as a form of advocacy: Students' preparedness as assessed by field instructors*. The 60th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL. October, 2014.

Jani, J., & Mellinger, M. S. *Hope among undocumented immigrant youth in foster care: Implications for advocacy*. The 1st Annual Global Well-Being Conference, Global Youth: Understanding Challenges, Identifying Solutions, Offering Hope. Lancaster, PA. July 2014.

Mellinger, M. S., & Morris, K. M. *Teaching BSW students about poverty through an interdisciplinary experiential activity*. The 31st Annual BPD Conference: The Changing World and the Face of Social Work Education. Louisville, KY. March 2014.

Mellinger, M. S. *Cultivating Dynamic Partnerships between Human Service Workers and Researchers*. The 34th Annual Welfare Advocates Conference, Timonium, MD. December, 2013.

Mellinger, M. S. *Beyond legislative advocacy: Exploring the administrative, legal, and community advocacy of nonprofits*. The 59th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX. October, 2013.

Ting, L., & Mellinger, M. S. *BSW students' knowledge and use of computers: What do we know?* The 59th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX. October, 2013.

Mellinger, M. S. *Can advocacy happen in rural areas? A qualitative study of advocacy in a rural community*. 38th Annual Rural Social Work Caucus National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas Conference, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, PA. July 2013.

Morris, K. J., Mellinger, M. S., & Ting, L. *BSW students' perceived competency and attitudes toward technology: A pilot study*. The 30th Annual BPD Conference, Hands-On Social Work Education: Learning Beyond the Classroom. Myrtle Beach, SC. March 2013.

Mellinger, M. S. *Advocacy participation and structure within human service nonprofit organizations: An exploratory study*. The 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA. January, 2013.

Jani, J. & Mellinger, M. S. *Writing in social work: The needs of students struggling with writing*. The 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, DC. November, 2012.

Mellinger, M. S. & Kolomer, S. *An exploratory study of advocacy participation among human service nonprofit organizations*. The 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, DC. November, 2012.

Jani, J. & Mellinger, M. S. *A qualitative assessment of students' challenges with higher level writing*. The Teaching Professor Conference, Washington, DC. June, 2012.

Mellinger, M. S., & Carney, M. M. *An examination of the individual constructs of interpersonal dependency in male perpetrators of intimate partner violence court ordered to treatment*. The 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL. January, 2011.

Mellinger, M. S. *Social work practice with women in abusive relationships: A feminist approach*. The 17th Annual Women's Studies Student Symposium: Feminist Research across the Disciplines, Athens, GA. March, 2010.

Mellinger, M. S. *Advocacy by nonprofit charitable organizations: A review and critique*. The 56th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Portland, OR. October, 2010.

Mellinger, M. S. & Wolf, P. *Community schools: Forging a partnership*. The 39th Annual Senior Leadership Conference of the Alliance for Children and Families, Charleston, SC. February, 2007.

Presentations (Non-Juried, invited)

Mellinger, M. S. *Qualitative research in the real world: Designing and implementing a study on intimate partner violence advocacy coalitions*. University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX. March 28, 2016.

Kelber-Kaye, J., Mellinger, M. S., & Gray, L. *How to talk to kids about "Isms."* Round table dialogue at the UMBC Women's Center. Baltimore, MD. October 23, 2016.

Mellinger, M. S. *Domestic violence basics.* Response to Family Violence Conference, Lancaster, PA. October, 2006.

Kraft, H., Wolf, P., Mellinger, M. S., Hawthorne, I. *Emerging community schools: Taking one intentional step at a time.* Panel presentation at the Community Schools: Creating the Conditions for Learning conference, Baltimore, MD. June, 2006.

Mellinger, M. S. *Intimate partner violence: What it is and how to help.* Creating a Safe Place: A Community Response to Family Violence conference. Lancaster, PA. September, 2005.

Mellinger, M. S. & Philips, J. *Lobbying and advocacy: Making the case for change.* Leadership Lancaster conference, Lancaster, PA. June, 2005.

Mellinger, M. S. *Budget cuts and the impact on maternal-child health.* Lancaster County Coalition for Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Willow Street, PA. October, 2003.

Seminars and Trainings

Mellinger, M. S. *Cultural competence in health care settings.* Training given to St. Agnes Hospital Cancer Center Institute staff. Baltimore, MD. January 5, 2016.

Mellinger, M. S. *Advocacy and social work practice: Does it matter?* Continuing education training given to UMBC social work field instructors. Three hours of continuing education. May 17, 2012.

Mellinger, M. S. *Advocacy by human service organizations.* Community Connections of Athens. Athens, GA, June 13, 2011.
Mellinger, M. S., Wolf, P., & Denlinger, S. *Domestic violence in the workplace.* Employee Assistance Program Seminar Series. Lancaster, PA, May, 2006.

Mellinger, M. S., & Ball, M. *Dynamics of domestic violence and the church's response to victims.* Lancaster Coalition on Family Violence Seminar Series. Lancaster County, PA, ongoing from 2002-2005.

Mellinger, M. S., & McCausland, F. *Interventions for men who batter: A social service perspective*. Family Service sponsored seminar. Lancaster, PA, August, 2004.

Mellinger, M. S., *Dynamics of domestic violence: How adult probation and parole officers can respond*. Lancaster Adult Probation and Parole Office. Lancaster, PA, April, 2003.

Mellinger, M. S., & Gaudioso, G. *Advocacy by nonprofit organizations*. Family Service sponsored seminar. Lancaster, PA, June, 2003

Mellinger, M. S., & McMahon, T. *Counseling and domestic violence: Do's and don'ts of counseling*. Family Service sponsored seminar. Lancaster, PA, December, 2003.

Classroom Presentations

Mellinger, M. S. *Advocacy in social work*. SOWK 360: Social Welfare, Social Policy, and Social Work II. University of Maryland Baltimore County, School of Social Work, November 29, 2011.

Mellinger, M. S. *Advocacy participation, structure, and strategy within nonprofit human service organizations*. SOWK 5701: Social Welfare Policy and the Social Work Profession, University of Georgia, School of Social Work, April 6, 2011.

Mellinger, M. S. *Feminist theories and social work*. SOWK 8012: Theories of Social Work Practice I, University of Georgia, School of Social Work, November 12, 2008.

Mellinger, M. S. *Social workers' desire to pursue a doctoral education*. SOWK 8417: Academic Research Seminar, University of Georgia, School of Social Work, September 4, 2008.

Mellinger, M. S. *Domestic violence and social work practice*. SOWK 5340: Human Behavior and the Social Environment, University of Georgia, School of Social Work, June 30, 2008.

Service to the Department and University

2015 – Present	Member , Clinical faculty appointment and promotion review committee
2014 – Present	Member , Field Education Advisory Committee
2014 – 2015	Member , Dean's Advisory Group, UMB School of Social Work
2013 – 2014	Member , Search Committee, Social Work Department

- 2012 – Present **Member**, Macro concentration curriculum committee, UMB School of Social Work
- 2011 – Present **Library Liaison**, Social Work Department
- 2011 – Present **Member**, Latino and Hispanic Faculty Association

Service to the Profession

- 2014 – Present **Reviewer**, *Journal of Forensic Social Work*
- 2014 – Present **Reviewer**, *Journal of Policy Practice*
- 2014 – Present **Reviewer**, *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance*
- 2012 – Present **Reviewer**, *International Journal of Peace and Development Studies*
- 2011 – Present **Reviewer**, *Journal of Substance Use and Misuse*

Service to the Community

- 2014 – Present **Consultant**, Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations
- 2015 – Present **Mentor**, to a young adult working as an exchange worker in Nicaragua
- 2015 **Host**, hosted an international student from Howard County Community College. August 2015 to December 2015

Professional Organizations

- 2011 – Present **Member**, Council on Social Work Education
- 2012 – Present **Member**, The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors