

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | 2011 | University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Athens, GA.
Certificate: Nonprofit Management
Dissertation: Advocacy participation, structure, and strategy among nonprofit human service organizations. |
| M.S.W. | 1999 | Temple University, School of Social Administration, Philadelphia, PA
Concentration: Administration and Social Planning |
| B.A. | 1998 | Millersville University, Millersville, PA
Major: Social Work |

Experience in Higher Education

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| 2011 – Present | University of Maryland Baltimore County, Associate Professor (2017-Present), Assistant Professor (2011-2017), School of Social Work, Baccalaureate Program; Graduate Faculty (2012-Present), Adjunct Faculty (Aug 2018-Present), University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work. |
| 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

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| 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 |
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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 – 2017 \$15,900 Strategic Awards for Research Transitions, How Did It All Begin? The Grassroots History of Advocacy in the Domestic Violence Movement, University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Principal investigator
- 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 grant cycle (funded every year: Average per year \$80,000)

Ph.D. Students

- Galina Portnoy 2013 – 2016 Committee Member, Psychology, UMBC
Dissertation: Behavior change processes of partner violent men: An in-depth analysis of recidivist events following abuser intervention program completion
- Jacki Stone 2018 – Present Committee Member, Language Literacy and Culture, UMBC
- Aliya Webermann 2019 – Present Committee Member, Psychology, UMBC

Undergraduate Students

- Rebecca Mann 2016 – 2017 Research Mentor, School of Social Work, UMBC.
Funded by Strategic Awards for Research Transitions
Project: How did it all begin? The grassroots history of advocacy in the domestic violence movement and implications for future advocacy efforts
- Emily Preston 2015 – 2016 Research Mentor, School of Social Work, UMBC.
Undergraduate Research Award (\$1,500)
Project: Grassroots to mainstream: The history of the intimate partner violence advocacy movement, and its implications for future advocacy efforts study
- Chanel Wiggins Spring 2015 Research Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, UMBC
- Kathleen Algire 2012 – 2013 Research Mentor, School of Social Work, UMBC,
Undergraduate Research Award (\$1,500)
Project: Advocacy as interpreted by human service providers: A qualitative exploratory study

Publications**Peer-Reviewed**

Mellinger, M. S. An overview of intimate partner violence from a social work perspective. *Social Workers' Desk Reference*. In press.

Mellinger, M. S. (2017). What drives advocacy? An exploration of value, mission, and relationships. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 16, 147-165. doi: 10.1080/15588742.2016.1214860

Mellinger, M. S. (2017). Mission and advocacy structure: A perspective from human service organizations. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 16, 292-309. doi: 10.1080/15588742.2016.1268992.

McCoy, M., Hoefer, R., Nordberg, A., & **Mellinger, M. S.** (2017). Strengthening advocacy coalitions: Lessons from structure, engagement, and effectiveness from an IPV coalition. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 43, 443-458. doi: 10.1080/01488376.2017.1289143

McCabe, H. A., Hylton, M. E., Kooreman, H. E., **Mellinger, M. S.**, & Day, A. (2017). Civic literacy and social work education: Results from a multi-site study. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 16, 81-94.

Belcher, J., & **Mellinger, M. S.** (2016). Integrating spirituality with practice and social justice: The challenge for social work. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 35, 377-394. doi: doi.org/10.1080/15426432.2016.1229645

Witmer, H., & **Mellinger, M. S.** (2016). Organizational resilience: Nonprofit organizations response to funding changes, a lens for understanding organizational adaptability. *WORK, A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, & Rehabilitation*, 54, 255-265.

Jani, J. & **Mellinger, M. S.** (2015). Beyond "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

Mellinger, M. S. (2017). What is advocacy? *Philanthropy Journal*.

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

Works in Preparation:

Mellinger, M. S. Advocacy in the IPV movement: Changes, challenges, and successes – a staff perspective.

Mellinger, M. S. Sensitive qualitative research in macro practice: What are the issues?

Mellinger, M. S. Feminist in name and practice? An exploration of a feminist organizational perspective.

Presentations

Conference Presentations – Juried-Refereed

Mellinger, M. S., & Ekas-Mueting, A. Ethical and legal challenges of gatekeeping in a BSW program: Lessons learned. The 65th Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education. Denver, CO. October, 2019.

Mellinger, M. S. *Lessons from early advocates: Experiences from the battered women's movement.* The 64th Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education. Orlando, FL. November 2018.

Ekas-Mueting, A., Mellinger, M. S., & Leiser, K. *Gatekeeping in BSW programs: Why should we care?* The 64th Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education. Orlando, FL. November 2018.

Fedina, L., Beaulieu, M., Ting, L., & Mellinger, M. S. *An Inteprofessional Model for Graduate Education on Intimate Partner Violence.* The 64th Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education. Orlando, FL. November 2018.

Mellinger, M. S. *Sensitive Qualitative Macro Practice Research in an Intimate Partner Violence Setting.* The 63rd Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education. Dallas, TX. October 2017.

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.

Mellinger, M. S., & Hoefer, R. *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.

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. November 2016.

Ekas-Mueting, 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. November 2016.

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.

Hylton, M., McCabe, H., **Mellinger, M. S.**, & Day, A. (Presented by Hylton). *Civic knowledge and policy advocacy: What do we know and how can we advocate?* Policy Conference 2.0. Austin, TX. May 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-Mueting, 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.

Invited Presentations

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. *Advocacy as an ethical responsibility: How can we all raise our voices?* Lancaster Region Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Social Work. Lancaster, PA. May 2018.

Mellinger, M. S. *Cultural Competence in Healthcare Settings.* Training given to medical staff at St. Agnes Cancer Institute. 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., & Gaudio, 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. *“Los estudios de trabajo social en Estados Unidos” (Social work studies in the US).* Social work class in the School of Education at the University of Vigo, Spain. April 2018.

Mellinger, M. S. *“Las salidas profesionales de los profesionales de trabajo social en Estados Unidos” (Professional areas of work*

for social workers practicing in the US). Social work class in the School of Education at the University of Vigo, Spain. April 2018.

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

Service to the UMBC BSW Program & Graduate School of Social Work

2019	Member , Search Committee, BSW Program
2018 – Present	Co-chair , Policy Sequence, BSW Program
2017 – 2019	Member , Diversity and Anti-Oppression Committee, Graduate School of Social Work
2016 – Present	Member , Intimate Partner Violence Collaborative, Graduate School of Social Work
2014 – Present	Member , Field Education Advisory Committee, BSW Program
2014 – Present	Member , Non-tenured faculty promotion committee, BSW Program
2014 – 2015	Member , Dean's Advisory Group, Graduate School of Social Work
Spring 2014	Co-Presenter , Sharing Scholarship Luncheon
2013 – Present	Member , Graduate Faculty, Graduate School of Social Work
2013 – 2014	Member , Search Committee, BSW Program
2012 – Present	Member , Macro Concentration Curriculum Committee, Graduate School of Social Work
Spring 2012	Presenter , Continuing Education Presenter – Field, BSW Program

2011 – Present	Member , Policy Sequence Committee, BSW Program
2011 – 2018	Library Liaison , BSW Program

Service to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County

2020 – Present	Member , Inclusion Council, Equity & Inclusion Office
2019 – Present	Member , Community Equity Advisory Committee
2019 – Present	Member , Retriever Courage Implementation Team
2019 – Present	Co-Chair , Retriever Courage Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee
2018 – 2019	Member , Retriever Courage Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee; Chair , Inward-Facing Subcommittee
2018 – Present	Board Member , UMBC Women's Center
2018 – Present	Member , Arbitrary and Capricious Grading Panel
2016 – Present	Member , UMBC Writing Board
Fall 2015	Panelist , UMBC Women's Center
2011 – Present	Member , Latino and Hispanic Faculty Association

Service to the Profession

2017 – Present	Reviewer , <i>Violence and Victims</i>
2014 – Present	Reviewer , <i>Journal of Forensic Social Work</i>
2014 – Present	Reviewer , <i>Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance</i>
2014 – 2017	Reviewer , <i>Journal of Policy Practice</i>
2011 – Present	Reviewer , <i>Journal of Substance Use and Misuse</i>

Service to the Community

Winter 2016	Presenter , St. Agnes Hospital Cancer Center
2015 – Present	Consultant , Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations
2015 – Present	Mentor , to a young adult working as an exchange worker in Nicaragua
Fall 2015	Host , hosted an international student attending the Language Institute at Howard Community College (August to December)
2009 – 2011	Spanish-English Interpreter , Clarke County School District, Athens, GA

Professional Organizations

2012 – 2017	Member , The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors
2011 – Present	Member , Council on Social Work Education