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EDUCATION

- DSW Candidate , University of Southern California, expected May 2021
- MSW, University of Houston, May 2003, Phi Kappa Phi, AGIFT Fellow
- B.A. History, Fisk University, 1992, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, University Honors

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Work. **Clinical Assistant Professor**, August 2020. **Director of BSW Field Education**, August 2020. Will teach across the BSW curriculum.*

*Hood College, Department of Sociology and Social Work. **Assistant Professor**, August 2015 – August 2020. **Director of Field Education**, August 2017 – August 2020. Courses taught: forensic social work, field seminar, child welfare, human behavior in the social environment, senior professional seminar, human rights, policy, and introduction to social work. Advise undergraduate students.*

*Missouri State University, School of Social Work. **Assistant Professor**, January 2011-June 2015
Undergraduate courses taught: human behavior in the social environment, diversity, and policy. Graduate courses taught: policy, forensic social work, and macro/community social work. Advised graduate students.*

*Houston Community College-Central, History Department. **Full Time Professor** (Spring 2001). **Adjunct Professor**, Spring 1997 – Spring 2001
Designed and taught American History and African-American History courses. Counseled students on course selection and degree options.*

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

*University of Houston Law Center – The Center for Children, Law & Policy Street Law Program. **Street Law at the Juvenile Detention Center**. Summer 2020. Teaching Street Law via online technology to youth in Harris County Juvenile Detention Center.*

*University of Houston Law Center – The Center for Children, Law & Policy, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center (SWJDC). **Social Worker and Researcher**, September 2006 – August 2011.
Collected and analyzed data on various projects and programs. Forensic social worker for attorneys representing children in delinquency, dependency and school cases. Tracked juvenile legislative issues in Texas and nationally. Worked with the community and elected officials on juvenile policy issues.*

Harris County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). **Data Analyst**, March 2009 – April 2010. Collected and analyzed data for several task forces and stakeholders involved in the initiative. Prepared monthly, quarterly, and yearly reports for the funding source, Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Southwest Juvenile Defender Center. **Executive Director Social Worker and Researcher**, January 1, 2005 – August 2006.

Provided assistance to attorneys representing children in delinquency, dependency and school cases. Helped attorneys find alternative placements, conducted home studies, wrote alternative dispositional reports, and secured social services for the child and/or family. Tracked juvenile legislative issues nationally with a particular focus on the southwest region. Worked with the community and elected officials on juvenile policy issues.

Lockhart Elementary School – PASS Program. **On Site Consultant. Counselor**, Spring 2003 - January 2005.

Coordinated school personnel, contract staff, and administrators to implement and run an after school program. Assessed coping skills of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Counseled students in a group setting and provided individual counseling on feelings, goals, and coping skills using various therapeutic methods. Gathered data for program evaluation.

Collegiate Press. **Editorial Advisory Board** for *A Turbulent Voyage: Readings in African American Studies*, Fall 2000 – August 2010

Reviewed and offered comments on an African - American history reader.

Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center. **Senior Research Associate**, Summer 2000 – Fall 2002.

Researched and wrote reports on juvenile issues including indigent defense, conditions of confinement, and probation. Kept track of different juvenile legislative issues in the region.

Ventura School For Boys and Girls. **Program Coordinator**, Fall 1994 - Spring 1996.

Organized and planned a program to help wards prepare for GED, community college, 4-year college, and general life skills.

MSW FIELD PLACEMENTS

Geriatric Medicine Associates, Field III and IV, **Social Work Intern**, Fall 2002 – Spring 2003.

Conducted psychosocial assessments on elderly patients. Advocated for patients and families. Found community resources to help patients. Part of a geriatric interdisciplinary team.

Jewish Community Center, Field II, **Social Work Intern**, May 2002 – August 2002.

Facilitated activities with elders in a day program. Counseled elders on life issues and changes. Worked with elders at a congregate meal site.

Housing Opportunities of Houston, Field I, Social Work Intern, January 2002 – May 2002.

Tracked participants of a down payment housing assistance program. Helped with intake on Hope VI - loan to purchase program. Assisted HOH with their participation in the Urban League's Women Head of Household Initiative. Explored various housing opportunities for elderly in the Houston area.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Iowa, History Department, Research Assistant, Dr. Linda Kerber.

Researched legal, historical, and cultural issues regarding immigration for a textbook update. Fall 2001.

U.C. Santa Barbara, Graduate Research Mentor Program. Black Studies Department, Dr. Douglas Daniels.

Examined Census Reports of Kern County, CA for African-American residential areas and family structure. Supervised undergraduate research assistants in placing census information into numerical data. June 1994-June 1995

U.C. Santa Barbara, Black Studies Department, Dr. Douglas Daniels

Worked on finding various articles and books that related to Jazz music in Oklahoma. Also examined census reports to locate information on African-Americans in various parts of California. Summer 1994.

PUBLICATIONS

Harris County JDAI Self-Inspection Task Force (primary author) (2009), *Harris County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative – Self-Inspection Task Force Final Report*, Texas: Harris County

Wilson, R and Marrus M. (2007). Family Structure, Health, & Children Among Houston Katrina Evacuees. *Children & the Law After the Katrina Disaster*, Houston, TX, April 20, 2007.

Stewart, C.E., Celeste, G., Marrus, E, & et.al. (2000). *Selling Justice Short: Juvenile Indigent Defense in Texas*. Texas: Texas Appleseed. Helped interview attorneys and juveniles, observed facility operations and court hearings, and helped write the final draft of the report.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Marrus, E., Marrus, M. and Sa'Aadat, R. (in progress). My voice needs to be heard too: Why the Convention on the Rights of the Child should influence proceedings in United States courts.

Marrus, E. and Marrus, M (in progress). Inter-professional collaboration equals holistic representation

Marrus, M (in progress). How social workers can work with attorneys on juvenile cases. Developing training materials for social workers to be a companion training manual to the Juvenile Training Immersion Program designed for attorneys by the National Juvenile Defender Center.

PRESENTATIONS

Marrus, E., Marrus, M., and Sa'Aadat, R. (2019, December). *My Voice Needs to be Heard Too: Why the Convention on the Rights of the Child Should Influence Proceedings in United States Courts*. Children's Rights and Interests ISFL Regional Conference, Hod HaSaron, Israel.

Marrus, M. (2019, March). *Students: Helping a Virtual Senior Center to Prevent Falls*. Embracing the Contemporary Call for Social Work, The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Jacksonville, FL.

Marrus, E, and Marrus, M. (2018, August). *Holistic Representation: Better outcomes for children*. 41st National Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice & Family Law Conference, National Association of Counsel for Children, San Antonio, TX.

Marrus, E. and Marrus, M. (2018, May). *Holistic Representation: Better outcomes for youth*. World Congress on Justice for Children, UNESCO House – Paris, Paris, France.

Cooper, J., Devilbiss, K., and Marrus, M. (2018, March). *The creation of a virtual senior center to prevent falls and isolation in homebound seniors*. Aging in America, American Society on Aging, San Francisco, CA.

Marrus, M. (2018, March). *Flipping the classroom: A demand for work with undergraduate social work students*. The Grand Challenges of Political Change, The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Atlanta GA.

Marrus, M. and Phillis, C (2016, July). *Ethics in inter-professional collaboration*. Zealous Advocacy Conference, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center/Center for Children, Law, and Policy, Houston, TX.

Marrus, M. (2016, June). *Cultural competency in higher education*. MDCCC AmeriCorps Vista Orientation, Hood College, Frederick, Maryland.

Marrus, M. (2015, September). *Attorneys and social workers working together*. Zealous Advocacy Conference, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center/Center for Children Law, and Policy, Houston, TX.

Marrus, M (2014, May). *Psycho – Social aspects of working with youth in the juvenile justice system*. Zealous Advocacy = Best Interests, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX.

Marrus, M (2012, October). *Mitigation, social workers, and juveniles life without parole*. Juvenile Life Without Parole Work Group; Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO.

Marrus, M. (2012, April). *Girls in the juvenile justice system*. School of Social Work Continuing Education, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.

Marrus, M. (2012, March). *Girls in the juvenile justice system – what can you do?* Zealous Advocacy = Best Interests, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX.

Chatman, J., Marrus, E., Marrus, M., Radcliffe, J., and Riskind, M. (2006, May). *Ethics panel on juvenile practice*. Zealous Advocacy = Best Interests, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, Texas.

Marrus, M (2006, May). *Using a social worker in your practice*. Zealous Advocacy = Best Interests, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, Texas.

Marrus, E and Marrus, M (2006, February). *The team approach: Attorneys and social workers working together for the child client*. Mississippi Child Welfare Institute, Jackson, MS.

Marrus, M. (2005, November). *Using a social worker in your legal practice*. Galveston Defense Lawyers Conference, Galveston, TX.

Marrus, M. (2005, October). *After Katrina what do we do?* National Juvenile Defender Center Summit, Los Angeles, CA.

Marrus, M. (2003, October). *Mental health issues and juveniles in the criminal justice system*. Galveston Defense Lawyers Conference, Galveston, TX.

Marrus, M and Smith, T. (2003, March). *Cultural competency with elders of color: A Hartford Fellows view*. Roundtable presentation at the 49th Annual program of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.

University Service

Hood College

Curriculum Committee, August 2017 – August 2019
Academic Technology and Infrastructure Group, August 2017 – August 2019
Retention Committee, 2016 – present
Social Work Club Advisor, 2016 - present
Social Work Advisory Committee, 2015 - Present
Phi Beta Kappa Ad-Hoc Committee, 2015 - Present
African–American Studies Minor Committee, 2015 – Present

Missouri State

MSW Committee in the School of Social Work. Advise master students, January 2011 - 2015
Public Affairs Conference Committee, 2014 - 2015 and 2011- 2013
College of Health and Human Services Budget Committee, 2014 - 2015
Advisor to Multicultural Recruitment Team, 2012 – 2015
Diversity Conference Planning Committee, 2012 – 2015
African-American Heritage Month Planning Committee, 2011 - 2015
African-American Studies/Minor Committee, 2011 – 2015
Multicultural Leadership Scholarship Interviewer, 2012 and 2013
Academic Advisor to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated (Sigma Theta), 2011 - 2012
School of Social Work Director Search, 2011-2012
College of Health and Human Service Multi-Disciplinary Forum, 2011-2012

University of Houston

University of Houston IRB. Helped review research related to juvenile issues. When the IRB had proposals involving research with children/juveniles I was called in to review the proposals and over feedback. Fall 2005-Spring 2011

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2016 Summer Institute - Flipping the Classroom, Hood College, 2016-2017
AGIFT Fellow, University of Houston, 2002-2003
Julie Ryan Scholarship, University of Houston, 2001-2002

HONORS AND AWARDS

Phi Kappa Phi, University of Houston
Innovation in Teaching Award, Houston Community College, 1998
Phi Beta Kappa, Fisk University
Departmental Honors, Fisk University
University Honors, Fisk University
Dean's List, Fisk University, 1989 - 1992
National Dean's List, 1989 - 1991
Excellence in History Award, Fisk University 1991