

# CHRISTOPHER SHAR

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## EDUCATION

*The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC* – August 2011 through May 2019

**Ph.D. Candidate in Clinical Social Work**

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences

*Widener University, Chester, Pennsylvania* – May 2009

**Master's Degree in Social Work**

Phi Alpha National Honor Society

*Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania* – May 1996

**Master's Degree in Mass Communications**

Master's Thesis: "The Bad and the Beautiful: Gender Stereotypes in Newspaper Coverage of Domestic Violence"

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

*Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania* – May 1993

**Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications**

Major: Mass Communication

Minor: Speech Communication

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Society

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas* – August 2019 to Present

**Assistant Professor and Director of the Master's Program, Department of Social Work**

*Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas* – August 2018 to August 2019

**Clinical Instructor, Department of Social Work**

*Trinity Washington University, Washington, DC* – August 2016 through May 2018

**Adjunct Instructor, Department of Human Relations**

*The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC* – January 2018 through August 2018

**Adjunct Instructor (Online), National Catholic School for Social Services**

*Community College of Baltimore County, Essex, Maryland* – January 2006 through May 2009

**Adjunct Instructor, Department of Media and Communication Studies**

*Towson University, Towson, Maryland* – August 2005 through May 2006

**Adjunct Instructor, Department of Communication Studies**

*Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania* – August 2000 through May 2003

**Graduate Instructor, College of Communications**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

***The Ranch Pennsylvania, Wrightsville, Pennsylvania*** – February 2017 through September 2017

### **Clinical Supervisor**

Coordinated, developed, and supervised the creation of the partial hospitalization and the intensive outpatient programs at a substance abuse rehabilitation facility by creating, integrating, and managing curriculum; supervising program therapists and support staff; providing group and individual therapy; presenting psychoeducational lectures; and fulfilling a variety of administrative and management tasks

***The Ranch Pennsylvania, Wrightsville, Pennsylvania*** – August 2016 through January 2017

### **Primary Therapist**

Worked as a primary care therapist at a residential substance abuse facility with men and women aged 18 and above by facilitating individual, group, and family counseling; providing psychoeducation to clients and families; and a variety of other administrative and clinical tasks

***The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC*** – August 2013 through August 2016

### ***Center for the Promotion of Health and Mental Health Well-Being***

#### **Research Associate**

Assisted in a SAMHSA-funded research grant project through curriculum development and implementation of a training program for screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) for master's students in the schools of social work and nursing; development of survey instruments, data collection, and data analysis; and development of articles and presentations based on data analysis resulting from this grant project

***Caron Treatment Center, Wernersville, Pennsylvania*** – August 2009 through August 2014

### **Addiction Counselor**

Counseled adolescent male patients receiving extended care treatment at an in-patient substance abuse rehabilitation facility with responsibilities including participation in treatment team planning and execution; facilitation of individual, group, and family counseling; presentation of lectures for patients and families; and a variety of other administrative and clinical tasks

***Pennsylvania Counseling Services, York, Pennsylvania*** – August 2007 through May 2009

### **Outpatient Therapist Intern**

Counseled and maintained a caseload of 12 to 15 individual clients per week for mental health as well as drug and alcohol therapeutic services; facilitated a therapy group for persons in continuing recovery; and co-facilitated an intensive outpatient therapy group providing drug and alcohol treatment

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### ***Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas***

#### *Bachelor's Program*

Social Work Practice II: Macro-level Social Work  
Social Work Research Methods I and II  
Social Work Diversity and Ethical Practice  
Social Work Field Education I and II  
Social Work Practice III: Integrative Seminar

#### *Master's Program*

Human Behavior in the Social Environment I  
Advanced Practice I: Multidimensional Assessment

### ***Trinity Washington University, Washington, DC***

#### *Bachelor's Program*

Research Methods for Social Scientists  
Seminar: Perspectives on Gender

### ***The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC***

#### *Master's Program*

Social Work Research Methods  
Evaluation of Social Work Practice

### ***Community College of Baltimore County, Essex, Maryland***

#### *Bachelor's Program*

Fundamentals of Speech

### ***Towson University, Towson, Maryland***

#### *Bachelor's Program*

Fundamentals of Speech

### ***Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania***

#### *Bachelor's Program*

The Political Economy of Communication  
Cultural Aspects of Mass Communication

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### ***“Webs of Persuasion: The Connections of Social Influences and Educational Prevention on Youth Illicit Drug Use”***

Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, Louisiana on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### ***“Webs of Persuasion: The Connections of Social Influences and Educational Prevention on Youth Illicit Drug Use”***

Paper presented at the annual Catholic University Research Day, Washington, DC on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

***“Social Workers’ Understanding of Substance Use Disorders and Self-Efficacy”***

Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

***“The Forest for the Trees: Beginning to Clarify the Complexities of Co-occurring Disorders in Adolescent Drug Users”***

Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, Louisiana on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**MEMBERSHIPS**

**National Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors**

**National Association of Social Workers**

**Society for Research on Adolescents**

**Society for Social Work and Research**

**CERTIFICATIONS**

**Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor**

Pennsylvania Certification Board

**Internationally Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor**

International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium