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Mexican, US history; books in Spanish, Hispanic-Chicano/a subjects; politics; environmental issues; international development; Mexican, US travel; mental health/mental illness/psychiatric diagnostics, treatment, policies, education; and general publications.

Education:

USDA Basic Indexing Course

Diploma en Estudios Mexicanos, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Centro de Enseñanza para Extranjeros, Escuela Permanente de Extensión en San Antonio, Texas

Diploma en La Lengua Española, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Centro de Enseñanza para Extranjeros, Escuela Permanente de Extensión en San Antonio, Texas

Post diploma courses at UNAM in Mexican and other Latin American literature in Spanish

MSW, George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

MA, History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

BA, History, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, New York

Selected Recent Work Experience (since 1989)

Indexes completed for Pearson Custom Publishing, Adams Press, Georgetown University Press, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center, USAID, Dix! Digital PrePress, Inc. and PrePress Co. Inc.

Research Associate, University of Texas Health Science Center. Interviews of Mexican-American seniors in public housing; research tasks pertaining to data collection, evaluation.

Case Coordinator/Quality Improvement and Accreditation Coordinator, Belleville Mental Health Center, Belleville, IL. Design and execution of quality improvement efforts including creation of measurement tools; program design; policy and procedure writing; clinical supervision; therapy.

Clinical Social Worker, Alton Mental Health and Developmental Center, Alton, IL, a state psychiatric hospital. Program planning; discharge planning; utilization review; therapy and counseling.

Project coordinator, Productive Living Board, St. Louis County, Missouri, the County funding agency for programs for people with developmental disabilities. Design of program to train and work with law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in their interactions with persons with developmental disabilities.

Certifications:

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Illinois, 1991-1998

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Current Professional Affiliations:

American Society of Indexers (ASI)

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Master Ecology Program, Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, MO

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