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EDUCATION

Doctor of Social Work	2019-2022
Specialization: Teaching	
University of Saint Thomas, St. Paul, MN	
Dissertation: "The Role of Social Work Faculty in Responding to Students' Mental Health Needs"	
Master of Social Service	1999-2001
Concentration: Program Planning and Development	
Master of Law and Social Policy	1999-2001
Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA	
Bachelor of Arts -Social Work	1995-1999
Women's Studies Minor	
Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA	

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

LifeSkills Center for Child Welfare Education and Research

August 2024-Present *Fellow for Scholarship*

Western Kentucky University, Department of Social Work

January 2023- Present	<i>Assistant Professor</i>
July 1, 2023- Present	<i>MSW Program Director</i>
August 2022- June 2023	<i>Interim MSW Program Director</i>
December 2021-May 2022	<i>Interim BSW and MSW Field Director</i>
2021-2023	<i>MSW Online Program Coordinator</i>
2018-2023	<i>Full-Time Instructor</i>
2016-2018	<i>Part-Time Adjunct Instructor</i>

Courses Taught

- SWRK 378- Social Work Practice II- Groups
- SWRK 501- Cultural Competency in Social Work Practice
- SWRK 520- Generalist Social Work Practice
- SWRK 522- Group Dynamics in Social Work
- SWRK 610- Social Work Administration and Supervision
- SWRK 612- Social Work in Diverse Rural Communities

- SWRK 622- Integrated Social Work with Families
 - SWRK 623- Social Work Clinical Assessment and Intervention
 - SWRK 630- Rural Social Welfare Policy
 - SWRK 560; 561- Generalist Field Practicum I & II
 - SWRK 660; 661- Advanced Field Practicum I & II
 - SWRK 673- Grief and Loss Issues & Interventions
 - SWRK 685- Human Trafficking: Theories, Policies, & Intervention
 - Faculty Field Liaison
 - Faculty External Field Instructor
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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Murphy, A. L., Boamah, D. A., **Warfel, E. T.**, Griffiths, A., & Roehm, D. (2023). Ending racial disproportionality in child welfare: A systematic review of evidence-based interventions. *Children & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/chso.12721>

Griffiths, A., Holderfield-Gaither, E., Funge, S.P., & **Warfel, E. T.** (2021). Satisfaction, willingness, and well-being: Examining the perceptions of a statewide sample of public and private foster parents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, *121*, 1-10. <https://doi.org.libsrv.wku.edu/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105886>

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Harper, W., **Warfel, E.T.**, Bryce, C., Murphy, A. L., Jones, O. (2023). Will and Capacity: Are Faculty Prepared to Face the Mental Health Challenges of Students in Higher Education? *The Journal of American College Health*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Warfel, E.T. Formulating a social work faculty response to students' mental health needs.

Warfel, E.T. Social work faculty responses to students' mental health needs

PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS-NATIONAL

(Accepted) Warfel, E.T., Harper, W., Murphy A. & Starks, S. (2024). *Examining disparity in social work licensure pass rates: Preliminary results*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO. October 24-27, 2024.

(Accepted) Warfel, E.T., Harper, W., Murphy, A. & Bryce, C. (2024). *Supporting student success: Student's mental health challenges and perspectives on faculty response*. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO. October 24-27, 2024.

(Submitted-pending approval) Warfel, E.T., Harper, W., Murphy, A., Starks, S. (2024). *Examining disparity in social work licensure pass rates: Preliminary results.* Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference, Las Vegas, NV. March 12-16, 2025).

Warfel, E.T., Harper, W., Murphy, A. & Bryce, C. (2023). *Supporting Student Success: Inclusivity in Supporting Student Mental Health.* Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA. October 26-29.

Boamah, D.A., **Warfel, E.T.,** Murphy, A.L., & Jones, O. (2022). *Human rights content in social work education: Where are we and where can we go?* Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA. November 10-13.

Funge, S.P. & **Warfel, E.T.** (2022). *Examining the perceptions of foster parents: Implications for child welfare training and education.* National Title IV-E Roundtable, Bowling Green, KY, May 17-19.

Murphy, A.L., Boamah, D.A., **Warfel, E.T.,** Green, K., & Griffiths, A. (2022). *Racial disproportionality in child welfare: Moving beyond lip service.* National Title IV-E Conference. Bowling Green, KY. May 17-19.

Warfel, E. T., (2021). *Factors impacting social work faculty response to students' mental health needs.* Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL. November 4-7.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

2023: Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Regulatory Research Initiative To Advance Equity. *Identifying Opportunities to Enhance Equitable Paths to Social Work Licensure.* (PI: Warfel) (Funded- \$160,026.00).

(Submitted: Pending Approval) 2024: US Department of Education: Mental Health Service Professional (MHSP) Demonstration Grant Program. School Psychologists as Mental Health Service Providers. (Co-PI: Warfel) (Requested- \$2,817,029.00).

INTERNAL GRANTS

2023: Western Kentucky University College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) Quick Turn Around Grant (QTAG). *Identifying Opportunities to Enhance Equitable Paths to Social Work Licensure.* Erin T. Warfel (Co-PI). (Funded - \$2997).

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- CSWE Program Director Academy Summer 2023-Fall 2024
- Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) teaching nominations, fall 2020, spring

2021, fall 2021, spring 2022, fall 2023, spring 2024

- University Faculty Award (Teaching) nominee, fall 2021 and fall 2023
 - Part-time Faculty of the Year Award recipient 2017
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

- WKU Inclusive Teaching Academy (ITA) Certificate- Summer 2024
 - Licensed Clinical Social Worker KY #4022
 - Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
 - National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
 - Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (KASWE)
 - Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators Program Directors
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024 Kentucky Board of Social Work- Student Intern Workgroup
2023-Present Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of South Central KY Board of Directors
2019-Present National Association of Social Workers (NASW) KY Chapter CEU committee
2018-Present Social Work Lobby Day Committee- NASW-KY
2011- 2022 Branch chair; Executive Board Secretary- NASW - Kentucky Chapter
2018-2021 NASW-KY Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) committee
2019-2022 National Title IV-E Conference Committee

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2024-Present WKU Graduate Council
2023- Present College of Health and Human Services Community Engagement Committee
2022-Present College of Health and Human Services Graduate Curriculum Committee
2023-Present MSW Program Self-Study for Department of Social Work Reaffirmation with CSWE.
2023-Present WKU Department of Social Work Anti-racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) Committee
2016-Present WKU Social Work Department Advisory Committee
2018-Present MSW Admissions Committee
2018-Present MSW Practice Readiness Exam Committee
2018-Present MSW Diversity Curriculum Committee Chair
2018-Present; Chair 2021- Present MSW Practice Curriculum Committee
2018-Present Department Part-time Faculty Training Committee
2018-Present Department Social Work Month Planning Committee
2021- Present Social Work Department CEU committee

2021- Present MSW student recruitment/admissions
2021, 2022, 2024 University of KY and WKU iCATS (Interprofessional Collaboration and Team Building Skills) Facilitator
2023- Present WKU Raising Hope- collaboration with South Central KY AHEC and School of Nursing and Allied Health
2023-2024 WKU Review Committee for the Master of Health Administration Academic Program Review
2021- 2022 College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) Trauma-informed return to campus workgroup
2018-2022 Assist WKU Field Director with a variety of tasks
2018-2022 Developed and presented WKU Department of Social Work Field Instructor Trainings
2019-2022 Advisor to 20 WKU MSW students each semester
2018-2022 MSW Advisor- Graduate Student Social Work Association (GSSW)
2018-2021 WKU Homecoming Committee

Curriculum Development

2023 Development of Trauma Informed School Social Work elective course
2023 Development of School Social Work Certificate
2020-2021 Social work field simulation activities

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ResCare, Inc. - Kentucky SAFE (Specialized Alternative Family Environments) Therapeutic Foster Care and Community Youth Services- Statewide

2017-2018 *Executive Director*

2008-2018 *Treatment Director*

2008-2017 *Psychotherapist*

In this role, I managed 55 staff, the day-to-day operations, and the financial oversight of the statewide therapeutic foster care program and community-based residential program for Kentucky youth in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Community Based Services. I collaborated with psychiatrists and interdisciplinary professionals to provide clinical assessment, intervention, and evaluation of therapeutic services to youth and families.

2015-2017 *Program Director*

In this role, I managed a pilot project with the Jefferson County Department for Community-Based Services and Passport Health Plan, managed care organization, which provided intensive wraparound services to children and families.

Western Kentucky University/Bowling Green Housing Authority- Project Empower Bowling Green, KY

2011-2014 *Behavioral Health Specialist*

In this role, I provided clinical interventions to individuals, couples, and families, while collaborating with a larger treatment team.

The Coad Group- Exton, PA
(Chester County Council on Addictive Diseases)
2004-2007 *Director of Student Assistance Program (SAP) Services*

In this role, I managed contracts and staff that provided mental health and substance use/abuse assessment and referral services for students and their families in middle and high schools throughout the county. I facilitated psycho-educational groups and individual sessions in the school setting, coordinated, and facilitated countywide meetings of student assistance professionals.

Chester County Juvenile Probation Department- West Chester, PA
2001-2004 *Community Service Case Manager*
2000-2001 *Social Work Graduate Intern*

In this role, I managed a caseload of juveniles assigned community service through the court system due to criminal activity. I worked with community partners to develop meaningful activities for juveniles to restore the harm done to the community and then presented to the courts on their progress. I started a "Young Offenders" program that matched juveniles under 12 with an adult mentor to understand the impact of their actions on others.

Chester County Intermediate Unit -Downingtown, PA
Chester County Regional Education Services
2000-2004 *Therapeutic Staff Support*

In this role, I provided one-on-one therapeutic services and support to a young boy diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and his family in both their home and the community. I worked with the Behavior Specialist and treatment team to develop effective and appropriate treatment plans.