

JOHN D. VASSELLO

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EDUCATION

Binghamton University, College of Community and Public Affairs
Master of Social Work

Binghamton, NY
May 2011

Binghamton University, Harpur College
Bachelor of Arts, Double Major: History, and Philosophy, Politics and Law

Binghamton, NY
May 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Binghamton University, College of Community and Public Affairs

Binghamton, NY

Director of Admissions and Student Services

Department of Social Work

September 2021 – Present

- Oversee all aspects of graduate social work admissions including online and seated MSW programs.
- Operationalized and implemented Online MSW Program Proposal including all admissions and advising policies.
- Interface with Office of Graduate Admissions and the Online Admissions Office to recruit and enroll MSW students
- Liaise with Undergraduate Admissions to support BSW admissions and recruitment efforts including intra-university transfers and outside transfers; ensure timely turnaround for decisions
- Provide academic advising to 200+ enrolled MSW students.
- Teach selected undergraduate and graduate level social work classes.
- Lead Continuing Education (CE) efforts by serving as CE Coordinator; ensure compliance with NYS CE law.
- Ensure all social work bulletin and student handbook policies are regularly reviewed and followed precisely.

Co-Director of Field Education & Recruitment

Department of Social Work

June 2019 – September 2021

- Developed, implemented, and maintained field placements for over 160 MSW students per academic year.
- Co-Direct the New York State Office of Mental Health Evidence Based Practice Fellowship for MSW students.
- Oriented and trained MSW students entering field as well as field instructors and field liaisons.
- Worked with prospective students with all aspects of the social work admissions process.
- Developed and taught selected undergraduate and graduate level courses.

Associate Director of Field Education & Admissions

Department of Social Work

November 2014 – June 2019

- Increased MSW program size by 57% over 5 years.
- Modernized Field Placement Process by moving to electronic documentation and forms for all field courses.
- Developed “Social Work Superheroes” Campaign to market the MSW program to prospective students.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital

Binghamton, NY

Medical Social Worker, Emergency Department

August 2011 – November 2017

- Provided counseling, psychosocial, and suicide assessments to a diverse population of patients & their families.
- NYS Pilot Trainer and program lead for Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral (SBIRT) Treatment Program.
- Facilitated an open oncology support group for new diagnosed patients and their caregivers.
- Organize discharge plans for inpatient units and emergency department patients to reduce readmissions.
- Collaborate with physicians, nurses, trauma techs, care navigators, etc. to ensure good outcomes for patients.

Binghamton University, College of Community and Public Affairs

Binghamton, NY

Community School Coordinator, Broome County Promise Zone

October 2013 – November 2014

- Developed and facilitated a 5 weeklong summer arts camp for at risk youth.
- Provided psycho-social and emotional support to a variety of vulnerable high school aged students.
- Managed and organized multiple simultaneous programs including a high school after school program, a lunch bunch support group, a supportive drop-in center a family engaged program and a high school leadership council.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Council on Field Education (COFE)

Chair, COFE Connect Subcommittee

July 2021 – Present

Member

July 2019 – July 2021

- COFE is the national field education committee for social work responsible for advising CSWE on field education
- Reviewed proposals and organized CSWE Annual Program Meeting Pre-Conference Field Institute.
- Co-facilitate national connect sessions at CSWE Annual Meeting and hot topic forums for field educators.
- Implement and organize the first ever CSWE national award honoring a field education/internship program.

SELECTED NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Vassello, J. D., Webb, K, Edmunds, K. (2023, October 27-29). Council on Field Education Hot Topics Round Table Session [Conference presentation]. CSWE APM 2023 Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Vassello, J. D., Webb, K, Edmunds, K. (2023, October 27-29). Council on Field Education CONNECT Session [Conference presentation]. CSWE APM 2023 Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Webb, K, Vassello, J. D. (2022, November 9-13). Council on Field Education CONNECT Session [Conference presentation]. CSWE APM 2022 Conference, Anaheim, CA, United States.

Reitmeier, M, Webb, K, Vassello, J. D. (2021, November 4-7). Council on Field Education CONNECT Session [Conference presentation]. CSWE APM 2021 Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.

SELECTED REGIONAL WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

New York State Mandated Reporter Training, presented to the NYS Fifth District Dental Society, Syracuse NY, March, 2024 (solo presenter)

Professional Boundaries for Human Service Workers, presented to the Tompkins County Human Services Coalition, Ithaca NY, July 2017 (solo presenter)

Maintaining Positive Interactions in Difficult Situations, presented to Professional Social Workers and Social Work Assistants at the NYS Office of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), June 2017 (co-presenter with Brian Flynn, LCSW)

Social Media and Social Work: Uses Practice Implications and Ethical Considerations, December 2015 (solo presenter)

Binghamton University UDiversity Conference; Intergroup Dialog Facilitator, October 2014 (co-presenter with Nicole Sirju-Johnson, PhD)

COURSES REGULARLY TAUGHT

SW 250: Public and Social Service Practice, undergraduate course, 4 credits

SW 506: Social Work in Mental Health: Psychopathology and Psychopharmacology, graduate course, 3 credits

SW 510: Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals, graduate course, 3 credits

SW 511: Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups and Families, graduate course, 3 credits

SW 523: Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups, graduate course, 3 credits

SW 524: Advanced Social Work Practice with Families, graduate course, 3 credits

LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of New York, #082592

Clinical Social Worker, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, #CW018008

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Telehealth Provider, State of Florida #TPSW531

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Singer, J. B. (Producer). (2017, October 24). #112 - Social work superheroes: Interview with John Vassello, MSW [Audio Podcast]. Social Work Podcast. Retrieved from <http://www.socialworkpodcast.com/2017/10/superheroes.html>