**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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Professor, Department of Social Work

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**EDUCATION**

1997 Ph.D. Social Work

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Dissertation Title: “Factors Associated with Food-Industry Discrimination Related to the Hiring and Retention of Persons with HIV/AIDS”

1987 MSW Clinical Social Work

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

1982 BSW Social Work

University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

7/10-7/22 **Professor**

Department of Social Work

Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville

7/04-6/10 **Associate Professor (Tenured)**

Department of Social Work

Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville

8/98-6/04 **Assistant Professor**

Department of Social Work

Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville

8/96-6/98 **Assistant Professor**

Department of Social Work

Western Illinois University in Macomb

8/93-5/96 **Graduate Research Assistant**

Division of Rehabilitation Education Services

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

7/87-12/92 **Director**

Springfield Developmental Center

Springfield, Illinois

8/84-5/86 **Director**

S.E.L.S. Services, Inc.

Troy, Missouri

4/84-8/84 **Developmental Instructor**

St. Louis Association for Retarded Citizens

Creve Coeur, Missouri

**PUBLICATIONS**

**SCHOLARLY BOOKS**

O’Brien, G. (2022). *Eugenics, genetics and disability in historical and contemporary*

*perspectives: Social work implications*. Oxford University Press.

O’Brien, G. (2021). *43 essential policies for social workers*. Washington, DC: NASW

Press.

O’Brien, G. (2019). *Metaphor analysis in public policy and private practice: A social*

*work perspective.* Washington, DC: NASW Press.

O’Brien, G. (2018). *Contagion and the national body: The organism metaphor in*

*American thought.* Routledge Press.

O’Brien, G. (2013). *Framing the moron: The social construction of feeble-mindedness*

*during the eugenic era*. Manchester, England: Manchester University Press.

Paperback version released in February, 2016.

**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (All peer-reviewed, except as noted)**

O’Brien, G., Carter, K., & Swanke, J. (2018). The utility of simulated clients in macro

practice courses. *Journal of Teaching in* *Social Work, 38,* 551-568.

O’Brien, G. (2016). The historical and contemporary context of eugenic incentive

provision: Social justice implications. Invited book chapter, published in the

edited book *Advances in Sociology Research, Volume 20.* Nova Science

Publishers.

O’Brien, G. (2013). Margaret Sanger and the Nazis: How many degrees of separation?

*Social Work, 58,* 285-287.

O’Brien, G. (2011a). “Eugenics, genetics and the minority group model of disabilities:

Implications for social work advocacy.” *Social Work*, *56*, 347-354.

O’Brien, G. (2011b). “Anchors on the ship of progress and weeds in the human

garden: Objectivist rhetoric in American eugenic writings.” *Disability* *Studies*

*Quarterly* (on-line, peer-reviewed publication).

O’Brien, G. & Molinari, A.\* (2011). “Religious metaphors as a justification for eugenic

control: An historical analysis”, in D. Schumm & M. Stoltzfus (eds.), *Disability*

*in* *Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Sacred Texts, Historical Traditions and*

*Social* *Analysis* (pp. 141-165). New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

O’Brien G. (2010). “Social justice implications of the organism metaphor.” *Journal of*

*Sociology and Social Welfare, 37,* 95-114.

O’Brien, G. & Bundy, M.\* (2009) “Reaching beyond the moron: Eugenic control of

secondary disability groups. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, *36*, 153

172.

O’Brien, G. & Lane, E.\* (2009). “MDA and ‘Jerry’s kids.’” In the *Encyclopedia of*

*Disability History*. Facts on File, Inc. (non peer-reviewed).

O’Brien, G. (2009). “Rosemary Kennedy.” In the *Encyclopedia of Disability History*. Facts

on File, Inc. (non peer-reviewed).

O’Brien, G. & Brown, M.\* (2009). “The Americans with Disabilities Act and persons

with mental illness: Implications for the social work profession.” *Social Work in*

*Mental Health*, *7*, 442-457.

O’Brien, G. (2009). Metaphors and the pejorative framing of marginalized groups:

Implications for social work education. *Journal of Social Work Education*,

*45,* 29-46.

O’Brien, G. & Leneave, J.\* (2008). The ‘art’ of social work and ADA’s essential

functions provision: Challenges and recommendations. *Administration in*

*Social Work*, *32*, 87-99.

O’Brien, G. & Brown, M.\* (2008). Important elements of the Americans with

Disabilities Act for persons with diabetes. *Journal of Social Work in Disability*

*and* *Rehabilitation*, *7*, 81-93

O'Brien, G. & Ellegood, C.\* (2005). The Americans with Disabilities Act: A decision

tree for social service administrators. *Social Work*, *50*, 271-279.

O’Brien, G. (2004). Rosemary Kennedy: The importance of a historical footnote. The

*Journal of Family History*, *29*, 225-236.

O'Brien, G. & Reynolds, C.\* (2003). Courtesy stigma and the ADA: An analysis of third

party discrimination. *Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation*,

*2*, 65-79.

O'Brien, G. (2003a). People with cognitive disabilities: The argument from marginal

cases and social work ethics. *Social Work*, *48*, 331-337.

O'Brien, G. (2003b). Indigestible food, conquering hordes, and waste materials: Metaphors

of immigrants and the early immigration restriction debate in the U.S. *Metaphor*

*and Symbol*, *18*(1), 33-47. Reprinted in *Rhetorical Criticism: Exploration and*

*Practice, 3rd Edition*. Sonja K. Foss, Editor (2004), pp. 307-319. Long Grove, IL:

Waveland Press.

O'Brien, G. (2002). Book Review of Richard Scotch's “From Good Will to Civil Rights:

Transforming Federal Disability Policy.” Published by H-Disability Website. http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~disabil/

O’Brien, G. & Maue, M.\* (2002). Direct threat issues in the employment of persons with

disabilities: Implications for the social work profession. *The Journal of Social*

*Work in Disability and Rehabilitation*, *1*(1), 39-51.

O’Brien, G. & Koerkenmeier, M.\* (2001). Persons with HIV/AIDS in the workplace:

Implications for employee assistance professionals. *Employee Assistance*

*Quarterly*, *16*, 9-24.

O'Brien, G. (1999). Protecting the social body: The use of the organism metaphor

in fighting the ‘menace of the feeble-minded.’ *Mental Retardation*, *37*,

188-200.

O’Brien, G. (1997) *Factors Associated with Food-Industry Discrimination Related to*

*the Hiring and Retention of Persons with HIV/AIDS.* Doctoral Dissertation. Ann

Arbor, MI: UMI Dissertation Services.

O’Brien, G. & Schiro-Geist, C. (1997). Co-Editors, Special Double Issue on

Rehabilitation and Persons with HIV/AIDS. *Rehabilitation Education*, *11*(1 & 2).

O’Brien, G. & Schiro-Geist, C. (1997). Primary, secondary and tertiary direct threat

issues and employees with HIV/AIDS. *Rehabilitation Education* (Special Issue

on Rehabilitation and Persons with HIV/AIDS), *11*(1 & 2), 101-110.

O'Brien, G. (1996). Customer preference and workplace discrimination against persons with disabilities. *Journal of Job Placement*, *12*, 7-11.

O'Brien, G. (1995). Employer defenses to discriminatory actions against persons with

HIV/AIDS. *Journal of Job Placement, 11*, 37-41.

O'Brien, G. & Schiro-Geist, C. (1995). Implications of Australian distance models

for rehabilitation education. *Journal of Rehabilitation Administration, 19*, 315-

321.

**PRESENTATIONS**

2021 *The ADA at 30: Implications for Social Work and Social Work Education.*

Sabbatical presentation. April 20th, 2021, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2019 *Eugenics, Genetics and the Minority Group Model of Disability*. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. College of Arts and Sciences William and Margaret Going Endowed Professorship Lecture. November 12th,2019.

2016 *Metaphor Analysis and Social Work - The Importance of "Front End" Policy*

*Advocacy*. Policy Conference II (National Social Work Policy Presentation). June

3, 2016. Washington University in St. Louis

2016 *The ADA and Persons with Mental Illness or Problematic Behavioral Issues: Higher Education and Agency Issues*. CEU Presentation, May 13, 2016. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2014 *Contagion and the National Body: The Organism Metaphor in American*

*Thought.* Sabbatical Presentation presented on October 27, 2014 at Southern

Illinois University Edwardsville.

2014 *Metaphor Deconstruction and Social Problem Analysis*. Presented in June at the Policy Conference II (National Social Work Policy) in Austin, TX.

2014 *Close But Not Touching: The Eugenics and Birth Control Movements From*

*1900-1930*. Presented in April, 2014 at the College of Arts and Sciences

Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2014 *West Coast Jews: The Relationship between Anti-Japanese and Anti-Semitic*

*Movements during the Immigration Restriction Era*. Presented in April, 2014 at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2013 *Margaret Sanger and the American Eugenics Movement.* Presented in August at

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

2010 *Charles Darwin, Evolution and Eugenic Control*. Presented in April at the College

of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2009 *Improving Service Delivery in the Health Care System for People with*

*Disabilities*. CEU Presentation presented July 17th, sponsored by LINK and

IMPACT Centers for Independent Living. Collinsville, Illinois.

2008 *The Evolution of Disability Studies within the University Curricula*. Presented in April at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

1. *After Brooker: Balancing Student Free Speech Rights with Professional Ethics in Social Work Education*. Presented, along with Emily Lane, in April at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.
2. *Persons with Mental Illness and Behavioral Issues Within the Workplace; The*

*Scope of ADA Protection.* Presented in April at the Illinois Rehabilitation

Association Conference, Pere Marquette, IL.

2007 *Use of the Organism Metaphor in the Denigration of Vulnerable Populations*. Presented in October at the annual Council on Social Work Education Conference, San Francisco, CA.

2006 *War and the Eugenic Control of Persons with Disabilities: Metaphor, Rationalization and Point of Contrast*. Presented in June at the annual Society for Disabilities Studies Conference, Washington, DC.

2006 *Black Smoke over Hadamar: German Eugenics and the Mass Murder of Persons*

*with Disabilities*. Presented in April at Southern Illinois University

Edwardsville.

2006 *Before the Genome: Religion and Eugenics from 1900-1945*. Presented in March

at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, Southern Illinois University

Edwardsville

2004 *Secondary Methods of Eugenic Control of Feeble-Mindedness*. Presented to the

Disability Studies Faculty Group in October at Washington University, St.

Louis, Missouri.

2004 *Eugenic Sterilization in the United States and Nazi Germany*. Presented in July

to the Einstein Forum Summer Institute on *Contemporary Disability Studies*

*and the Legacy of Nazi Eugenics*, held in Potsdam, Germany.

2003 *Eugenic Policies, Metaphoric Themes, and the Social Construction of Moronity*

*during the Eugenic Alarm Era (1900-1945).* Presented in May, 2004 at the

Policy History Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

2003 *ADA Backroads: Customer Preference, Direct Threat and Association*

*Discrimination*. Presented in September at the annual meeting of the Illinois

Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Chicago, Illinois.

1. *Eugenics, the Human Genome, and Persons with Disabilities: Implications* *for*

*the* *Social Work Profession.* Presented at the Illinois Chapter of the National

Association of Social Workers annual conference. Chicago, Illinois.

1. *From Restrictive Marriage to Incentive Provision: Secondary Methods of*

*Controlling the Procreation of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities During the*

*Eugenic Era*. Presented at the Society for Disability Studies annual conference,

Winnipeg, Canada.

1. *The Possible Impact of the Argument from Marginal Cases on Social Acceptance*

*of* *Persons with Cognitive Disabilities.* Presented at the Society for Disability

Studies annual conference, Chicago, Illinois.

1998 *Employment Discrimination against Persons with HIV/AIDS: Implications for*

*Social Workers.* Presented at the Regional CSWE Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

1997 *Employer Defenses for Discriminating against Persons with HIV/AIDS: Their*

*Standing Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*. Presentation to the Illinois Rehabilitation Association, Central Illinois Chapter, Bloomington, Illinois.

1. *Historical and Contemporary Issues Related to Eugenics and Persons with*

*Disabilities: Implications for Rehabilitation Professionals*. Part of the Division of Rehabilitation Education Services (Campaign, Illinois) continuing education program, Chicago, Illinois.

1. *Persons with HIV Disease, Employment Discrimination and* *the Customer*

*Preference Defense*. Presented at the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association Annual Symposium, Tucson, Arizona.

1. *Historical Trends in the Dehumanization of Developmentally* *Disabled Persons*.

Presented at the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (IDORS) Seminar.

Chicago, Illinois.

**DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES**

2020-Present BSW Program Director

2015-2018 Social Work Department Chair

2004-2007 BSW Program Director

2008-2015 Includes primary responsibility for CSWE Self-Study 2011-2012.

2005-2020 Faculty Search Chair (3 Years)

Faculty Search Committee other various years

2007-2008 Interim Department Chair

2009-2013 Faculty sponsor for Student Social Work Association (SSWA) student

group.

2018-2019 Faculty sponsor for Graduate Student Social Work Association (GSSWA)

student group.

2006-Present Department of Social Work Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Includes various years as Committee Chair.

2004-2007 Member, Graduate Program Curriculum Committee.

2000-2007 Member, Health, Mental Health and Disabilities Concentration Committee.

SIUE Department of Social Work graduate program.

* 1. Chair, Department of Social Work Student Affairs Committee.
  2. Co-coordinator, Undergraduate CSWE Reaffirmation Committee.

1998-Present Member, Department of Social Work Undergraduate Curriculum and

Planning Committee.

**UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE COMMITTEES**

2008-2010 Member of SIUE Faculty Senate

2013-2015

2008-2010 Member of SIUE Faculty Senate and Rules and Procedures Council.

Rules and Procedures Council Chair – 2009-2010 academic year.

2013-2015 Member of SIUE Faculty Curriculum Council. 2014-Co-Chair of the

Undergraduate Courses Committee.

2019-Present Member of College of Arts and Sciences Congress.

Promotion and Tenure Subcommittee

2014-2015 Member of College Curriculum Committee

1. External committee member for three promotion and tenure applicants from the Political Science Department.

2010-2015 Member - University Faculty Grievance Committee. Committee Chair for

2014-2015 academic year.

1998-2013 Member, College of Arts and Sciences Personnel Committee. During this

tenure, served on all four sub-committees, and served as Chair of both the

Elections and Administrative Review subcommittees. Served approximately

seven years on the College Promotion and Tenure Committee. Was involved in College-level Sabbatical reviews every year until 2012.

2001- 2005 Member, Multidisciplinary Research Group (MRG). “Exploration of

Faculty-Student Perceptions of Student Writing.”

Have served on the following Undergraduate or Graduate Assessment and Program Review Committees;

2010 Department of Speech Pathology (Graduate Program)

2006 Department of Nursing

2003 Department of Speech Pathology

2001 Department of Computer Science

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Undergraduate Courses (Sections Taught)

* Introduction to Social Work. (2)
* Foundations of Social Work, I (3)
* Foundations of Social Work, II (Professional Development) (5)
* Human Behavior in the Social Environment (Macro) (1)
* Introduction to Social Welfare Policy (11)
* Social Welfare Policy Analysis (19)
* Social Work Practice III (Community Organization) (15)
* Research Methods in Social Work (5)
* Disability in America (Elective) (3)

Interdisciplinary Studies Courses

* Historical and Contemporary Issues in Disability (3)
* The City (2)

Graduate Courses

* Generalist Practice: Neighborhoods, Organizations and Communities (3)
* Advanced Practice in Disabilities (3)
* Introductory Graduate Social Welfare Policy (8)
* Social Welfare Policy: Micro Practice (1)
* Social Welfare Policy: Macro Practice (1)
* Advanced Social Welfare Policy (6)
* Advanced Policy in Health, Mental Health and Disabilities (5)
* Advanced Practice in Organizations and Communities (1)
* Integrated Project (Capstone Portfolio class) (2)
* Mental Health Services (1)

**AWARDS, GRANTS, and ELECTED POSITIONS**

2020 Sabbatical awarded for Fall Semester, 2020 to complete a scholarly manuscript on

disability discrimination and the social work profession.

2019 Recipient of William and Margaret Going Endowed Fellowship Award, presented

by the SIUE College of Arts and Sciences.

2012 Sabbatical awarded for Fall Semester, 2013 to complete a scholarly manuscript on

metaphor analysis in relation to marginalized groups.

2010 Received 2009 “Best Conceptual Article of the Year” award by the *Journal of*

*Social Work Education* for the article “Metaphors and pejorative framing of

marginalized groups: Implications for social work education.”

2006 Winner of award for best paper submitted (Title: “Before the Genome:

Religion and Eugenics from 1900-1945”); 2006 CAS Colloquium.

2004 Awarded a $3,200 scholarship by the Duetscher Akademischer Austausch

Dienst (German Academic Exchange Service) to participate in an International

Summer Seminar in German Studies at the Einstein Forum. Topic of the

Institute was “Contemporary Disability Studies and the Legacy of Nazi

Eugenics.” Held in Potsdam, Germany from July 5 to July 30, 2004.

2003 Elected by the Metro-East Regional members of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) to represent them on the Association’s Delegate Assembly for the 2003-2005 cycle.

2003 Sabbatical awarded for Spring Semester, 2005 to complete scholarly book on the

social construction of moronity during the eugenic era.

2002 Member, Multidisciplinary Research Award Team, Southern Illinois University

Edwardsville, Graduate Studies and Research, $5,000. Funded.

1. Summer Research Fellowship Award, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville,

Graduate Studies and Research, $3,000. Title: “The animalization of persons with

mental retardation in historical perspective: Implications for the Argument from

Marginal Cases (AMC).” Funded.