

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Ruth Grossman Dean, Ph.D., LICSW**

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#### EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, College of Liberal Arts, B.A., 1959  
(Major: Pre-Social Work)

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Social Work, M.S.W.,  
cum Laude, 1961. (Recipient of National Foundation Fellowship.)

Boston College Graduate School of Social Work Doctoral Program, Ph.D., 1989. Dissertation topic: "A Study of the Relationship between Self-Reflectiveness in the First Year Clinical MSW Student and the Learning of Exploratory and Reflective Practice Skills"

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

National Association of Social Workers  
Diplomate in Clinical Social Work  
Register of Clinical Social Workers  
Massachusetts Chapter  
Nominating Committee, 1986-1988  
Board of Directors, 1988-1992

Council on Social Work Education  
Study Group for Philosophical Issues in Social Work, Steering Committee  
Boston Chapter, Study Group for Philosophical Issues in Social Work

Massachusetts Academy of Clinical Social Workers  
Board of Directors, 1987-1989

Editorial Board Smith College Studies in Social Work 1990-

Editorial Board Journal of Teaching in Social Work 1994-1995

#### RECENT POSITIONS HELD

20054- SIMMONS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
CHAIRPERSON PRACTICE SEQUENCE

1996- SIMMONS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
1999 DIRECTOR, DOCTORAL PROGRAM

1983- SIMMONS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
PROFESSOR, CLINICAL PRACTICE SEQUENCE

#### Courses Taught:

Clinical Practice, Advanced Clinical Practice; Narrative Approaches to work with Individuals, Families, and Groups, Planned Brief Treatment; An In-depth Look at the Clinical Process, Couples Treatment; A Constructivist Approach to Work with Families, Individuals and Groups; Single Subject Design (Co-

taught, Dr. Helen Reinherz); Ways of Knowing in Clinical Practice (Doctoral), Contemporary Issues in Clinical Practice

#### Dissertation Committee Participation

- 1987 - Dissertation of Dannielle Kennedy  
"The Role of Maternal Maturity in Eating Disorder Symptology in College Daughters
- 1988 -1990 Dissertation of Tom Geraty  
"What are the Psychosocial Implications for Partners Who Have Lost Their Mates to AIDS?"
- 1991 - 1992 Chairperson of Dissertation Committee of Carol Dorr  
"Understanding Male Capacity for Intimacy" (completed)
- 1997 – 2002 Chairperson, Dissertation committee of Trudy Duffy (completed)
- 2002 – Chairperson, Dissertation committee of Ann Clendenin
- 2004 – Chairperson Dissertation committee of Frank Brooks

#### Committee Responsibilities

Admissions 1978-1980; Curriculum Committee 1979-1980, 1981-1991; 1993-1995, (Chairperson, 1994, 1995-1996) Governance 1980-1981; Library Committee 1980-1982; Doctoral Committee 1987-; Faculty Development Committee 1986- 1988 (Chair); Nominating Committee 1986-1988 (Chair); Advisor: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance, 1988 -1990; Honorary Degrees Committee 1987- (College); Committee for Recruitment and Affairs of People of Color (1990-

- 1967 - PRIVATE PRACTICE  
Work with individuals, couples and families; Supervision of individual social workers;  
Consultation to social service agencies

#### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- 1999 – SOCIAL WORKER, South End Community Health Center Child Unit  
Boston, MA
- 1989 - 1996 GROUP LEADER  
AIDS Action Committee  
Boston, MA
- 1988-1993 CONSULTANT AND FAMILY THERAPIST  
Chelsea Memorial Health Center; Mental Health and Social Service Department  
Chelsea, MA

#### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 1981-1991 SOCIAL WORK CONSULTANT  
Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic  
Boston, MA
- 1978-1983 FIELD WORK ADVISER  
Simmons College School of Social Work  
Advisor to 20-25 students and faculty field representative to 10-12 agencies (1978-1983); Teacher of supervision seminar for new supervisors
- 1982-1984 LECTURER, TREATMENT METHODS SEQUENCE  
Smith College School for Social Work

1962-1980 CASEWORKER, SUPERVISOR, COORDINATOR, STUDENT TRAINING  
Social Service Department  
Beth Israel Hospital; Boston, MA

1974-1976 SUPERVISORY SOCIAL WORKER  
Counseling Center  
Brandeis University

1961-1962 HOME CARE SOCIAL WORKER  
Montefiore Hospital; Pittsburgh, PA

#### AWARDS

2003 – Grant from Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation for travel and study

1999 – Greatest Contribution to Social Work Education. Massachusetts Chapter, NASW.

1999 - Grant from Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation for travel and study.

1994 - Beatrice Phillips Sachs Award for paper entitled, "Stories of Aids: The Use of Narrative as an Approach to Understanding Group Process in an AIDS Support Group."

1989 - Grant from Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation for travel and study.

1989 - Beatrice Phillips Sachs Award "Ways of Knowing in Clinical Practice."

1959-1961 National Foundation Fellowship for graduate study.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Schotz, E. M., Dean, R. G. and Crosby, J. (2005) Social work and "the community of concern" in an urban American public elementary school: An interim report. In A. Lightburn & P. Sessions (Eds.) *Community Based Clinical Practice*. NY: Oxford Press.

Looking toward the Future in Unsettled times. *Vital Speeches of the Day*, 60: 16, June 1, 2004, 493-500. Also published as a guest editorial in *Smith College Studies in Social Work*.(2004), 74:4, 579-593.

Teaching contemporary psychodynamic theory for contemporary social work practice. *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, 73:1, November 2002, 11-27.

The myth of cross-cultural competence. *Families in Society*, 82:6. November/ December, 2001, 623-630.

A tribute to Howard Goldstein. *Families in Society*, 82:1, January/February, 2001, 7-11.

The myth of cross-cultural competence: A clinical vignette. IN *Proceedings of the International Social Work Conference, Barcelona, Spain*, May 12-15, 2000. pp. 136-142). New York: Shirley M. Ehrenkranz School of Social Work, New York University.

Social work at the millennium. *Families in Society*, 81:1, January/February, 2000, 7-8.

Making the professional personal and the personal professional. In J. J. Shay and J. Wheelis, (Eds.) *Odysseys in Psychotherapy*, 2000, New York: Ardent Media, Inc. 67-95.

Postmodernism and Brief Treatment: A More Inclusive Model. *Crisis Intervention*, 4 (2-3)1998, 101-112..

Social Constructionism and Ethics: What Makes a "Better" Story? Written with Margaret Rhodes. *Families in Society*, 79:3, May-June, 1998, 245-261.

Ways of Knowing: Contemporary Issues in Theory and Practice. In: *It Could be Otherwise: A Collection of Course Outlines on Social Work Epistemology*. Council on Social Work Education's Series, Teaching Social Work: Resources for Educators. 1998.

A Narrative Approach to Groups. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 26:1, Spring 1998, 23-37.

Review of *Fostering Healing and Growth* by Joyce Edward and Jean Sanville in *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 25, 2, Summer 1997, 251-253.

"Stories of AIDS: The Use of Narrative as an Approach to Understanding in an AIDS Support Group. (1995) *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 23:3, 287-304.

"Practitioner Perspective on Qualitative Case Evaluation." (1994). Chapter in E. Sherman and W. J.Reid, (Eds.) *Qualitative Research in Social Work* New York: Columbia University Press, 279-284.

"Teaching a Constructivist Approach to Clinical Practice." (1993). *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, (Special Edition), 8:1/2, 55-76. Simultaneously published as a chapter in J. Laird (Ed.) *Revisioning social work education: A social constructionist approach*, New York: Haworth Press

"Constructivism: An Approach to Clinical Practice." (1993) *Smith College Studies in Social Work*. 63:2, 127-146.

"Ethical-Clinical Tensions in Clinical Practice" (1992). Written with Margaret Rhodes. *Social Work*, 37:2, 128-132.

"Teaching Clinical Theory and Practice Through a Constructivist Lens." (1992). Written with Ann Fleck-Henderson. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 6:1, 3-20.

Review of "Shame: The Underside of Narcissism" by Andrew Morrison. (1991). In *Clinical Social Work Journal* (1991),19:1, 104-107.

Review of "Sexual, Contraceptive and Pregnancy Choices: Counseling Adolescents" by Julie Spain. In *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal* (1989), 7 (1) 71-74.

"Exploring Epistemologies: Social Work Action as a Reflection of Philosophical Assumptions," Written with Barbara Lou Fenby. *Journal of Social Work Education*, (1989). 25: 1, 46-54.

"Ways of Knowing in Clinical Practice," *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 12: 2, 1989.

"Standards of Clinical Social Work Supervision," Written with Carol Bonner and Rhoda Greenspan. *The Clinical Supervisor*, 1989, 7: 4, 31-45.

"Psychodynamic Practice and Single System Design: The Odd Couple." Written with Dr. Helen Reinherz. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 22: 2, 1986. Reprinted in *Perspectives on Direct Practice Evaluation*, Naomi Gottlieb, Ed. Center for Social Welfare Research, School of Social Work, University of Washington, Seattle.

"The Role of Empathy in Supervision," *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 12, 1984.

"Understanding Health Beliefs and Behavior: Some Theoretical Principles of Practice," in *Removing Cultural and Ethnic Barriers to Health Care*, based on Proceedings of a National Conference sponsored by the Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health and School of Social Work of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Library of Congress Catalog number 80-51710, 1979.

"The Social Worker's Viewpoint of Home Care," in *Selected Papers from an Institute: Coordinated Home Care*. The Montefiore Hospital Association of Western Pennsylvania, Home Care Department Training and Information Center, Pittsburgh, PA. March 1963.

## PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

"Ruth Dean's Rules for Self-care." Speech given to recently graduated SSW alumnae at Simmons School of Social Work, December 1, 2005.

The myth of cross-cultural competence. Seminar Series Fall 2005, Urban Allied Health Academy, School of Applied Health Sciences, University of Illinois Chicago, September 21, 2005.

"An American in Australia and An Australian in America: Negotiating Classroom Diversity." Council of Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, March 2, 2005 – with Professor Frances Crawford of the Department of Social Work & Social Policy, Curtin University, Australia.

"Negotiating Differences in the Classroom: The Classroom as a Social Laboratory" Global Social Work Congress in Adelaide, Australia with Professor Frances Crawford of the Department of Social Work & Social Policy, Curtin University, Australia, October 2, 2004.

"The Future of Social Work in Unsettled Times" Lahey Clinic Social Work Lecture Series, October 20, 2004.

"Looking Toward the Future in Unsettled Times". Keynote address. Simmons College School of Social Work Centennial Celebration, April 3, 2004, Boston, MA.

"Issues and Tensions in Current and Future Social Work Practice and Education." Smith College School for Social Work, North Hampton, MA., November 14, 2003.

"Cross-cultural issues in social work practice." University of New Castle, Department of Social Work, New Castle, Australia, May 15, 2003

"How We Prepare Ourselves for Practice in a Culturally Diverse & Changing World." Western Australia Branch of the Australian Association of Social Workers, May 26, 2003, West Perth, Australia.

"Narrative work with Families and Children." NASW Continuing Education Program, September 2002.

"Commencement: On Beginning a Life." Graduation speech given to the University of Vermont School of Social Work, May, 2002

"The Myth of Cross-Cultural Competence." Beth Israel Hospital Social Service Rounds. February 28, 2002.

"Contemporary Approaches to Practice: Narrative and Community-Based Work within a Social Justice Framework." The New England Consortium of Graduate Social Work Field Education Directors, 2001/2002 Professional Development Series for Social Work Field Educators. February 8, 2002.

"Cultural Sensitivity Instead of 'Competence': A Different Model for Cross-cultural Work." New York University Ehrenkranz School of Social Work Conference, Multiculturalism in Social Work and Mental Health Practice," Barcelona, Spain, May 15, 2000

"Cross-cultural Practice in Action," Symposium 2000 National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter, Boston, MA, April 28, 2000.

"Working with Inner City Families: Social Justice and Mental Health Services," Roundtable Discussion with staff from the Friday Child Intake Team at the South End Community Health Center. Boston, MA March, 18, 2000.

"Ethical/clinical Tensions in Social Work Practice," Evening Workshop for the Australian Association of Social Workers (Western Australia Branch). February 18, 1999, Perth Australia.

"Narrative Practices," Lecture to the faculty, students and invited guests at the School of Social Work, Curtin University, Perth Australia, February 16, 1999.

Margo Schutz Gordan Lecture, School of Social Work, University of Kansas. "Making the personal Professional and the Professional Personal. November 5, 1999.

New Directions in Constructionist Social Work, Presented at Conference, "Social Construction and Relational Practices, University of New Hampshire, September 17, 1999.

"Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Social Constructionism." Presented at the Boston Institute for Psychotherapy, January, 1999.

"Teaching from a Constructionist Perspective." Presented at Marywood College School of Social Work. October, 1998.

"Preserving Practice Options: The Case for Long-term Treatment. Presented with Lois Alex, Judith Arons, Guillemette Caron-Simmers and Jane Leavy. Invitational Paper, NASW Symposium 98, Boston, Massachusetts, April 15, 1998.

"Integrating Narrative Practices: Must We Throw Out the Baby With the Bath Water?" NASW Symposium 98, Boston, Massachusetts, April 15, 1998.

"A Narrative Approach to Groups - Told Through Stories of an AIDS Support Group," Invitational Paper, NASW Symposium 96, Marlborough, Massachusetts. March 29, 1996

"What Makes a Better Story?" Co-authored with Margaret Rhodes. Annual Program Meeting, Council of Social Work Education, Washington, D. C., February 16, 1996.

Stories of AIDS: The Use of Narrative as an Approach to Understanding in an AIDS Support Group. Presented at conference, Narrative Ideas and Therapeutic Practice, Vancouver, BC, March 3, 1995. Also presented at Doctoral Colloquium, Simmons College School of Social Work, March 16, 1995. This paper was additionally presented in connection with receipt of Bea Phillips Sachs Writing Award, Beth Israel Hospital, June 1994.

"Current Reflections on Constructivist Practice: Group Process and Clinical Ethics." Presented with Ann Fleck-Henderson at NASW Symposium '94, April 22, 1994, Marlborough, MA.

"Stories of AIDS: The Use of Narrative as an Approach to Understanding in an AIDS Support Group." Presented at the Annual Program Meeting, Council of Social Work Education, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1994.

"Thinking about Clinical Ethics." Participated as member of a panel in presentation to graduate students at Simmons College that was part of Graduate Student Week, September 28, 1993.

"Under the Umbrella of Public Managed Care: Mental Health Care Strategies for the '90s," Talk given by Eileen Elias, Commissioner Massachusetts Department of Mental Health for which I was a discussant. April 12, 1993.

"Whose Reality Is It Anyway? Constructivist Perspective on Theory, Practice, Teaching." Presented with Ann Fleck-Henderson. Simmons College School of Social Work Alumni Association. March 31, 1993.

"Constructivist Approaches to Clinical Practice." Presentation given at Social Service Rounds, Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital, Providence, R. I., April 16, 1993.

"Constructivism: An Approach to Practice." Work shop sponsored by The New England Consortium of Graduate Program Field Directors and given for field educators, April 24, 1992.

"Constructivism: Does it Work With or Against Other Therapy Models?" Presentation given at Social Work Services Grand Rounds, New England Medical Center, June 9, 1992.

"Constructivism: A New/Old Approach to Clinical Practice." Helen Pincus Memorial Lecture, Smith College School for Social Work, July 24, 1992.

"A Constructivist Approach to Clinical Practice." Presented to faculty and students at the University of California, Los Angeles; School of Social Welfare; April 28, 1992.

"New and Old Ways of Thinking about Assessment in Clinical Work." Presented at NASW Symposium 92. Marlborough, Massachusetts, April 10, 1992.

"Practitioner Perspective on Qualitative Case Evaluation." Presented at Conference on Qualitative Methods in Social Work Practice Research. School of Social Welfare, Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University At Albany, State University of New York. August 24, 1991.

"Constructivism: A New Approach to Clinical Practice" at Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Massachusetts Academy of Clinical Social Work. Boston, MA. April 27, 1991.

"Teaching Clinical Theory and Practice Through a Constructivist Lens." Presented with Ann Fleck-Henderson at Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, New Orleans, LA. March 1991.

"Exploring Epistemologies" Presented with Barbara Lou Fenby at Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. March 1988.

"Ways of Knowing in Clinical Social Work." Social Service Rounds, Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital, Providence, R.I., May 1988. Also presented at Social Service Rounds, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, February 1988, Social Service Rounds, Brigham and Women's Hospital, July 1987 and Social Service Rounds, New England Medical Center, June 1987.

"Measuring the Unmeasurable in Psychodynamic Practice." Written with Dr. Helen Reinherz and presented at conference, Practitioners as Evaluators of Direct Practice, at University of Washington School of Social Work. Seattle, Washington, June 1985.

"The Role of Empathy in Supervision." Presented at Social Service Rounds, Beth Israel Hospital, September 1984 and at Social Service Rounds, Massachusetts General Hospital, February 1983.

"Effective Use of the Single Interview." Conference on "Promoting Effective Teamwork in Community Health Care," sponsored by The Association of Home Health Agencies of Rhode Island, Inc., March 1982.

"The Challenge to Social Work Supervision in the Eighties," Seventh NASW Professional Symposium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 1981. Also presented at New England Conference on Field Education, June 1982.