

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** 1999, University of Washington School of Social Welfare

**M.A.** 1990, University of Arizona, Tucson, Az. Latin American Studies

**B.S.** 1987, University of Arizona, Tucson, Az. Human Services

## Honors and Awards

Voted “One of the Ten Most Inspiring Professors at UT” by 99,000 member University of Texas at Austin Texas Exes Association (The Alcalde, March 2013 <http://alcalde.texasexes.org/tag/miguel-ferguson/>).

Lora Lee Pederson Teaching Excellence award (2004)

## Founder and Owner, 2016-present

*OfCourse!* A higher education company that re-imagines macro-digital coursework.  
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## Professional Publications

### Dissertation

**Ferguson, M.** (1999). An Examination of Welfare Use Among Young Teen Mothers. Dissertation, University of Washington School of Social Welfare.

### Books

**Ferguson, M.** & Castells, J. (In progress). “Viva los San Patricios!” Graphic novel that tells the story of the legendary San Patricio battalion in the Mexican-American War.

**Ferguson, M.**, & Buhle, P. “The Good Crusade: American Brigadistas in the Spanish Civil War.” Monthly Review Press. (forthcoming, 2020).

Borasky, S. & **Ferguson, M.**, (2018). “Navigating Policy and Practice in the Great Recession.” Oxford University Press.

**Ferguson, M.**, Neuroth-Gatlin, H. & Borasky, S. (2010). *Caught in the Storm: Navigating Policy and Practice in the Welfare Reform Era*. Lyceum Press, Chicago, Ill.

## Teaching

*Adjunct Professor* (Fall 2019) Social Welfare Policy – 89633 – SOWK 4300 – 120  
Texas A&M University – Central Texas

**Co-creator**  
(with Dr. Richard Hoefler) **Online Policy Practice Certificate Course, CSWE Learning Academy**  
[<https://learningacademy.cswe.org/>]

*Associate Professor* 2006-2016, UT-Austin School of Social Work  
Taught social policy courses at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels. Also taught classes on social justice, advanced social policy, program evaluation, and an undergraduate seminar titled “Poverty in America in (Non)Fiction and Film.”

*Assistant Professor* 1999-2005, UT-Austin School of Social Work

## Keynote & Invited Presentations

**Ferguson, M.** Martell, D. & Peters, C. (June 1, 2017). “Social Welfare History: Informing Policy Today.” Policy Teaching Institute, Social Policy Conference 2.0, St. Louis, MO.

**Ferguson, M.** (November 3, 2016). “Creative, Hands-On Approaches to Teaching Policy Content,” CSWE Teaching Institute, Atlanta, GA.

**Ferguson, M.** (June 2, 2016). Policy Teaching Institute, Policy Conference 2.0, St. Louis, MO.

**Ferguson, M.** (June 3, 2016). “Latino Economic Hardship Across the Lifespan.” Policy Conference 2.0, St. Louis, MO.

**Ferguson, M.** (May 29, 2015) “Trends and State Variation in the SNAP Program.” Policy Conference 2.0, Austin, TX.

**Ferguson, M.** (February 25, 2015). Keynote address for 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas School Social Workers Conference. “*Dogs, Ping-Pong, and Other Sources of Life Lessons for School Social Workers.*”

**Ferguson, M.** (September 27, 2014). Keynote speaker for Longhorn Saturday Student-Parent Welcome event (700 in attendance). “*Conscious Living in a Large University.*”

**Ferguson, M.** (2014). “Economic Inequality: The Challenge for Policy Practice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Policy Conference 2.0, Austin, TX. May 30.

**Ferguson, M.** (2008). Keynote lecture, “Exploring Stresses and Hardships Facing America’s Low-Income Families.” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Education Networking and Training Institute. January 25.

**Ferguson, M.** (March, 2005). “Effective Policy Practice in a Conservative Era.” Social Work Day at the Legislature, over 1,000 students and faculty from the state of Texas in attendance.

**Ferguson, M.** (June 29, 2002). “Concepts and Policies Behind TANF Reauthorization.” School of Social Work Teach-in, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

**Ferguson, M.** “Is Wealth and Income Inequality Immoral?” School of Social Science, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland, April 7 – 19, 2002.

**Ferguson, M.** “Poverty in Texas and the United States,” School of Social Science, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland, April 7 – 19, 2002.

**Ferguson, M.** “What charity can and cannot do in the United States,” School of Social Science, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland, April 7 – 19, 2002.

## **Presentations**

**Ferguson, M.,** Peters, C. & Martell, M. (June 1, 2017). “*Social Welfare History Informing Policy Today.*” Invited lecture, Teaching Institute, Social Policy Conference 2.0. St Louis, MO.

**Ferguson, M.** (June 2, 2016). “*Latino Economic Hardship Across the Lifespan.*” Social Policy Conference 2.0, St. Louis, MO.

**Ferguson, M.** & Borasky, S. (May 29, 2015). “*Trends and State Variation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program During and After the Great Recession.*” Social Policy Conference 2.0. Austin, TX.

Padilla, Y. & **Ferguson, M.** (May 30, 2015). “Teaching Advocacy to Non-Social Work Students: Courses on How to Change the World. Social Policy Conference 2.0. Austin, TX.

Borasky, S. & **Ferguson, M.** & (October 25, 2014). “Well-Fair: A Poverty Simulation for Policy Practice. CSWE-APM, Tampa, FL.

**Ferguson, M.** (2013). “Understanding the importance of SNAP.” Parents as Teachers Austin-Area Regional Training, Leander ISD, October 17.

**Ferguson, M.** (2013). "Living a conscious life and understanding the stresses and challenges of poverty." Trinity Child Development Center, Austin, TX October 13.

**Ferguson, M.** (2013). "African-Americans and Latinos in U.S. Social Culture." 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fulbright Workshop, Sept. 19.

**Ferguson, M.** (2013). "Poverty in America in International Context." Presentation made to Face AIDS student association. UT-Austin, November 3, 2010.

**Ferguson, M.** (2011). Global Cultures/Cultural Diversity: Classrooms in Community: Innovative Ideas for Activism Projects. UT-Austin. November 14.

Borasky, S. & **Ferguson, M.** (2011). "Using student films to develop and measure social work core competencies." 28<sup>th</sup> BPD conference, February.

**Ferguson, M.** & Borasky, S.(2008-2009). "Poverty, Inequality, and Economic Hardship in Texas and Beyond: Myths, realities, and implications for change." Full day workshops given to CPS caseworkers in eleven cities throughout Texas.

**Ferguson, M.** (2008). "Poverty and Inequality in Texas." El Paso Social Work Alumni Association. February.

**Ferguson, M.** "Does Poverty Matter? An Analysis of Courses on Poverty at the Top 50 Schools of Social Work," Social Policy Conference, Charleston, S.C. June 17, 2002.

**Ferguson, M.** "Findings from an Evaluation of Welfare Innovation Projects In Texas: The Saga Continues," Social Policy Conference, Charleston, S.C. June 15, 2002.

DiNitto, D., **Ferguson, M.**, & Ritter, J. "Mentoring TANF Recipients: Early Findings From a Welfare Innovation Project in Texas." Utopia Research Presentation, UT-Austin School of Social Work, Austin, TX, October, 2001.

DiNitto, D., **Ferguson, M.**, & Ritter, J. "Mentoring TANF Recipients: Early Findings From a Welfare Innovation Project in Texas." Conference of the National Association of Social Workers-Texas, October, 2001.

DiNitto, D. & **Ferguson, M.** "Local Welfare Innovation Projects in Texas: An Evaluation of Their Implementation and Performance.," Social Work Policy Conference, Charleston, S.C., June, 2001.

**Ferguson, M.** "Local Welfare Innovation Programs in Texas: Program Progress and Client Outcomes." Annual conference of the American Evaluation Association, Oahu, HI, November, 2000.

**Ferguson, M.** "Local Welfare Innovation projects: An Evaluation of Initial Implementation Issues." 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop of the National Association for Welfare Research, Scottsdale, AZ, August, 2000.

## Peer Reviewed Articles and Essays

**Ferguson, M.** & Spears, R. (2012). Review of *The Rich and the Rest of Us* and *So Rich, So Poor*. Journal of Poverty, vol. 17 (1).

**Ferguson, M.** & Taub, C. (2009). Review of *The Failed Welfare Revolution: America's Struggle over Guaranteed Income Policy*. International Journal of Social Welfare, 18(2), 218-219.

**Ferguson, M.**, Ritter, J., DiNitto, D., Kim, J. & Schwab, A.J. (2005) Mentoring as a strategy for welfare reform. Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment. (special welfare reform edition), 12 (2/3), pp. 165-184.

Harding, S., **Ferguson, M.** & Radey, M. (2005). Does poverty matter? An analysis of courses on poverty at the top 50 schools of social work. *Arete*, 28(2), pp.39-53.

Poole, D., **Ferguson, M.** & Schwab, A.J. (2005) Managing process innovations in welfare reform information technology. *Administration in Social Work*, 29(1), pp.101-116.

**Ferguson, M.**, Harding, S. & Holleran, L. (2003) A Dialogue on Diversity and Pedagogy in the Social Work Classroom. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, Vol. 9, no. 3, Summer.

**Ferguson, M.**, Poole, D., DiNitto, D. & Schwab, J. (2002). Raising A Flag of Caution in the Race For Community-Based Approaches to Rural Welfare Reform: Early Findings From Texas. *Southern Rural Sociology*, 18(1), 204-221.

**Ferguson, M.**, Springer, D. & Holleran, L. (2002). Shredding the Safety Net: Young Mothers and TANF Restrictions in Federal and State Substance Abuse Policy. *Social Policy Journal*, 1(2), 19-35.

Almgren, G., Yamashiro, G., & **Ferguson, M.** (2002). Beyond Welfare or Work: Teen Mothers, Household Subsistence Strategies, and Child Development Outcomes. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 29(3), 125-149.

Poole, D., **Ferguson, M.**, DiNitto, D., & Schwab, J. (2002) The Capacity of Community-Based Organizations to Lead Local Innovations in Welfare Reform: Early Findings from Texas. *Non-Profit Management and Leadership*, 12(3), 261-276.

Almgren, G. & **Ferguson, M.** (1999). The urban ecology of hospital failure: Hospital closures in the city of Chicago, 1970-1991. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 26, (4), 5-26.

## Funded Research

\$240,000                      Ferguson, M. "CARE-PLUS Youth Re-entry Program Evaluation" Principal investigator, SAMSHA, October 2010-March 2014

\$1,244,000	Ferguson, M. "Evaluation of TANF Innovation Projects." Principle investigator, Department of Human Services, January 2000-June, 2005)
\$90,000	Program Consultant for Administration for Children and Families, Baptist Child and Family Services Program Planning Grant to prevent homelessness among foster youth, 2013-2015.
\$60,000	Ferguson, M. Consultant for "Tough Choices" Project. Hogg Foundation Aug 2003-Aug 2004. Co-sponsored with Center for Public Policy Priorities.
\$750	Ferguson, M. "Survey of mentors and mentees," Office of Vice-President for Research. Fall 2001.
\$66,479	Ferguson, M. "DHS Change Center Evaluation." Co-principle investigator, Department of Human Services, September 2000-February 2001.

### **Other Research Proposals**

\$30,000	M. Ferguson (2015). "Physical Activity Promotion among Latino Children." St. David's Hospital. (Not funded). Co-principal investigator.
\$36,000	Model Intervention for Youth/Young Adults With Child Welfare Involvement At-Risk of Homelessness. Administration for Children & Families, (not funded). 2015
\$15,000	"Five-to-Ten: Case Studies of Formerly Incarcerated Young Adults Who Have Successfully Reintegrated into Society." UT grant application (not funded). 2015
\$25,000	Ferguson, M. "The Shame of I All: Case Studies of Municipal Efforts to Address High Rates of Child Poverty in the Great Recession." Grant application to UC-Davis National Poverty Center. (not funded) (2014).

### **Research Reports**

**Ferguson, M.,** Borasky, S. (July, 2014). "BCFS-HHS Final Evaluation Report." Submitted as part of SAMHSA evaluation contract.

**Ferguson, M.** & Borasky, S. (October, 2012). Evaluation of BCFS Family Services CARE-PLUS program. Third report. 46 pages.

**Ferguson, M.** & Borasky, S. (October, 2011). Evaluation of BCFS Family Services CARE-PLUS program. Second report. 50 pages.

**Ferguson, M.** & Borasky, S. (2010). Evaluation of BCFS Family Services CARE-PLUS program. First report.

**Ferguson, M.,** Neuroth, H., DiNitto, D., & Schwab, A.J. (February, 2004). Local Welfare Innovation Projects in Texas: Household Expenditures, Material Hardship, and Client Outcomes at 18-24 Months. 146 pgs. Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** Neuroth, H., DiNitto, D., & Schwab, A.J. (October, 2003). Local Welfare Innovation Projects in Texas: Final Report. 260 pgs. Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** Neuroth, H., DiNitto, D., & Schwab, A.J. (February, 2003). Local Welfare Innovation Projects in Texas: Implementation, Performance, and Client Outcomes. 256 pgs. Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** Neuroth, H., DiNitto, D., & Schwab, A.J. (September, 2002). Local Welfare Innovation Projects in Texas: An Evaluation of Implementation and Performance. 257 pgs. Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** DiNitto, D., Poole, D., Schwab, J., & Hughes, D. (September, 2001). Local Welfare Innovation Projects in Texas: An Evaluation of Their Implementation and Performance (Round 1) (194 pgs). Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** DiNitto, D., Poole, D., Schwab, J., & Hughes, D. (September, 2001). Local Welfare Innovation Projects in Texas: An Evaluation of Their Implementation and Performance (Round 2) (220 pgs). Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** Schwab, J., & Prince, J. (February, 2001). An Evaluation of TDHS Regional Change Centers: Final Report (44 pgs). Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** DiNitto, D., Poole, D., Schwab, J., & Hughes, D. (February, 2001). Local Welfare Innovation Projects in Texas: An Evaluation of Implementation Issues and Early Performance Outcomes (194 pgs). Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** DiNitto, D., Poole, D. & Schwab, J. (November 1, 2000). Local Welfare Innovation Programs: Program Progress and Client Outcomes (257 pages). Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

**Ferguson, M.,** DiNitto, D., Poole, D., & Schwab, J. (June 1, 2000). Local Welfare Innovation Projects: An Evaluation of Initial Implementation Issues (211 pages). Report prepared for the Texas Department of Human Services.

## Opinion Editorials & Invited Essays

Shirk, M. & **Ferguson, M.**, (2017). “What else could the U.S. do with the military’s \$700B?” Austin American-Statesman, October 3. A-11.

**Ferguson, M.**, Borasky, S. & Harding, S. (2013). “Nutrition Program is government that works.” Austin-American Statesman, September 11.

**Ferguson, M.**, Borasky, S. & Harding, S. (2013). “SNAP Treason: House Republicans Take Aim at Food Stamps,” Truthout.org. Accessed at <http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/18590-snap-treason-house-republicans-take-aim-at-food-stamps>.

**Ferguson, M.**, Flynn, M. & Winicki, M. (2013). Texas should SNAP to it. Austin-American Statesman. Opinion editorial, January 10.

**Ferguson, M.** (2009). Poverty is our nation’s enduring disgrace. The Utopian ([http://www.utexas.edu/ssw/dl/files/utopian/2009\\_2.pdf](http://www.utexas.edu/ssw/dl/files/utopian/2009_2.pdf))

**Ferguson, M.** (2006). Memorial focuses on heroes. Austin-American Statesman, September 16.

**Ferguson, M.** & Lein, L. (2004). On health care, nation needs bolder proposals. Austin-American Statesman. October 21.

**Ferguson, M.** (2002). Where family values are more than political slogans. Austin-American Statesman. April 27, A-13.

**Ferguson, M.** (2001). Real life lessons from a food stamps experiment. Houston Chronicle, July 2.

**Ferguson, M.** (2001). Revisiting the legacy of the confederacy at UT. Austin-American Statesman. January 15.

**Ferguson, M.** & Harding, S. (1997). State should stick to its guns on welfare. Seattle Times, February 4.

## Professional Memberships

Council on Social Work Education

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Poverty*. (2006-present)

Influencing Social Policy, Board member (2016-2018)