**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph. D. 2001, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Social Sciences with Concentrations in Sociology and Social Work

M.S.W. 1981, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Master of Social Work degree

B.A. 1979, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. Sociology.

**PROFESSONAL EXPERIENCE**

2014 - Provost

2008-2014 Academic Dean for the Social Sciences and Contextual Disciplines

2002-2008 Chair, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Calvin College

2001-present Professor of Sociology and Social Work, Calvin College

1996-2005 Director, B.S.W. Program, Calvin College

1997 Tenure, Calvin College

1992-2001 Associate Professor of Social Work, Calvin College

1989-1992 Assistant Professor of Social Work, Calvin College

1985-1989 Policy Specialist, Bethany Christian Services

1981-1985 Adoption and Family Services, Bethany Christian Services

**COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT**

*Sociology*: Introduction to Sociology (151); The Family (304); Social Gerontology (316); Sociology of Death and Dying (317); Integrative Capstone (395)

*Social Work*: Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare Policy (240); Human Behavior in the Social Environment (350); Generalist Practice with Groups (372); Practicum/Seminar (380); Integrative Capstone (381)

*Interdisciplinary*: Is There a Duty to Die? (IDIS 29); Grief, Loss, and Healing (IDIS 51); Prelude (IDIS 149)

**PROJECTS AND AWARDS**

NetVUE grant for *Vocational Explorations in a Multi-Faith World: Cultivating Informed Engagement across Faith Traditions in Undergraduate Education.* September 20 – 21, 2013.

Calvin College Summer Workshop on *Qualitative Research in the Social Sciences*, co-directed with Dr. Michael Emerson, Rice University. Funded by the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship.

*Social Work Partnership – Mother Patern College of Health Sciences (Monrovia, Liberia), Calvin College, and Kuyper College*. Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, $60,000.00. January 2011.

Calvin College Summer Seminar co-director (with Prof. Terry Wolfer, University of S. Carolina) on *A Virtue Perspective on Social Work Practice and Formation*, Summer 2010. Funded by Sociology Deur award, the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, and the Kuyers Institute. June 2010.

*Social Work Partnership – Mother Patern College of Health Sciences (Monrovia, Liberia), Calvin College, and Kuyper College*. Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, $60,000.00. January 2010.

*Faith Formation and Development* Reading Group (co-director with Laura DeHaan, Ph.D.), Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, Calvin College, April 2009.

*Social Work Partnership – Mother Patern College of Health Sciences (Monrovia, Liberia), Calvin College, and Kuyper College*. Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, $60,000.00. January 2009.

*Social Work Partnership – Mother Patern College of Health Sciences (Monrovia, Liberia), Calvin College, and Kuyper College*. Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, $60,000.00. January 2008.

*Appropriating Historical Scholarship for Integrating Christian Faith and Social Work Practice: The Early Church and the Provision of Social Welfare.* Calvin Research Fellowship, awarded for 2007-2008.

Selected participant in the Calvin Seminars in Christian Scholarship *Biblical Studies Across the Curriculum: Discerning Scriptures for the Disciplines.* July 9 – 27, 2008.

*Building an Agenda for Research in Christian Scholarship and Social Work*, Summer Seminar in Christian Scholarship. Deur Awards granted in April 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007. Received to date: $60,000.00.

*Justice and Love* Reading Group (co-director with Jeff Bouman), Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, Calvin College, April 2006.

*Appropriating Historical Scholarship for Integrating Christian Faith and Social Work Practice*. McGregor Fellowship Award; Calvin Summer Research Fellowship. May 2005.

*Hartford Geriatric Enrichment in Social Work Education*, Consultant Grant, April 2004; 2005; 2006. $18,000.

*Geriatric Education Center of West Michigan*. Sub-contract with Michigan State University and Grand Valley State University. Total grant: $19,000. July 2004.

*Geriatric Education Center of West Michigan*. Sub-contract with Michigan State University and Grand Valley State University. Total grant: $26,331.00. March 2004.

*Hartford Geriatric Enrichment in Social Work Education, Implementation Award*. $30,000. August 2002.

*Hartford Geriatric Enrichment in Social Work Education, Planning Award*: $30,000. January 2002.

*Transforming Care: A Reformed Vision of Nursing Practice* (awarded to eight faculty members). Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Grant (2002-2005). $67,874. December, 2001.

*The role of communities of faith in sustaining a just society* CCCS-sponsored reading group. Co-directed with Doug Koopman. 2002-2003.

*Excellence in end-of-life care: Social work education and practice*. Calvin Research Fellowship awarded fro 2001-2002. Additional support received from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant for the Advancement of End-of-Life Care in Michigan.

*Excellence in end-of-life care* project. McGregor Fellowship Award. May 2001.

Co-chair of Social Work Research Section, *Michigan Partnership for the Advancement of End-of-Life Care*. $495,000 three-year grant for the Partnership. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 2000 – 2003.

*Extending an ethic of care into the public sector: Application to gerontology*. Calvin Summer Research Fellowship. 2000.

Selected participant in the Pew-funded Seminars in Christian Scholarship (June 20 – August 8, 1998): *Political Thought after Liberalism*.

Calvin College recipient of the *Michigan Campus Compact Service-Learning Award*, an award given annually that recognizes faculty and/or staff who model, influence, or instruct on student engagement. 1997.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Brandsen, C. K. and Wolfer, T., eds. (2014) A virtue perspective on social work practice and formation. *Social Work and Christianity*, 41.

Ward, D. and Vander Lei, E. (2011). Contributor to *Real texts: Reading and writing across the disciplines*. Old Tappan, NJ: Longman Publishers.

Brandsen, C. K. (2010). Book review of *Hope Matters: The Untold Story of How Faith*

*Works in America by* J. Calhoun (2007, Laurel, MD: Bartleby Press).  *Social Work*

*and Christianity, 37,* 1, 95-96.

Brandsen, C. K. (2008). Spirituality, end-of-life care, and aging. In B. Hugen and T. L.

Scales, eds. *Christianity and social work: Readings on the integration of Christian faith*

*and social work practice*. NACSW: Botsford, CT.

Ward, D. and Vander Lei, E. (2008). Contributor to *Real texts: Reading and writing across the disciplines*. Old Tappan, NJ: Longman Publishers.

Brandsen, C. K. and Vliem, P. (2007). Justice and human rights in fourth century Cappadocia. *Social Work and Christianity 34*, 4, 421-448.

Brandsen, C. K. and Hugen, B., eds. (2007). Social work through the lens of Christian faith: Working toward integration. *Social Work and Christianity 34*, 4, special issue.

Brandsen, C. K. and Carlson, M. (2007). Social work with the dying and their families. In E. Csikai and B. Jones, eds. *Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*: *A Compendium of Syllbi and Teaching Resources*. Chicago: Lyceum Books, Inc.

Brandsen, C. K. (2006). A public ethic of care: Implications for long-term care. In M. Hamming and D.C. Miller, ed. *Socializing Care: Feminist Ethics and Public Issues.*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Brandsen, C. K. (2005). Social work and and-of-life care: Reviewing the past and moving

forward. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 1, 45-70.

Doornbos, M. M., Groenhout, R., and Hotz, K. (2005). Contributor to *Transforming Care: A*

*Christian Vision of Nursing Practic*e. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Company.

Brandsen, C. K. (2005) [Review of Practicing Social Justice]. *Social Work and Christianity,*

*32*, 73-75.

Brandsen, C. K. (2003). [Review of Ethics in Social Work Education]. *Social Work and*

*Christianity, 30*, 198-200.

Brandsen, C. K. (2002). [Review of *Ethics in Social Work Practice: Narratives for Professional*

*Helping*]. *Social Work and Christianity, 29*, 69-71.

Brandsen, C. K. (2000). What do we owe the elderly? Thinking Christianly about rationing

health care resources. *Social Work and Christianity*, *27*, 8-29.

**JURIED PAPERS/POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**(abbreviated)**

Paper presented at the North American Association for Christians in Social Work (October 2010). *Social Justice and Student Formation: Integrating Christian Faith with Teaching*

Paper [to be] presented at the Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference (March 2008). *BSW Gerontological Education: Looking Back, Moving Forward*

Paper presented at the North American Association for Christians in Social Work (February 2008). *Social Justice and Biblical Scholarship: Integrating Christian Faith with Teaching*

Paper presented at the North American Association for Christians in Social Work (October 2006). *Justice and Human Rights in Fourth Century Cappadocia.*

Paper presented at the Baccalaureate Program Directors conference (November 2003). *Advocacy for Ethical and Just Policies and Practices in End-of-Life Care.* Reno, NV.

Paper presented at the Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference (November 2003). *Advancing Student Learning Through Engaged Partnerships with Diverse Individuals: Oral History as Service Learning*. Reno, NV.

Paper presented at the North American Association for Christians in Social Work (October 2003). *Gerontological Enrichment of Social Work Curriculum*. Louisville, KY.

Conference Planner, *Aging Well for Independent Living* (March 2003). Project Healthy Senior Michigan. Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.

Poster presented at the Michigan Partnership for the Advancement of End-of-Life Care in Michigan (November 2002). *Social work roles in end-of-life care: Strengths, gaps, and the need for empirical research*. Novi, MI.

Paper presented at the Michigan Society for Gerontology (October 2002). *Bridging policy, practice, and research in end-of-life care: Bereavement resources and challenges*. Kalamazoo, MI.

Workshop presented at the Baccalaureate Program Directors conference (October 2002). *End-of-life care and social work education: Developing interdisciplinary, intergenerational, and cross-cultural competencies*. Pittsburgh, PA.

Paper presented at the Baccalaureate Program Directors conference (November 2001). *Social work education and end-of-life care: Current realities, future needs*. Denver, CO.

Paper presented at the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity (July 2001*). Contributions of the social work profession to aging and end-of-life care*. Chicago, IL.

Paper presented at the National Association of Social Work conference (May 2001). *Excellence in end-of-life care: Preliminary data from the RWJ Partnership for the Advancement of End-0f-Life care*. St. Ignace, MI.

Paper presented at the NACSW conference (October 1999). *Considerations of health care justice in rationing, allocation, and cost containment of health resources in elder care*. St. Louis, MO.

Paper presented at the National Association of Social Work conference (May, 1999). *Physician-assisted suicide: Opinions of Michigan citizens and ethical tensions for social workers*. Battle Creek, MI.

Paper presented at the Pew-funded Seminars in Christian Scholarship (May 1999). *What do we owe the elderly: Thinking Christianly about health care rationing*. Grand Rapids, MI.

Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (March 1997). *Oral history projects: Integrating disparate themes in HBSE*. Chicago, IL

Invited Speaker: Fairfax, Virgina, series of workshops including *Working with Clients from a Position of Competence and Strength*, *Adolescent Pregnancy and Adoption Concerns*, and *Adoption and Parenting*, sponsored by Bethany Chr. Services, May 1996.

Invited Speaker: Tenth County-wide Collaborative Mentor Training in Grand Rapids, Michigan, *When Mentoring Gets Tough*, sponsored by community organizations which use mentors, April, 1996.

Key Note Speaker: Bethany Christian Services National Conference, *Working with Clients from a Position of Competence and Strength*, May 1995

Invited Speaker: Lancaster, Pennsylvania, *Pregnancy and Adolescents - Working from Strengths to Build Solutions*, sponsored by Bethany Chr. Services for area practitioners, May, 1995.

Invited Speaker: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, *Adolescent Pregnancy and Adoption Concerns*, sponsored by Bethany Chr. Services for area practitioners, April 1995.

Invited Speaker: Grand Rapids, MI, *Employment and economic development with Marginalized Women*, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Community College Family Support Worker/Health Advocate training program through Butterworth Hospital, the Kent County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and Kent County Healthy Start, March 1995.

Seminar Co-leader (with colleague Peter DeJong, Ph. D.): Calvin College, *How toBuild Solutions with Clients*; two-week, 30 hour seminar for agency practitioners, August 1994.

Invited Speaker: Grand Rapids, MI; AIDS Pastoral Care Network of Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism; presented *AIDS: Understanding and Responding to Loss*, May, 1993, May, 1992, and January 1992.

Invited Discussant: Washington, D.C; National Committee for Adoption, *Infants Exposed to HIV*, April, 1989.

Invited Speaker: Washington D.C; National Committee for Adoption; presented paper on *Adolescent Development and Decision-Making in regards to Unplanned Pregnancies*, April, 1988.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Council on Education (ACE)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)

Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU)

Council of Independent Colleges

North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW)

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**(post-2000)**

Holland Home, Grand Rapids, MI (2008-2013)

Christian Counseling Center (1998 – 2003)

Grand/Kent Community Consortium on Successful Aging (2001 – 2010)

Hartford Geriatric Education (2002 – 2009)

HHS Health Services (2000 – 2006)

Michigan Society for Gerontology (2001 – 2007)

North American Association of Christians in Social Work (2004 -2006)

Assistant Editor, Social Work and Christianity (2006 – present)