

Karen L. Furgerson, Ph. D., LPC-S
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, August 25, 1995

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Major: Counselor Education

Minors: Educational Psychology

Human Development

Research Methods

Dissertation: *The impact of a group counseling model using
academic achievement and self-esteem in dropout prevention*

Honors: Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society
International Inducted 1989

Master of Science in Counseling, August 1988

Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama

Major: Counseling

Honors: Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society
Inducted 1987

Bachelor of Science in Education, December 1978

Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama

Major: Physical Education

Minor: English

Activities: Sports Editor of the *Mimosa* (yearbook), 1977
Editor in Chief of the *Mimosa* (yearbook), 1978

EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, August 2000 - present

Texas A & M University, Kingsville

Kingsville, Texas

Teach graduate level counseling courses, advise students, and supervise practicum students

Sponsor: Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society
International, Tau Alpha Kappa Chapter

Counselor, 2004- 2005

Loe-Del, Inc.

Corpus Christi, Texas

Provided Individual and Family counseling for clients referred for services by
Child Protective Services

Counselor, 2003

Coastal Bend Youth City
Driscoll, Texas

Provided Individual and group counseling services for residents

Counselor / LPC Supervisor, 2001-2002

Alice Counseling Center
Alice, Texas

Provided Individual and Family counseling for clients referred for services

Assistant Professor, August 1995 to August 2000

Stephen F. Austin State University
Nacogdoches, Texas

Taught graduate level counseling courses and supervised practicum experiences

Director of School Counseling Program

Sponsor: Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society
International, Sigma Phi Alpha Chapter

Temporary assistant professor, 1994 - 1995

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Taught graduate level counseling courses and supervised practicum and internship experiences

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1993 -1994

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Taught Practicum I for Master's degree Counselor Education students

Supervised the practicum experience for those students

Supervised the internship experience for Ph. D. student

Intern at The Turning Point, August- December 1994

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Provided individual counseling services for battered women, liaison for services at the women's shelter, assisted court advocate for battered women during court proceedings

Processed intake for new arrivals at the shelter.

Provided individual counseling for shelter residents

Orientation Counselor. 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Counseled incoming freshmen during orientation

Capstone Summer Honors Counselor, 1990, 1991

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Counselor in residence for participants in the Capstone Summer Honors Program

Counselor, 1988-1993

Ringgold High School, Ringgold, Georgia

Provided personal counseling and academic advisement for high school students

Teacher, 1981 -1988

LaFayette Middle School, LaFayette, Georgia

Taught sixth grade (English, reading, physical education)

Teacher, 1979-1980

West LaFayette School, LaFayette, Georgia

Taught kindergarten through sixth grade physical education

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Publications

(Refereed journals)

Liang, Y., LaGuardia, A., Furgerson, K., and Boswell, J. (2017) *Wellness of Select Immigrant Chinese and Taiwanese Wives in the United States*. *Counseling & Wellness: A Professional Counseling Journal*, 6.

*Villarreal, J. *Garza, K. *Furgerson, K., Bain, S., & Slate, J. (2017). Assessing student leadership skills through Emotional Intelligence. *National Forum of Applied Educational Research Journal*, 30,3, 1-15.

**denotes Co-First Authors*

Oyenyi, O., Bain, S., & Furgerson, K. (2016). Stress factors experienced by international students while attending a South Texas university. *Research in Higher Education Journal*. 30.

Wardle, E., Furgerson, K., Davis, R., & Schultz, T. (2015). Experiential learning through civic engagement as a response to intimate partner violence in the community. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 8, 3, 28-33.

Mayorga, M., Furgerson, K., Cook, K., & Wardle, E. (2014). School counselors' perceptions of multiculturalism. *Journal of Educational Psychology*. 6, 3, 41-49.

Wardle, E.A., Furgerson, K., Holland, G., Mayorga, M., & Villarreal, J. (2012). Utilizing technology to meet the needs of the non-traditional Students of South Texas *Journal of Educational Technology*.

Wardle, E.A., Furgerson, K., Bain, S., and Mayorga, M. (January, 2011) *Faith, hope and chocolate: A holistic approach to wellness*. Paper presented at the 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI.

Wardle, E.A., Furgerson, K. and Mayorga, M. (January, 2011). *Meeting the needs of the non-traditional students on the Wild Horse Desert*. Paper presented at the 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI

Furgerson, K. (2006). Effectiveness and efficacy of a distance learning activity in counseling courses: A comparison of Graduate students' attitudes. *National Forum of Applied Research, 23,4E*

Vanaman, L. & Furgerson, K. (2006). The emotional intelligence of child abuse victims and their non-abused peers: A comparison study. *National Forum of Applied Research, 23,4E*.

Cobos, K., Furgerson, K. & Arnold, M. (2005). Emotional characteristics of adolescent students in a residential treatment center. *Journal of Instructional Psychology*, Winter Issue.

Herring, R.D. & Furgerson, K. (2000). Counseling issues with sexual minorities: An invisible school population. *Q:The Online Journal 1,1*.

(Non-Referred)

Garza, K., Furgerson, K., & Liang, Y. (Spring, 2018). Advocacy for school safety and mental health intervention, *SACES Newsletter*.

Liang, Y., Furgerson, K., & Garza, K. (Spring, 2017). Equip counseling students' competence through ACA code of ethics, *SACES Newsletter*.

Wardle, E., Furgerson, K., Zavala, Z., & Kelley, M. (Spring, 2015). Experiential Learning through Civic Engagement and Service Learning. *SACES Newsletter, 10, 4, 8*.

Presentations(International; Refereed)

Furgerson, K. (May,2000) *Solution-focused Brief Therapy* . Paper presented at the SFA/TRCA Annual Conference, Cozumel, Mexico.

Furgerson, K. (May, 1996). *Working with victims of family violence*. Paper presented at Mastering Diversity for Social Change Conference sponsored by the Texas Rehabilitation and Counseling Association, Cancun, Mexico

(National, Regional)

Invited

Furgerson, K. (June, 2012). *Bullying and the effects on children of abuse* (2 sessions). Presentation to the 2012 Student Success Summit by the Sea. Corpus Christi, TX.

Furgerson, K. (May, 2005). *Talking to children of all levels about personal safety*. Presentation to the Bikers Against Child Abuse National Meeting, Fayetteville, AR.

Refereed

Liang, Y. W., Green, M., & Furgerson, K. (November, 2017). Cyber bullying prevention: Syllabus design and awareness promotion, TCA Professional Growth Conference, Galveston

Bain., S., Furgerson, K., & Liang, Y. (February 2017). Ethical challenges for LPCs working in public school settings. Presented at the Law And Ethics in Counseling Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Wardle, E. & Furgerson, K., (April, 2016). How to keep your bucket full without falling down the well. Presented at the Conference of the Gulf Coast Counseling Association, Corpus Christi, TX

Wardle, E., Furgerson, K., Mayorga, M. (October, 2015). Service Learning through Civic Engagement as a Response to Intimate Partner Violence in the Community. Presentation accepted for Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors. Philadelphia, PA.

Wardle, E., Mayorga, M. & Furgerson, K., (Nov, 2014). Light hearts and dark chocolate. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Annual Professional Growth Conference, Dallas, TX

Wardle, E. & Furgerson, K., (April, 2014). Faith, hope and chocolate. Presented at the 1st Annual Conference of the Gulf Coast Counseling Association, Corpus Christi, TX.

Wardle, E., Holland, G., Furgerson, K., Mayorga, M., & Villarreal, J. (April, 2014). Utilizing technology to meet the needs of non-traditional students. Presented at the annual Texas Distance Learning Association Conference, Corpus Christi, TX.

Furgerson, K., Wardle, A., Aldajaani, M., & Zavala, Z. (January, 2014). Experiential Learning through civic engagement. Presented at the annual Counselor's Institute, South Padre, TX.

Mayorga, M., Furgerson, K., Wardle, E.A. & Cook. K. (January, 2013). School Counselors perceptions of multiculturalism. Accepted for Presentation at 2013 Hawaii Conference on Education, Honollulu, HA.

- Mayorga, M., Wardle, E.A. & Furgerson, K. (October, 2012). Utilizing technology to meet the needs of non-traditional students in South Texas. Presentation for the annual conference of North Central Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors. Kansas City, MO.
- Furgerson, K., Wardle, E.A., Hill, M., & Schultze, T. (October, 2012). From research to community service. Presentation for 2012 Academic and Business Research Conference, Las Vegas, NV,
- Wardle, E. A., Furgerson, K., Mayorga, M., & Bain, S. (January, 2012). Faith, hope, and chocolate. Presentation for the annual Counselors' Institute, South Padre, TX.
- Mayorga, M., Wardle, E.A., and Furgerson, K. (November. 2011). *Young adults and Adderall: The new drug of choice*. Paper presented at the 55th Annual Professional Growth Conference of the Texas Counseling Association .Forth Worth, TX.
- Wardle, E.A., Furgerson, K., Holland, G., and Walker, C. (October, 2011). *Meeting the needs of the non-traditional students in south Texas*. Paper presented at 16th Annual World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate Government, Healthcare and Higher Education. Honolulu, HI
- Wardle, E.A., Furgerson, K., Bain, S., and Mayorga, M. (January, 2011) *Faith, hope and chocolate: A holistic approach to wellness*. Paper presented at the 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI.
- Wardle, E.A., Furgerson, K. and Mayorga, M. (January, 2011) *Meeting he needs of the non-traditional students on the Wild Horse Desert*. Paper presented at the 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI
- Bain, S., Furgerson, K., and Wardle, E.A. (January 2010) *Faith, hope and chocolate*. Paper presented at the 2010 NASPA Mental Health Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Furgerson, K. (April, 2001). *The Native American spirit reflected in standard counseling practice*. Paper presented at the World Conference of the American Counseling Association, San Antonio, TX
- Furgerson, K. (May, 1999) *Gender issues in counseling*. Paper Presented at the (SFA/TRCA Annual Conference, Galveston, Texas

Furgerson, K. and Viator, M. (April, 1997) *Chi Sigma Iota leadership training for faculty advisors*. Presentation to the American Counseling Association World Conference, Orlando, FL

Furgerson, K. (November, 1997). *Dealing with children of Domestic Violence in the Classroom*. Paper presented at Texas Counseling Association Fall Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Furgerson, K., (October, 1991) *Target: A group counseling model for "at risk" students* Paper presented at the Georgia School Counselor's Association Fall Conference .Jekyll Island, GA.

(Regional/ Invited)

Wardle, E. & Furgerson, K., (March, 2014). Embracing cultural diversity in health care symposium. Faculty sponsors for counseling presentation at Irma Rangel School of Pharmacy, Texas A&M Health Science Center, Kingsville, Texas.

Furgerson, K. (April, 2005). *Talking to children of all levels about personal safety*. Presentation to the Bikers Defending Children Training Meeting. Portland, TX

Furgerson, K. (April, 2005). *Interacting with abuse victims: Preserving the integrity of the testimony*. Presentation to the Bikers Defending Children Training Meeting. Portland, TX.

Furgerson, K. (April, 2005). *Outcry witnesses*. Presentation to the Bikers Defending Children Training Meeting. Portland, TX

Furgerson, K.(September, 2004). *Stress management*. Presentation to the Robstown Independent School District, Robstown, TX

Furgerson, K. (November, 2002). *Schizophrenia*. Guest Lecturer to Coastal Bend Community College, Alice, TX

Furgerson, K. (September, 2001). *A look back at the development of Chi Sigma Iota*. Keynote speech given to Theta Alpha Mu Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota Initiation Ceremony, Corpus Christi, TX

(Local/ Invited; Nonrefereed)

Furgerson, K. (September, 1999). *Children of domestic violence in the classroom*. Presentation for the Stephen F. Austin StudentTeacher Inservice. Nacogdoches, TX

Furgerson, K. (September, 1998). *Children of domestic violence in the classroom*. Presentation for the Stephen F. Austin Student Teacher Inservice. Nacogdoches, TX.

Furgerson, K. (November, 1998). *Children of domestic violence in the Classroom*. Paper presented to the Educators for the 21st Century Fall Conference. Nacogdoches, TX

Furgerson, K. (June, 1998). *Confidentiality issues for school counselors*. Presentation to the Counselors' Network Workshop. Nacogdoches, Texas

Furgerson, K., (April, 1988). *Target: At risk students: A proposal to reduce the dropout rate in Catoosa County*. Presentation to Catoosa County Board of Education--accepted into county's five year plan to reduce dropout rate. Ringgold, GA

Grants Funded

Wardle, E. (PI), & Furgerson, (C-PI) 2013 Civic Engagement Grant in the amount of \$9,465 for the purpose of developing a community service project for an Alzheimer's Disease Symposium at Texas A&M University - Kingsville. The graduate counseling students in EDCG 5341 worked with the Alzheimer's Association of San Antonio and South Texas, UT Health Science Center San Antonio in addition to multiple agencies to develop this symposium for continuing education practitioners and providers, as well as concerned individuals from the community.

Funded for \$9,465

Furgerson, K. (PI), & Wardle, E. (C-PI) 2012 TAMUK Civic Engagement Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of developing a community service project for Coastal Plains MHMR, Kingsville.

The graduate counseling students in EDCG 5312 worked with the MHMR staff/facility to develop a children's area as a class project.

Funded for \$10,000

Wardle, E. (PI), and Furgerson, K. (C-PI) (2011) TAMUK *Civic Engagement Grant* in the amount of \$5,575 for the purpose of developing a community service project for the Women's Shelter of South Texas. The graduate counseling students in EDCG 5312 worked with the shelter to develop a multipurpose area as a class project.

Funded for \$5,575

Furgerson, K., DeAlenandro, and Garza, D. (2004) *Collaborative research investigating teachers' efficacy in child abuse cases: Recognizing, responding and reporting* Grant proposal to the Academy for Educator Development .

Funded.

Furgerson, K. (2000). *Career Preparation in the East Texas Area*

Proposal accepted and funded by Tech Prep: Sept. 1999

Study conducted during Fall 1999 and Spring 2000

Results reported, August 2000.

Further funding was provided by School to Career and Tech Prep programs to develop K-12 Developmental Guidance Curriculum. The program included activities for grades K-12 which integrated career development into the Texas Comprehensive Counseling program. Both a student portfolio and a teacher's manual were developed. .