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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D.	University of Alabama	Dec 1995	Counselor Education
M.S.	Jacksonville State University	Aug 1988	Counseling and Guidance
B.S.	Jacksonville State University	Dec 1978	Education

## LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

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Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor    Texas LPC #15230

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Academic*

2000-Present	Associate Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Texas A & M University- Kingsville. Kingsville, Texas
1995-2000	Assistant Professor, Department of Human Services Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas
2007-2009	Temporary Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee
1993 -1994	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology, and Counseling University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa Alabama

### *Non-Academic*

2004- 2005	Counselor, Loe-Del, Inc. Corpus Christi, Texas
2003	Counselor, Coastal Bend Youth City Driscoll, Texas
2001-2002	Counselor / LPC Supervisor, Alice Counseling Center Alice, Texas
1994	Intern at The Turning Point, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
1989-1994	Orientation Counselor. The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
1990-1991	Capstone Summer Honors Counselor, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
1988-1993	Counselor, Ringgold High School, Ringgold, Georgia
1981 -1988	Teacher, LaFayette Middle School, LaFayette, Georgia

1979-1980     Teacher,  
                West LaFayette School, LaFayette, Georgia

## COURSES TAUGHT

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University of Alabama (1993-1994)

BCE 516       Field Experience for Counselors

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (1994-1995)

EPSY 542       Introduction to Community Counseling  
EPSY 544       Theories and Techniques of Counseling  
EPSY 549       Career Development and Counseling  
EPSY555       Counseling Practicum  
EPSY 559       Internship in Counseling

Stephen F. Austin State University (1995-2000)

EPS 380       Educational Psychology  
EPS 585       Advanced Human Growth and Development  
COU 520       Introduction to Counseling  
COU 524       The School Counselor  
COU 528       Group Counseling  
COU 529       Advanced Group Counseling  
COU 594       Practicum in Counseling  
COU 595       Internship in Counseling

Texas A &M University Kingsville (2000-present)

EDCG 5305     Graduate Research Project  
EDCG 5310     Professional Development and Ethics  
EDCG 5311     Theories of Counseling  
EDCG 5312     Methods and Techniques of Counseling  
EDCG 5315     Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling  
EDCG 5321     Abnormal Behavior  
EDCG 5323     Group Counseling  
EDCG 5324     Assessments  
EDED 5329     Research Methods  
EDCG 5336     Child Development  
EDCG 5337     Adolescent Development  
EDCG 5339     Human Growth and Development  
EDCG 5347     Counseling the Culturally Different  
EDCG 5355     Methods & Techniques of Career Counseling  
EDCG 5357     Practicum in Counseling  
EDCG 5354     Program Development for School Counseling  
EDCG 5358     School Counseling Techniques  
EDCG 5364     Crisis Counseling

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### *Refereed Journal Articles*

\*\* Denotes Collaboration with students

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

\*\*Oyeniya, 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*.

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.

### *Nonrefereed Articles*

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.

### *Refereed presentations*

Furgerson, K., (November, 2019). The pros, cons and challenges presented by the integration of technology into supervision of field experiences and internships. Presented at the AACE Annual World Conference on E-Learning, New Orleans, LA.

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.

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

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., 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 55<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

### *Nonrefereed presentations*

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.(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

Furgerson, K. (May,1999) *Gender issues in counseling*. Paper Presented at the(SFA/TRCA Annual Conference, Galveston, Texas

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,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

### *Books, Chapters, Monographs, etc.*

Ikonomopoulos, J., Liang, Y. W. (Melissa), Furgerson, K., & Garza, K. (2020). Delivering Effective Treatment in Rural Regions. In S. A. Munoz& S. Bain(Eds.),*Rural Geographies of Mental Health and Wellbeing*(36 pages). Abingdon, Oxfordshire: Taylor and Francis.

### *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.

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.

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.

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 .

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. .

## **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH ACTIVITIES**

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Chi Sigma Iota International Counseling Honor Society  
Sigma Phi Alpha Chapter Advisor, 1995-1999  
Southern Regional Facilitator, 1997-1998  
Tau Alpha Kappa Chapter Advisor, 2000-2008, 2015-present

Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society

American Counseling Association  
Served on Multiracial/MultiEthnic Ad Hoc Committee

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

Association for Humanistic Education and Development

Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development  
Served on Native American Concerns Committee

Texas Counseling Association  
Served on Public Relations Committee  
Served on Professional Development Committee

Relevant Conferences/Workshops

- 2019 AACE Annual World Conference on E-Learning, New Orleans, LA.  
Presenter
- 2019 Field Supervisor Coaching Training for Advanced Certification Candidates, Corpus Christi, Tx
- 2017 Law And Ethics in Counseling Conference, New Orleans, LA.  
Co-presenter
- 2017 TCA Professional Growth Conference, Galveston.  
Co-presenter
- 2016 Conference of the Gulf Coast Counseling Association, Corpus Christi, TX  
Co-presenter
- 2015 Texas Counseling Association, Corpus Christi, TX  
Served in registratio
- 2014 Texas Counseling Association Annual Professional Growth Conference, Dallas, TX  
Co-presenter
- 2014 Annual Texas Distance Learning Association Conference, Corpus Christi, TX.  
Co-presenter
- 2013 Hawaii Conference on Education, Honollulu, HA.  
Co-presenter
- 2012 Academic and Business Research Conference, Las Vegas, NV  
Co-presenter
- 2012 Annual Counselors' Institute, South Padre, TX.  
Co-presenter
- 2011 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Growth Conference of the Texas, Counseling Association ,Forth Worth, TX. Co-presenter
- 2011 How to Write a CACREP Self Study Workshop, Alexandria, VA
- 2011 16<sup>th</sup> Annual World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate Government, Healthcare and Higher Education. Honolulu, HI  
Co-presenter
- 2011 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI.  
Co-presenter
- 2010 NASPA Mental Health Conference, New Orleans, LA.  
Co-presenter
- 2009 NCATE Professional Development Workshop, Kingsville, TX
- 2005 Emotional Intelligence Conference, Kingsville, Texas
- 2005 Counseling Victims of Sexual Trauma: The Three Stages of Healing” ,  
Presented by Melissa Bradley, M.S., NCC, B.C.E.T.S., F.A.A.E.T.S.  
San Antonio, TX.



- 2002 American Counseling Association World Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Representative for Chi Sigma Iota Faculty Advisors Network
- 2001 World Conference of the American Counseling Association, San Antonio, TX  
Presenter  
Representative for Chi Sigma Iota Faculty Advisors Network
- 2000 Texas Counseling Association Fall Conference, Houston, Texas  
Pre-conference workshop with Suzanne Schmidt
- 1999 American Counseling Association World Conference, San Diego, California  
Represented Southern Region for Chi Sigma Iota
- 1998 Texas Counseling Association Fall Conference, Amarillo, Texas  
Facilitator of Faculty Advisors Network Chi Sigma Iota
- 1998 American Counseling Association, Southern Regional Meeting, Biloxi, Mississippi
- 1998 Association for Humanistic Education and Development Annual Executive Board Meeting,  
New York, New York  
Appointed to Editorial Board of Association Journal
- 1998 American Counseling Association World Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Representative for Sigma Phi Alpha Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota  
Facilitator for Faculty Advisor's Network
- 1998 Play Therapy Workshop, Nacogdoches, Texas  
Facilitated the organization and presentation of the workshop, as faculty advisor of  
Sigma Phi Alpha chapter of Chi Sigma Iota
- 1997 American Counseling Association World Conference. *Chi Sigma Iota leadership  
training for faculty advisors.* Orlando, FL  
Co-leader
- 1997 Texas Counseling Association Fall Conference, San Antonio, TX.  
Presenter
- 1997 Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Regional Conference, Louisville,  
Kentucky  
Presenter:
- 1997 Texas Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Annual Conference, Austin, Texas
- 1997 Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Regional Conference Louisville,  
KY  
Presented Leadership Workshop for Chi Sigma Iota  
Facilitated Faculty Advisor's Network Meeting
- 1997 Psychodrama Workshop, Nacogdoches, Texas  
Facilitated the organization and presentation of the workshop, as faculty advisor of  
Sigma Phi Alpha chapter of Chi Sigma Iota (approved for 6 ceu credits)
- 1996 Texas Counseling Association, Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas
- 1996 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision National Conference, Portland, Oregon
- 1996 Primary Practicum with Albert Ellis, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1995 Play Therapy Workshop, Violet Oaklander, Ph.D., Denton, Texas
- 1993 Self-Esteem Workshop, Robert Ackerman, Ph.D., Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 1991 Georgia School Counselor's Association Fall Conference .Jekyll Island, GA  
Presenter
- 1990 Borderline Personality Disorders Workshop, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 1990 Gang Workshop, Atlanta, Georgia  
Presented bymChris Cmestas, Jacob Flores, Harold Hafman
- 1990 Reality Therapy and Control Theory Workshop with William Glasser, MD., Chattanooga,  
Tennessee

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### *National*

2002-2003

Editor in Chief: *Journal for the Counseling Association of Humanistic Education and Development*

1998-2002

Served on editorial board for *Journal for the Counseling Association of Humanistic Education and Development*

2002, 2003

Served on the National Awards Committee

Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International

1997-1998

Regional co-Facilitator for Chi Sigma Iota International Academic and Professional Honor Society

1998

Served on Texas Counseling Association Publications Committee

### *University Level*

2010, 2013-2014, 2017-2019

Faculty Senate

Served as Chair of Elections Committee

Texas A & M University Kingsville

2016-2017

Served on Search Committee for 2 counseling faculty

Texas A & M University Kingsville

2009

Served on Search Committee for Dean of Education

Texas A & M University Kingsville

2008-present

Serve on Promotion and Tenure Committee for Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling

Texas A & M University Kingsville

2008-2009

Served on Promotion and Tenure Committee for College of Education

Texas A & M University Kingsville

2004-2005

Served on General Education Committee,

Texas A & M University Kingsville

2004

Served on Program Evaluation Committee,

Texas A & M University Kingsville

2002-2003

Served on Scholarship Committee,

Texas A & M University Kingsville

1998,1999

Served on Search Committee for new faculty in the counseling department;  
Stephen F. Austin State University

1997-2000

Served on Teacher Education Council;  
Stephen F. Austin State University

1996-1998

Served on Teaching Excellence Committee ; Co-Chair 1997-1998  
Stephen F. Austin State University

1997-1998

Served as University Liaison for Counselor's Network for Deep East Texas;  
Steering Committee member

Facilitated organization of two regional workshop for counselor's network

1996-1997

Served as committee member for NCATE accreditation self-study;  
Stephen F. Austin State University