TEXAS STATE VITA

I. ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

A. Name: Cynthia Saldivar Fitchpatrick Title: Lecturer/ Practicum & Internship Supervisor

B. Educational Background

- Higher Education Teaching Certificate 2020 Harvard Online School

  (Final grade-99)

- Master of Education with Honors 1996 University of Texas Austin
  (GPA- 4.0)

- Child Life Internship 1990 John Hopkins Children's Center

- Child Life Internship 1990 Children's Hospital of Austin

- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood & Family Relationships 1993 University of Texas at Austin

C. University Experience

- Lecturer, Child Life Graduate Program, Texas State University August 2021 to present
  Teach following graduate courses:
  - HDFS 5343 Child Life Specialist
  - HDFS 5348 Pain & Anxiety
  - HDFS 5305 Foundations of Play
  - HDFS 5358 Practicum I
  - HDFS 5359 Practicum II in Family & Child Studies
  - HDFS 5660 Advance Practicum
  - HDFS 5659 Child Life Internship

  Teach following undergraduate courses:
  - HDFS 4302 Grief & Bereavement
  - HDFS 4302 Introduction to Child Life

- Lecturer, School of Human Development & Family Sciences, University of Texas January 2018 to present
  Teach "Intro to Child Life" course

- Adjunct Faculty, LSU, School of Social Work January 2021 to May 2021
  Teach "Developmental Perspectives on Death & Dying" child life course

- Guest Lecturer, Eastern Washington University December 2020
  (For virtual child life community practicum)

- Guest Lecturer, Texas State University August 2014- 2018
  (for "Intro to Child Life" undergraduate course)

D. Relevant Professional Experience

- PRN Certified Child Life Specialist & RWWP Consultant
  (Registered Wonders & Worries Providers) October 2018- present
  Wonders & Worries (Contract work)

- Child Life Volunteer Supervisor, Big Love Cancer Care SibStrong
  Provide supervision to child life volunteers during groups for patients and siblings
  Impacted by cancer or a chronic blood illness

- Psychosocial Program Supervisor, Children's Blood & Cancer Center
  Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas March 1993- 2018

E. Other Professional Credentials
- Mental Health Aide Certification
- Certified Child Life Specialist

II. TEACHING

A. Courses Taught:
- Grief & Bereavement, online & in person (Texas State University)
- Child Life Specialist, child life graduate program (Texas State University)
- Introduction to Child Life, undergraduate course (Texas State University)
- Foundations of Play graduate course (Texas State University)
- Pain & Anxiety graduate course (Texas State University)
- Practicum I online course (Texas State University)
- Practicum II in Family & Child Studies online course (Texas State University)
- Advance Practicum online course (Texas State University)
- Internship in Child Life online course (Texas State University)
- Introduction to Child Life, in person and online (UT Austin)
- Developmental Perspectives on Death & Dying online course (LSU)
- Guest lecturer- Virtual Child Life Community Practicum (Eastern Washington University)
- Guest lecturer- Introduction to Child Life (Texas State University)
- Guest lecturer in following UT courses:
    - Career Prep

- Peer Relations
- Human Development Theories

B. Directed Student Learning

- Created “Virtual Play Program” with Driscoll Rio Grande Valley- child life graduate students provide virtual play with supervision to patients. (Jan. 2023)
- Coordinated “Teddy Bear Clinic” with Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas- child life graduate students coordinated with hospital child life team to plan and implement event for patients and siblings (March 2023)
- Set up & directed undergraduate and graduate child life student involvement with Big Love Cancer Care’s Family Holiday Event (Dec. 2021- 2023) & new “SibStrong” Groups for patients and siblings impacted by cancer or a chronic illness (Feb. 2022 to present)
- Set up & Directed Virtual Play Sessions at St. David’s Children’s Hospital (Fall 2021)
- Facilitated child life graduate student involvement and training with UT Austin Nursing Partnership with Del Valle School District to implement Pediatric Covid Clinics to underserved students

C. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development

- Advance Practicum, online course, Texas State University
- Child Life Specialist, Child Life Graduate Course, Texas State University
- Grief & Bereavement, Texas State University
- Introduction to Child Life, UT Austin
- Developmental Perspectives on Death & Dying, LSU

D. Teaching Grants and Contracts

- Teaching contract at UT Austin for Spring Semester 2018 to present
- Teaching contract at LSU (when needed)

E. Teaching Professional Development Activities Attended

- Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP) National Conference 2023
- “Using Nature in Times of Grief” by Texas Children in Nature Network (Sept. 6, 2023)
- Attended “AI” training offered by Texas State University IT
- Renewed certification as a Child Life Specialist (Dec. 2023)
- Cultural Humility Virtual Workshop, Texas State University, Play Institute (2021)
- Canvas UT Workshop, Spring 2021
- Higher Education Teaching Certificate, Harvard online school, Fall/ Spring 2020

III. SCHOLARY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print

1. Books

- T.P. Game Therapeutic Activity in *Child Life Council Activity Recipe Book*. Rockville, MD: Child Life Council

2. Articles

- "The meaning of surviving cancer for Latino adolescents and emerging young adults," co-author of research study with Dr. Barbara Jones, UT School of Social Work, published in Cancer Nursing 2010, Jan. -Feb.: 33(1): 74-81

B. Works Not in Print

1. Talks, Lectures and Presentations

"Child Life with Wonders & Worries" Presenter for the HDFS Student Association

Professional Panel for Breast Cancer Day with the Austin Spurs (Nov. 2023)

"Helping Your Child with Parent's Illness" Del Valle ISD (Oct. 2023)

Child Life Representative with Texas State Nursing School's End of Life Mock Event

"Working with Grieving Children" Presenter for Child Life United for their child life practicum students (May 2023)

"Working with Children with a Non-shared Language" Presenter for Child Life United Online Presentation for Child Life Practicum Students (Oct. 2022)

"Working with Children of Adult Patients" Presenter for St. David's Palliative Care Conference (Sept. 2022)

Guest speaker, Balanced Living Conference for Hispanic Moms and their daughters, Con Mi Madre Organization (Dec. 2019)

Guest speaker on Psychosocial Team Panelist, Dr. Barbara Jones, UT School of Social Work Graduate Course, University of Texas at Austin (2016)

"Addressing Boundaries" Presenter for Children's Blood and Cancer Center, NICU, Inpatient units, and Physical and Occupational Therapy dept. staff, Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas (2014- 2016)

"Educating Your Child's School" Presenter with Nurse Practitioner Daryl R. Moczygemba at Texas Bleeding Disorder Conference, Austin, Texas, Aug. 2014

"Quality improvement intervention: Addressing boundaries in a pediatric blood & cancer setting," with Dr. Puja Patel, Texas Child Study Center, and social worker Caren Heilman, Children's Blood & Cancer Center at Dell Children's Medical Center (2014)

"Experiencing Cancer as a Family" Presenter with Kim Fryar from Wonders & Worries, 2013 Texas Forum on Blood Cancers

2. Consulting
   Consultant to new Texas Children's Hospital Austin (regarding child life staff and equipment)

   Consultant to St. David's Children's Hospital Child Life Team (to create child life practicum program)

   Registered Wonders and Worries Provider Consultant 2020 to present
   (Consultant for Child Life Specialists and other therapists globally)

3. Workshops
   Co-presented with Career Services "Resumes"

   Virtual Speaker for WonderChats (online Wonders & Worries workshops, 2020)
   "Providing Access to Families without Technology"
   "Educating Children about Covid 19"
   "Virtual Support Groups for Children and Teens"

   Workshops for child life practicum students, Wonders and Worries:
   - "Grieving Children"
   - "Therapeutic Activities for Adolescents"

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. School of Family & Consumer Sciences Events Committee
   - Assisted with Faculty Holiday Luncheon- Dec. 2023
   - Assisted with FCS in Bloom Event- April 2023
   - Assisted with Faculty Holiday Luncheon- Dec. 2022
   - Assisted with FCS in Bloom Event- May 2022
2. Volunteered at the College of Applied Arts Hooding (May 2023 & Aug. 2023) & Graduation Commencement Ceremony- Dec. 2023, Aug. 2022 & 2023, May 2023
3. Volunteer at UT Austin Graduation Ceremony- 2019 & 2021
4. Guest Speaker for UT College of Natural Science Speaker's Series (2017, 2018)

B. Professional

1. Creator & Administrator- Child Life Instructors Facebook Group
2. Member of Child Life Think Tank

C. Community

1. Lead Volunteer for Big Love Cancer Care's Activity Table at Dell Children's Blood and Cancer Center's Family Holiday Event- child life graduate students planned and implemented activity.

2. Planning Committee Member for Big Love Cancer Austin Holiday Shopping Event for financially challenged families of children diagnosed with cancer or a chronic blood illness (Child life graduate students volunteered in Kids Room with patients and siblings)
3. Co-Facilitator Volunteer with Monthly SibStrong New Sibling & Patient Support Groups and Family Programs- Big Love Cancer Care (Feb. 2022 to present)
4. Chair of the Hill Country Child Life Networking Group (Fall 2022 to present)
5. Board of Directors- Big Love Cancer Care (current)
6. Advisory Council- Superhero Kids Foundation (current)
7. Chair of Teddy Bear Picnic (for childhood cancer community), 2019
8. Co-Chair of Central Texas Childhood & Adolescent Cancer Coalition
9. Advisory Board- Standish Child Life Foundation
10. Operation Smile- volunteer & trainer in international medical missions (China, Philippines, Peru, Morocco, Madagascar)
11. Co-coordinator for Annual St. Baldrick's Childhood Cancer Fair (for 15 years)
12. Co-coordinator of Leadership-in-Training and Counselor-in-Training at Camp Discovery (Participated for 17 years)
13. Co-chaired first CureSearch Walks in Austin, Texas
14. Led Survivor Challenge Family Running Program

D. Organization Memberships
1. Southern Association of Child Life Professionals- SACLP (member)
2. Association of Child Life Professionals (member)
3. Texas Sandtray Association (member)

E. Service Honors and Awards
1. Ambassador for ResearcHers- American Cancer Society, 2019 and 2020
2. Excellence in Action Dell Children's Medical Center Associate Award, Dell Children's Medical Center, 2017
3. Children's Champion (3 nominations), Dell Children's Medical Center, 2007
4. Olympic Torch Bearer, 2002