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AREA OF EXPERTISE

Iftekhar Amin, PhD, is a Professor at the University of North Texas at Dallas. He is a social gerontologist with expertise in interdisciplinary research on health services and aging. He has received numerous grants and contracts. His current grant award, Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT) program, focuses on promoting mental health and wellness in the community (Co-PI/Evaluator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, \$625,000). He is the elected Chair of Age Well Live Well (AWLW), a coalition led by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. He serves as a Board Member or Committee Member on many organizations that serve the older adult population. Before joining UNT Dallas, he served as an Assistant Professor at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, was the recipient of the Endowed Professorship of Gerontology, and was appointed as a member of the Louisiana Governor's Encore Commission.

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	2008	Sociology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.
M.A.	2001	Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington, TX.
M.A.	1996	Sociology, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
B.S.	1994	Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Fall 2024- present	Professor (tenured), Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology, University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX.
Fall 2017-present	Associate Professor (tenured) , Department of Counseling and Human Services, University of North Texas at Dallas.
Fall 2010- 2017	Assistant Professor , Department of Counseling and Human Services, University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX.

Fall 2013- present	Gerontology Certificate Coordinator , Department of Counseling and Human Services, UNTD, Dallas, TX.
Fall 2008-2010	Assistant Professor (tenure-track) with Endowed Professorship in Gerontology , Department of Gerontology and Sociology, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA.
Fall 2008-2010	Graduate Coordinator , Gerontology Graduate Program, University of Louisiana at Monroe, LA. Responsibilities: Implementation of the graduate curriculum, advising, recruitment, retention, promotion & marketing of the program.
Fall 2001 –2008	Teaching Fellow , Department of Sociology, and Department of Aging, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. Responsibilities: Instructor of record; taught graduate and undergraduate level courses.
Spring 1999-Fall 2001	Teaching Assistant , Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.

PUBLICATIONS (Refereed Journal Articles)

- Amin, I.** & Jesmin, S. (2025). The association of perceived social support and social isolation with subjective cognitive decline in older adults. *Innovation in Aging*. 2024 Dec 31;8(Suppl 1):146–7. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igae098.0472. PMCID: PMC11689102.
- Jesmin, S., & **Amin, I.** (2024). Adverse childhood experiences and sleep deprivation in older adults: The mediating role of social isolation. *Innovation in Aging*, 8(Suppl 1), 772.
- Jesmin, S. S., & **Amin, I.** (2024). Addressing the sleep deprivation epidemic in adolescents: Findings from the youth risk behavior survey 2021. *American Journal of Health Education*. DOI: 10.1080/19325037.2024.2366463.
- Amin, I.** (2020). Pandemic preparedness of care homes serving older adults in the wake of COVID-19: An exploratory study. *Innovation in Aging*, 4(Suppl 1), 482.
- Jesmin, S. S., & **Amin, I.** (2020). Diseases of despair and social capital: Findings from a population-based survey on opioid misuse among adolescents. *Substance Use and Misuse*. DOI: 10.1080/10826084.2020.1784949.
- Amin, I.** (2017). Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*. 32(2):191-207.
- Jesmin, S. S., & **Amin, I.** (2017). Mass media campaign to change social norms related to violence against women: Findings from a national survey. *Journal of Family Violence*. DOI: 10.1007/s10896-016-9837-8.
- Amin, I.** (2014). Social capital and sexual risk behaviors among older adults in the United States. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, doi: 10.1177/0733464814547048
- Amin, I.** & Ingman, S. (2014). Transnational caregiving: Eldercare among Bangladeshi immigrant families. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 29, 315- 328.
- Ingman, S. & **Amin, I.** (2011). Introduction to the theme issue on Sustainable Senior Living in the 21st century. *Educational Gerontology*, 37, 441-449.

- Jesmin, S. S., **Amin, I.**, & Ingman, S. (2011). Sustainability of seniors in low- and middle-income societies. *Educational Gerontology*, 37(6), 548-557.
- Jesmin, S. S., **Amin, I.**, & Ingman, S. (2011). Aging and the caregiving crisis in low- and middle- income countries. *Indian Journal of Gerontology*, 25(3), 309-328.
- Ingman, S., **Amin, I.**, Clarke, E., & Brune, K. (2010). Education for an aging Planet. *Educational Gerontology*, 36(5), 394-406.
- Amin, I.** & Ingman, S. (2009). Retiring in a foreign land: how do the American retirees deal with healthcare issues in Mexico? *Journal of Aging in Emerging Economies*, 1(2):22-35.
- Seward, R. R., Yeatts, D., **Amin, I.** & DeWitt, A. (2006). Employment Leave and Fathers' Involvement with Children: According to Mothers and Fathers. *Men and Masculinities*, 8(4):405-427.
- Seward, R. R., Stivers, R. A., Igoe, D. G., **Amin, I.**, & Cosimo, D. (2005). Irish families in the twentieth century: exceptional or converging? *Journal of Family History*, 30(4), 410-430.
- Amin, I.** (2003). Sustainability of Involuntary Resettlement in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Bangladesh. *Sustainable Communities Review*, 6(1), 9-

GRANTS & FUNDED PROJECTS

Co-PI/Evaluator	Mental Health Awareness Training grant (MHAT). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). 2022-2027. \$625,000 (Active grant).
Co-PI/Evaluator	Garett Lee Smith suicide prevention grant. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). 2018- 2021. \$303,000.
Principle Investigator	Unmet Transportation Needs and the Barriers to Using the Medical Transportation Program: A Statewide Survey of Medicaid Recipients. Texas Health and Human Services Commission. 2018. \$39,977.
PI	Age-Friendly Communities in Dallas: A Survey on Hispanic Population. American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). 2016 \$5,000.
PI	Statewide Outreach Assessment and Survey of Low-Income Medicare Recipients. Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA). 2009. \$30,000.
Co-PI/Evaluator	Chronic Disease Self-Management Program in Louisiana. Administration on Aging (AoA). 2010. \$50,000.

PI	Evaluation of the training needs of GOEA's, AAA's, COA's, Senior Center, EPS offices, and ADRC. Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, June-July 2009. \$16,000.
PI	Evaluation of Adult Day Health Care Providers. Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). 2009. \$20,000.
Endowed Professors	Endowed Professorship in Gerontology, University of Louisiana, Monroe. 2008-2011. \$21,900.

GRANTS NOT FUNDED

Co-PI	Project ACCEL: Academic Certification and Competency for Employees in Louisiana: Educating our Future Professionals in Gerontology. US Department of Labor. Submitted in 2009.
Co-PI	Green Acres Healthy Bodies. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 2009. \$49,999.
Co-PI/Evaluator	A Pilot Project to Increase Access to and Consumption of Locally Grown Fresh Vegetables and Fruits for Low-Income Families. 2009. US Department of Agriculture (USDA). \$299,800.
Co-PI	Home Environmental Skill-Building Program for Dementia Family Caregivers in Louisiana. Administration on Aging (AoA), 2009, \$1,056,943.
Principal Investigator	Review and approval of dementia curricula in long-term settings, Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), 2009.
Principal Investigator	Louisiana seniors for childhood immunization: a demonstration project, Living Well Foundation, 2008, \$34,000.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Mental Health First Aid Training: Evidence of Its Effectiveness for Mental Health Promotion Among Older Adults. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual

- scientific meeting, Nov 8-12, Tampa, Florida.
- 2023 Mental health first aid training for undergraduate students at a minority-serving urban university: An evaluation study. American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting, Nov 12-16. Atlanta, GA.
- 2023 Challenges of implementing a mental health promotion program for older adults in disadvantaged minority communities. Southwestern Social Science Association annual meeting, Dallas-Fort Worth, March 29-April 1.
- 2022 The digital divide affecting older adults' use of communication technologies during the COVID-19 pandemic. Southwestern Social Science Association annual meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 20-24.
- 2021 The Intersection of Mental Disorder and Opioid Use Disorder among Adolescents in the United States. International Sociological Association's annual meeting, Porto Alegre, Brazil, Feb 23-27.
- 2020 Preventing Suicide and Promoting Mental Health: A Multidisciplinary Team Effort on a Minority-Serving College Campus. American Public Health Association's (APHA) annual meeting, Oct 17.
- 2020 Overview of Aging. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson's Aging Conference. University of North Texas at Dallas. March 6.
- 2020 Social Capital and Opioid Misuse among Adolescents in the United States: A Social Capital and Opioid Misuse Among Adolescents in the United States: A Cross-Sectional Analysis. American Sociological Association. (Virtually presented), Aug 8-11.
- 2019 Future of Gerontology. Panel presentation at the 2019 DAGS Annual Fall Forum. October 17. Dallas, TX.
- 2019 Mental Health Challenges and Minority Serving College Campuses. Interdisciplinary Social Science Conference. Mexico City, July 10-12.
- 2018 Amin, I. Providing Transnational Eldercare: Experiences of Mexican American Families Living in the U.S., European Conference on Psychological and Behavioral Sciences, Brighton, UK, July 3-4.
- 2017 Amin, I. Group Opportunity for Academic and Training Cooperation. Turrialba, Costa Rica, October 4-7.
- 2017 Amin, I. Socioeconomically disadvantaged older adults' challenges of aging well in Bangladesh. American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting. Montreal, Canada, Aug 12-15.
- 2016 Amin, I. Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Seattle, WA, Aug 20-23.
- 2015 Amin, I. Social Changes and Perceptions of Successful Aging among Older Adults in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, Florida, Nov 18-21.
- 2015 Amin, I. Older Women's Perceptions and Experiences of Abuse and Neglect in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Study. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual

- meeting, Florida, Nov 18-21.
- 2015 Jesmin, S. S. & Amin, I. Media campaigns combating violence against women: Lessons and policy implications based on a nationally representative population. American Public Health Association (APHA), Chicago, Nov 2-4.
- 2015 Amin, I. Gaining strength from disaster: Building sustainable communities in disaster-affected areas in Bangladesh. International Community Sustainability and Professional Exchange Forum, January 14-16, Denton, TX.
- 2014 Amin, I. Eldercare in transnational settings: Global care chain and Mexican migrant women. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Amin, I. Transnational Care: The Experience of Caregiving for Older Parents from a Foreign Land. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), New Orleans, LA, Nov 20-24.
- 2013 Amin, I., Jesmin, S., & Ingman, I. Caregiving Responsibilities at Old Age: A Qualitative Analysis of Women's Caregiving Experiences in Bangladesh. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), New Orleans, LA, Nov 20-24.
- 2013 Amin, I., & Jesmin, S. "Sexual risk-taking behaviors among older adults: Does higher social capital increase the likelihood of safer sex? American Public Health Association (APHA), Boston, MA. Nov 2-6.
- 2012 Communication Technology, International Migration, and Impact on the Caregiving: Case Study Bangladesh. *Gerontological Society of America (GSA)*, San Diego, CA. November 14-18.
- 2012 Are you crazy? Not in my lifetime: Attitude towards nursing homes among Bangladesh elders. With Jesmin, S. *Gerontological Society of America (GSA)*, San Diego, CA. November 14-18.
- 2011 Retiring abroad, community development, social security, and care system. *International Symposium on Aging*, Istanbul, Turkey. March 18-22.
- 2011 Aging and informal caregiver family members in the non-Western societies. *International Conference on Parent Education and Parenting*, Denton, Texas.
- 2011 International retirement communities in Mexico: Sustainability Issues. *Gerontological Society of America*, Boston, MA. November 11-15
- 2011 Growing old in low- and middle-income societies: challenges and issues. *American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Las Vegas, Nevada. August 13-16.
- 2010 Sustainability of international retirement migration: to what extent American retirees' migration to foreign countries is sustainable? *American Sociological Association (ASA)* annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 International retirement migration: sustainability issues. *Southwestern Social Science Association (SSA)* Annual Meeting in Houston, March 31-April 4.
- 2010 Building a sustainable senior living community. *Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA)* Annual Meeting in Houston, March 31-April 4.
- 2010 Global aging and retirement migration: US retirees in Mexico. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) annual meeting and educational

leadership conference, Reno, Nevada, March 4-7.

- 2009 Health services utilization of the South Asian elderly population. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Atlanta, November 17-21.
- 2009 International retirement migration, MidSouth Sociological Association (MSSA), Lafayette, LA, Nov 4-7.
- 2009 Long-Term Care in the US, Mexico, and China: A Cross-Cultural Study, Louisiana Geriatric Society (LGS) Mid-Year Conference, June 6, Monroe, Louisiana.
- 2009 The Role of Microcredit in Reducing Ecological Crisis. World Without Poverty Retreat, January 12, Lawton, Oklahoma.
- 2009 Aging in Mexico, with S. Ingman, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) 35th Annual Meeting, March 26, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2009 “Long-term care and South Asian elders in the United States.” Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Atlanta, November 17-21.
- 2008 International Retirement Migration, with S. Ingman, Bilingual Meeting on Gerontology, Jalisco, Mexico, August 8.
- 2007 Retiring in a foreign land: Health care issues of U.S. retirees in Mexico, Aging, and Retiring in Mexico Research Forum. October 22, UNT, Denton, Texas.
- 2007 Does Internet Use Improve the Quality of Life of the Elderly? Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2005 Does attitude to protecting the environment vary by race in the United States? Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, Ontario, Canada.
- 2004 Environmental Awareness and Social Stratification in the United States, Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 2004 What Parents Report about their Children, Family, and Work: Results from the 1989, 1994, and 2003 Denton Surveys. Twelfth Annual Conference on Parent Education, Dallas, TX, February 19-21.
- 2004 Inequality of Internet Use and Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants. American Sociological Association Graduate Student Refereed Roundtables, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants of Inequality of Internet Use, Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Meeting, San Antonio, TX. April 16–19.
- 2002 Sustainability of Involuntary Resettlement in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Bangladesh. Conference on Sustainable Tourism, Manzanillo, Mexico.

INVITED SPEAKER (Selected)

- 2025 Embracing the power of womanhood. Senior Women’s Conference, Dallas, TX, March 21.
- 2025 Aging in America, Elder Abuse Awareness Month Webinar Series, APS Northwest Region, June 19.

- 2025 The social impacts of communal living amongst elderly and disabled adults. Adult Protective Service (APS) Annual Awareness, Information and Resource meeting, Dallas, TX, June 25.
- 2024 Keynote Speech, “Active independent and healthy aging”. Senior Hunger Summit, Dallas, TX, September 27.
- 2024 Aging in our community. World Romance Scam Prevention Day, Dallas, TX, Oct 3.
- 2024 Mental health challenges and health equity, Health Equity Summit, Dallas, TX, Nov 21.
- 2024 Keynote Speech “Problems of Aging Population: Understanding the Cultural Dynamics of Aging,” DFW Adult Protective Services (APS) annual event, June 27.
- 2024 Invited Talk “Mental Health and Older Adults.” Aging in Place conference hosted by the Visiting Nursing Association (VNA), The Senior Source, the Community Council of Greater Dallas, and the Area Agency on Aging, June 6.
- 2023 Certified Mental Health First Aid Trainer. Featured in the KERA News. “Less than 1% of U.S. therapists are Native American. One Texas group is working to fill the gap.” Link: <https://www.keranews.org/health-wellness/2023-06-20/texas-native-american-mental-health>
- 2021 “The Digital Divide Affecting the Well-being of the Aging Population during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Dallas Area Gerontological Society (DAGS). March 18, 2021.
- 2021 “Tips for Working with Older Adults,” presented for Dallas Parks and Rec employees. March 31, 2021.
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- 2020 Invited Speaker, Understanding the root causes of health care disparities. Dallas Area Gerontological Society (DAGS) Virtual Fall Forum. Scheduled for October 15, 2020.
- 2019 Invited Panelist, The Future of Gerontology, DAGS Fall Forum.
- 2019 Aging in Dallas. A Talk given at the Age Well Live Well Dallas Symposium. Sept 20, 2019
- 2017 Invited Speaker, Images of aging in media. Dallas Area Gerontological Society. August 17.
- 2017 Invited Speaker, Programs, and services for older adults in Dallas. Significant Seniors Health Fair, January 28.
- 2016 Trainer, Fall Prevention & Chronic Disease Self-Management, UNT Dallas, June 7- July 12.
- 2016 Invited Presenter, Successful aging. Age Well Live Well, Dallas.
- 2016 Invited Discussant, FWOP Sustainability and Poverty Reduction International Conference, April 21- 23, 2016, Denton, TX.
- 2014 Interviewed by Dallas Morning News. <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/sunday-commentary/20140214-the-sex-lives-of-seniors.ece>
- 2013 Invited by the National University Commission, Nigeria. A two-week workshop to train academic staff and Nigerian University faculty members for the UNT Specialist Ageing Certificate in Applied
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Gerontology. July.

2013 Invited Speaker at Grand Round UNT Health Science Center, October 30. 2011

Invited Speaker at *International Symposium on Aging*, Istanbul, Turkey.

Topic: "Retiring abroad, community development, social security, and care system."

Sessions Chaired

2022 Session Chair, Southwest Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, April.

2022 Expert Panelist, Human Trafficking conference, UNT. Denton. TX.

2017 Collaborating with Community. FWOP International Conference, Costa Rica, October 4-7.

2016 FWOP Sustainability & Poverty Reduction International Conference, Denton, TX, April 21-23.

2009 International Conference on Parenting, Denton, TX, February 11-13.

2003 Small Business/Clean Business Creation @ Building Sustainable Communities in Mexico & Texas, Denton, Texas, Jan 8-11.

EVALUATION REPORTS

2017 "Age-friendly Hispanic Communities in Dallas." Submitted to the Area Agency of Retired Persons (AARP). 29 Pages.

2009. "Evaluation of Training Needs across the Aging Services Network and Training Recommendations." Submitted to the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, Louisiana. 7 pages.

2003. "State of Texas Senior Housing Assessment: Key informant survey. Prepared for Texas Department on Aging, and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs." With Ingman, S. 26 pages.

HONORS & AWARDS

2009-11 Endowed Professor of Gerontology, University of Louisiana at Monroe. 2004

Recipient, Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. 2004

President & Webmaster, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, UNT

2003 General Secretary/Webmaster, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2019-present Member, Congresswoman Johnson's Senior Advisory Board. 2019-

present Member, Congresswoman Johnson's Asian Advisory Committee. 2016-

present Co-Chair, Age Well Live Well (AWLW) coalition

2016-present Member, Dallas Area Gerontological Society (DAGS)

2011-present Member, Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2010-

11 Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)

2010-11 Member, Southwestern Sociological Association

2009-10 Commission Member, Encore Louisiana Commission

2009 Member, Communities Acting to Benefit Louisiana's Elderly 2009
Member, Gerontological Society of America

2009 Member, Midsouth Sociological Association

2008-2010 Chapter Advisor, Sigma Phi Omega (Gamma Gamma) at ULM 2007-
present Board Member, Future Without Poverty.

2007- present Executive Committee Member, SpaandanB-NT. 2008-
present Board of Directors, Future Focus Community.

2008 Member, College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, ULM 2007
Member, Advisory Council, Asset Building Coalition of Dallas.

2006-present Board Member, Denton Sustainable Living Council, Texas.

2003 Volunteer, Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Member

Precious Osuoha, "Let's culturally speak on dementia: The benefits of caring for a family member with dementia and how occupational therapists can help improve and maintain caregivers' positive feelings towards caregiving".
Doctoral Student, Texas Woman's University, TX.

Patty Parker Dissertation topic to be determined Applied Gerontology Doctoral Student,
University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Frances Rizo Evidence-based programs, Chronic Disease Self-management,
Applied Gerontology Doctoral Student, UNT, Denton, TX.

MASTERS THESES COMMITTEE CHAIR at the University of Louisiana at Monroe

2009 Madison, Susan Green building: Senior's
2009 Graham, Pet therapy and dementia
2009 Roy, Deboshree Encore College: education
2010 Jessica Boodie
2010 Joseph Hicks

EDITORIAL REVIEWER

2016-present Associate Editor, Sustainable Communities Review 2012,
2014 Conference abstracts for Gerontological Society of America 2014
Conference abstracts for American Public Health Association
2016 NextGen Application Reviewer for the National Nonprofit Alliance 2012
Abstract Reviewer, International Sociological Association

SKILLS:

Web Technology, ArcView GIS, and Database Management

COURSES TAUGHT***Courses taught at UNTD (Fall 2010 to present)***

Undergraduate level: Sexuality in Aging, Aging Programs and Services for the Elderly, Human Services in Non-Profits, Aging in Films and Media, Sociology of Mass Communication, Introduction to Sociology, Minority Aging, Sociology of Aging, Long-Term Case Management for the Elderly, Grant Writing, Race and Ethnic Relations, Quantitative Research Methods.

Courses taught at ULM (Fall 2008 to Spring 2010)

Undergraduate level: Perspectives of Aging, Economics of Aging Graduate: Gerontology, Minority Aging, Public Policy, Economics of Aging

Courses taught at UNT (Fall 2002-Summer 2008)

Undergraduate level: Introduction to Sociology, World Population, Environment and Society, Minority Aging, Cultural Context of Aging, Individuals in Society, Quantitative Methods in Social Research, Race and Ethnic Minorities.

Graduate: Micro-finance in Developing Nations

SELECTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Chair, Age Well Live Well (AWLW), Dallas: Elected Co-Chair of Age Well Live Well (AWLW), a coalition of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

Member, Dallas Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, Member Independent Transportation Network to Dallas: Serves on the Advisory Board, **Age-Friendly Communities Stakeholder:** Serves on the Advisory Board

My Ride Coalition, Dallas: Serves as a Member

USDA Southwest Regional Office: Worked with USDA Southwest Regional Office to host a summer feeding program for k-12 kids, educational programs, and experiential learning opportunities for UNT Dallas students

AARP: Worked with AARP to conduct surveys within the Hispanic Latino community to ensure inclusiveness in the Dallas Age-Friendly Communities initiative.

Grace Presbyterian Village: Created service learning and internship opportunities for UNT Dallas students.

Future Without Poverty (FWOP): Board Member, and Faculty Advisor, FWOP UNT Dallas Student chapter.

City of Dallas Senior Service Commission: Worked with members on elderly issues.

Dallas Area Agency on Aging and Community Council of Greater Dallas: Hosted several training programs at UNT Dallas to train students and community members on Fall

Prevention and Chronic Disease Self-Management.
Dallas Area Gerontology Society (DAGS): Worked with DAGS to create scholarship opportunities for UNT Dallas Applied Gerontology Students.

SELECTED SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY

Chair, University Curriculum Committee (2024- present)
Chair, School of Human Services Curriculum Committee (2021-2024) Member,
Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2022
Chair, IRB Ad-Hoc Committee
Member, Core Curriculum Assessment Taskforce
Vice-President, Faculty Alliance Committee, 2017-2019 Member,
Academic Council, 2017-present
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2017-18, 2022-2023 Member,
Counseling & Human Services Lecturer Search Committee Member,
Strategic Committee: People & Groups, 2016, 2017 Member, Strategic
Committee: Active Learning, 2016, 2017
Member, CDFS lecturer search committee, 2017
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2012 Member,
Assessment Council, 2012, 2013
Member, Distance Learning Advisory Council, 2012, 2013, 2014
Member, Academic Affairs Committee 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 Member,
Study Abroad AD HOC Committee, 2013
Member, Civic Engagement through Service Learning Steering Committee, 2011 Member,
Lecturer of Human Services search committee, 2013, 2014