

## **Blaze Smith, LCSW**

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Arlington, TX 76019

### **Education & Licensure**

State of Texas

**Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) TX #1234**

The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

**Master of Social Work**

August 2009

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, *cum laude***

May 2004

### **Military Service**

- Dates of Active Duty U.S. Marine Corps. service: July 13, 2004 to December 20, 2007
- Deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom: July 3, 2006 to September 18, 2007
- Highest rank: Staff Sergeant, E-6
- Awards: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/Combat 'V'; Combat Action Ribbon; Navy Unit Commendation; Meritorious Unit Commendation; National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- Honorable Discharge December 20, 2007

### **Experience Highlights**

**Social Worker**, Readjustment Counseling Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Worth, TX. September 2009- present.

- Facilitate individual, group, and family counseling services to veterans
- Identify symptoms leading to clinical diagnoses of disorders and develop treatment plans
- Provide crisis intervention, stabilization and follow-up to veterans and their significant others

**MSW Intern**, Tarrant County Vet Center, Arlington, TX, January 2009 – August 2009

- Completed multidimensional, bio-psycho-social assessments with client systems and groups
- Developed and applied appropriate, evidence-informed, empowerment-based intervention plans

**MSW Intern**, Victim Services, Arlington Police Department, Arlington, TX, August 2008- December 2008.

- Provided crisis counseling to victims of crime.
- Facilitated intimate partner violence counseling and safety planning with victims of intimate partner violence.
- Advocated on behalf of clients' needs with upper administration.

### **Honors**

- Honored with a US flag flown over the US Capital on September 11, 2011 for outstanding work assisting veterans
- Ima Hogg Scholarship for Mental Health 2008-2009, \$5,000
- Dean's Scholarship in Social Work, 2008-2009, \$500
- Ella C. McFadden Scholarship, 2002-2003, \$500
- Dean's List, Texas Tech University 2001- 2003

### **Community Involvement**

- **President**- Student Veterans Organization 2008-2009, The University of Texas at Arlington.
- **Vice President**- Student Veterans Organization 2007-2008, The University of Texas at Arlington.
- **Mentor**, Lubbock Independent School District Americorps Mentoring Program, Lubbock, TX, January 2002- May 2002.