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Professional Summary

PhD in Social Work with 10+ years of experience in higher education, mentoring, and data-informed academic support. Skilled in advising adult learners, facilitating professional development, and leading interdisciplinary initiatives. Recognized for collaborative leadership and commitment to student success.

Education

Ph.D. in Social Work **The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work** Aug 2025

Dissertation Title: “*Understanding the Sociodemographic Correlates of Early Social Security Retirement*”

Committee: Rachel Voth Schrag (Chair), Danielle Harrell, Hui Huang, Ling Xu, and Addo, Fenaba (External member)

MSW **The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work** Dec 2011

Concentration: Community and Administrative Practice

BSW **Texas Woman’s University Department of Social Work**

Former Licenses/ Former Certifications

Texas Licensed Master of Social Worker (LMSW) 56882	2014
Texas Licensed Bachelor of Social Worker (LBSW) 56882	2012
Wales Counseling Certified Life Coach	March 2015

Teaching Experience in CSWE Accredited Programs

University of Texas at Arlington

Adjunct Instructor

SOCW 4452 Field Seminar II (asynchronous)	Spring 2023
SOCW 5304 Generalist Micro Practice (in person/ evenings)	Fall 2022

Guest Lecture on Economic Theories

SOCW 3301 Theories of Human Behavior (asynchronous)	Fall 2021
SOCW 3301 Theories of Human Behavior (synchronous)	Spring 2021

Tarleton State University

Adjunct Instructor

SOCW 3306 Social Policy (on campus; synchronous)	Spring 2020
SOCW 3303 Diverse Populations (on campus)	Fall 2019
SOCW 3306 Social Policy (asynchronous)	Spring 2019
SOCW 3329 Human Behavior I (in person / evenings)	Fall 2017 & Fall 2018
SOCW 3339 Human Behavior II (on campus)	Spring 2018

Post-MSW Practice Experience

Research Assistant

2020 - 2025

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

- Assisted faculty in collecting qualitative and quantitative data, co-authoring manuscripts, and submitting IRB, publication, and presentation proposals.

College Advising Corps, High School Campus Coordinator

2022 - 2024

[College Advising Corps, Texas Christian University](#), Fort Worth, TX

- Developed strategic initiatives to coach over 500 high school seniors through FAFSA completion, surpassing state and national benchmarks by 20–30%.
- Maintained data dashboards to track student progress, financial aid submissions, and advising outcomes and generated weekly data reports program leadership.
- Designed data-driven visual presentations using Microsoft Excel formulas and graphing to enhance research analysis and communicate findings to campus administrators.

Adjunct Instructor for Bachelor of Social Work Program

2016 - 2020

Tarleton State University, Fort Worth, TX

- Taught in classroom and online (synchronous and asynchronous) undergraduate courses; Social Policy, Human Behavior, and Diverse Populations.
- Delivered course content through Blackboard and Canvas learning management systems (LMS), utilizing tools for grading, discussion boards, and multimedia integration.
- Facilitated 2018 summer Applied Learning Experience (ALE) leadership workshop for 15 students.

Outreach Program Manager, Social Work & Nursing Program

2015 - 2020

Tarleton State University, Fort Worth, TX

- Led community engagement initiatives and represented the university at external events.
- Co-chaired Fort Worth's MLK Parade Committee, promoting civic engagement and student leadership.
- 2018 Tarleton State University Staff [Horizon Awardee](#) for student and community engagement.

Academic Advisor for Transfer Social Work & Nursing Students

2015 - 2020

Tarleton State University, Fort Worth, TX

- Consistently increased social work program's transfer student enrollment by at least 10% annually.
- Delivered undergraduate students personalized academic advising and case management and connected at-risk students to campus and community resources.

Vocation Scholarship Program Case Manager

2013 - 2015

Catholic Charities, Fort Worth, TX

- Guided clients through individualized career and education plans, using coaching techniques to support goal achievement.
- Cultivated partnerships with community organizations to secure wraparound services and reduce barriers to employment and education.
- Assisted PR team in securing \$1.6M in donations through collaborative fundraising video.

The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Fort Worth, TX

- Facilitated career coaching sessions and workshops for 100+ clients, focusing on goal-setting and professional development.
- Connected clients to support services addressing financial, emotional, and social challenges impacting career readiness.

Research Interests

Substantive Research Area: Retirement security, Workforce, Educational and Economic outcomes.

Population of Interest: Women, Mid-income earners, Retirees, Generation X, and Millennials.

Preferred Methods: Quantitative methods (including analysis of large secondary datasets and primary data), Qualitative methods and Mixed Methods.

Journal Publications

Huang, H. ... **Robinson, E. D.** (2025). Why Do Child Welfare Supervisors Leave Their Jobs?: Pathways To Supervisors' Resignation Behavior. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2025.2503211>

Kitchens, K., Mitschke, D. B., LaBrenz, C., Thomas, L. A., & **Robinson, E. D.** (2024). Connections Tutoring Lab: Peer-led support in a virtual environment. *Journal of Social Work Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2024.2410801>

LaBrenz, C. A., Lloyd Sieger, M., Choi, M., Harrell, D. R., Findley, E., **Robinson, E. D.**, & Baiden, P. (2023). Family support services and reunification across diverse racial/ethnic groups: A survival analysis utilizing administrative child welfare data. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 150, 107024. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2023.107024>

LaBrenz, C. A., **Robinson, E. D.**, Chakravarty, S., Vasquez-Schut, G., Mitschke, D. B., & Oh, S. (2023). When "Time is not your own": Experiences of mothering students during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Affilia*, 38(2), 263-277. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099221115721>

LaBrenz, C. A., Kim, J., Harris, M. S., Crutchfield, J., Choi, M., **Robinson, E. D.**, Findley, E., & Ryan, S. D. (2022). Racial Matching in Foster Care Placements and Subsequent Placement Stability: A National Study. *Child Adolescent Social Work Journal*. 39(5), 583-594. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-022-00831-x>

LaBrenz, C. A., Childress, S., **Robinson, E. D.**, Sieger, M. L., & Ontiveros, J. (2022). Reasonable efforts to preserve families? an examination of service utilization and child removal. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 128, 105631-105631. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105631>

Harrell, D.R., Blalock, C., **Robinson, E.D.**, & Crutchfield, J. (2022). The moderating effect of COVID-19 stress on school racial climate and parent and child mental well-being. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 139, 106572-106572. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2022.106572>

Eugene, D.R., Crutchfield, J., & **Robinson, E. D.** (2021). An examination of peer victimization and internalizing problems through a racial justice lens: Does school connectedness matter?

Reports

Eugene, D. R., Crutchfield, J., **Robinson, E. D.**, & Blalock, C. (2022). School racial climate in the era of COVID-19: A study of parent and child mental well-being. University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work.

E. D. Robinson (PI). (2022). Transportation's Impact on Education and Employment Attainment: The Experiences of Public Housing Development Residents Who Relocated to Mixed-Income Communities. U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship (DDETFP).

Presentations and Workshops (Presented)

Robinson, E. D. (Author and Presenter) Oral Paper. Age Effect on the Relationship Between Education and Debt Among African American Women. Society of Social Work Research (January 15, 2022). <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2022/webprogram/Paper47813.html>

Robinson, E.D. (Author and Presenter). Oral Presentation/ Skills Workshop. "Mining for Goals: Data Driven College Advising." National Annual College Advising Corps Adviser Summit (December 2023).

Robinson, E.D. (Author and Presenter). Oral Presentation/ Skills Workshop. "Peer Adviser: Connecting to Students and Staff." National Annual College Advising Corps Adviser Summit (December 2023).

Robinson, E. D. (Presenter/ Facilitator) Oral Presentation/ Skills Workshop. University of North Texas Health Science Center Roles and Responsibilities Interprofessional Education and Practice. (April 6, 2022)

Choi M., LaBrenz, C., Harris, M., Kim, J., Robinson, **Robinson, E.D.** The Impact of Racially Matched Foster Care Placements on Placement Stability: A Population-Based Study. Society of Social Work Research (January 15, 2022)

LaBrenz, C. Eugene D. R., **Robinson, E.D.**, Sieger, M. L., Choi, M., Findley, E., Baiden, P. Service Utilization and Reunification: A National Study of Disparities by Race/Ethnicity. Society of Social Work Research (January 16, 2022)

LaBrenz, C., PhD, Washburn, M., Palmer, A., PhD, **Robinson, E.D.** Family Support Post-Foster Care Discharge: The Role of Race/Ethnicity and LGBTQ+ Status. Society of Social Work Research (January 13, 2022)

Robinson, E. D. (Presenter) and LaBrenz, C. A. (Author). Poster Presentation. Student Parent Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic: When 'Time is Not Your Own. Society of Social Work Research (January 14, 2022). <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2022/webprogram/Paper46582.html>

Robinson, E. D. (Presenter) and LaBrenz, C. A. (Author). E-Poster Presentation. Experiences of Mothering Students during the COVID-19 Pandemic. National Science Foundation Build and Broaden: Conference on Social Connections to Promote Individual and Community Resilience in Post-COVID-19 Society. (October 8, 2021)

Robinson, E. D. (Author and Panelist), Baker, J. (Author and Panelist), Bryan, T. (Author and Panelist), and Sermon, B. (Author and Panelist). Panel. Tips for Successful Transfer Student Transition. Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education Conference, Houston, TX. (February 2018)

Giardino, C., Turner, N., Eubanks, M., Baker, J., **Robinson, E.D.**, Taylor, S., Becker, M. Early Intervention: Benefit and Practices of Effective Community College-University Partnerships. North Texas Community College Consortium University Counselor Advisor Network (UCAN) Conference (May 25, 2016)

Presentations and Workshops (Accepted)

Huang, H. (Presenting Author) Zhou, Q., Kim, J., Neita, R., Li, N. and **Robinson, E.D.** (Contributing Authors) Child Welfare Supervisors' Intent to Stay and Their Resignation Behavior. Society of Social Work Research. Washington, D.C. (January 2024).

Robinson, E.D. (Author and Presenter). Oral Presentation/ Skills Workshop. "How Educating Men on Reproductive Health Issues Empowers Men and Women." 46th Annual NASW Texas State Conference, Galveston, TX (October 2022).

Robinson, E. D. (Panelist), Baker, J. (Panelist), Bryan, T. (Panelist), and Sermon, B. (Panelist). Panel. Tips for Successful Transfer Student Transition. Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education Conference. (February 23, 2018)

Awards, Honors, And Fellowships

Dean's Fellowship, University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work	2020 - 2025
University of Wisconsin-Madison Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT). Research Mentor: Fenaba Addo, Ph.D. https://rdrc.wisc.edu/2024-jsithttps://rdrc.wisc.edu/2024-jsit-scholars.htmlscholars.html	2024
Professional Development Training Participant University of Wisconsin-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty https://www.irp.wisc.edu/staff/robinson-erica/	2022 - 2023
Fellow for Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR) Summer Mentoring Workshop for Advanced Doctoral Students. University of Michigan Center for Urban Aging Research. (June 7 - 9, 2022).	2022
E. D. Robinson (PI). U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship (DDETFP). Transportation's Impact on Education and Employment Attainment: The Experiences of Public Housing Development Residents Who Relocated to Mixed-Income Communities. (sub: June 25, 2021; start: December 8, 2021; end: September 30, 2022).	2021 - 2022
Outstanding Student Poster Presentation Robinson, E. D. (Presenter) and LaBrenz, C. A. (Author). Experiences of Mothering Students during the COVID-19 Pandemic. National Science Foundation Build and Broaden: Conference on Social Connections to Promote Individual and Community Resilience in Post-COVID-19 Society. (October 8, 2021)	2021

Service Engagement

Intuitional Service

UTA Social Work Doctoral Student Association

Member	2020 - 2025
PhD Student Peer Mentor	2024 - 2025
PhD Student Peer Mentor / Mentee Coordinator	2021 - 2022

Founder/ Facilitator

UTA Edge Center Dissertation Interdisciplinary Weekly Writing Group	2024 - 2025
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Member

University of Texas at Arlington College of Science Black Graduate Student Association (COSBGSA)	2021 – 2023
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Trainee

Texas Christian University's Manager Foundations Training	2023
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Tarleton State University

Faculty Curriculum Professional Development Community	2019
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Co-Chair

Tarleton State University's Fort Worth Martin Luther King Parade Committee	2016; 2017
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Community Engagement

Member

American Statistical Association	2025 - Present
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Member

National Association of Black Social Workers	2025 - Present
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Graduate

Leadership Fort Worth's 50th Leadership Class	2023
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President

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Tarrant County	2018 - 2019
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Committee Member

Fort Worth Las Vegas Trail Revitalization Education Task Force	2018
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Member

Fort Worth Housing Self-Sufficiency Committee	2011 - 2015
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