

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- M.S.W. Master of Social Work – Macro Practice, May 2017  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Concentration in Organizational and Community Leadership
- M.Div. Master of Divinity, May 2011  
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Concentration in Urban Ministry
- Hispanic Summer Program-Theology, Summer 2009  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
- Certificate Clinical Pastoral Education- Basic Unit, Summer 2008  
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, IL
- B.A. Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, May 2007  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Concentration in Cultural Anthropology  
Specialization in Peace and Justice Studies

## Professional Experience

*Flint Community Initiative Coordinator, Michigan State University School of Social Work, East Lansing, MI, April 2019 – current*

Responsible for assisting with the development of the Flint Community Initiative Program in Flint. This role includes teaching responsibilities, course development and implementation, program development and evaluation, managing community relations and administrative support.

*Field Liaison, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, September 2020-August 2022.* Provide support and supervision for BASW (20'-21') and MSW (20'-22') students to meet field placement requirements.

*Contract Supply, King of Glory Lutheran Church (ELCA), Flushing, MI. August 2020-current.* Responsible for preaching, leading worship and covering pastoral care.

*Mission Redeveloper, Salem Lutheran Church (ELCA), Flint, MI, July 2011 – current*  
Responsible for all executive leadership and administrative tasks, supervision of staff and volunteers, program management, pastoral care, ecumenism, and pastoral leadership.

*Michigan United, Lead Flint Community Organizer, Detroit, MI, October 2018 – current*  
Assisting with the rebuilding of the organization in Flint, including grant writing, community leadership development, civic engagement, public policy advocacy, and community organizing. Areas of Interest: Public Health and Environmental Justice. Founder of Michigan United's Public Health Navigator Program. Raised over 1.1 million in program support since July 2020-current.

## **Professional Experience Continued**

### *BASW field placement task supervisor, University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, MI, 2016-17*

Provided task supervision for two BASW students to meet field placement requirements. Worked with students to develop entry-level generalist practice social work skills with particular focus on issues related to the Flint Water Crisis. Assisted students with class assignments pertaining to field education. Provided educational opportunities and was the site liaison to UM-Flint Department of Social Work for student evaluation.

### *BASW field instructor, Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI, 2015 - 17*

Provided supervision for two BASW students at two concurrent sites in both Flint and Saginaw. Worked with students to develop entry-level generalist practice social work skills. Assisted students with class assignments pertaining to field education. Provided educational opportunities, completed performance evaluations and worked with the SVSU Department of Social Work to support student needs and growth.

### *Twelfth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), voting delegate, Windhoek, Namibia, 5/10/2017 – 5/16/2017*

Member of a ten-person voting delegation on behalf of the ELCA (3.5M members) to the LWF Assembly. This included leadership responsibilities at the assembly and leading up to the assembly, facilitation of small groups, attentiveness to global concerns, presenting to the assembly as a panel respondent on the theme, "Creation Not for Sale" and representing the interests of the ELCA within the Communion.

### *Interim Director, Samaritas Community Center, Saginaw, MI, February- June, 2015*

Responsible for executive leadership, staff development and crisis management upon the sudden death of long-time director. Managed staff and volunteers including Americorps participants, provided community leadership, managed grants, assisted with program development and evaluation, supervised children in program, increased community and university partnerships and assisted with hiring of staff.

### *Pastoral Care Associate (Hospital Chaplain) and Guest Services, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago IL, 2011-2010 and 2008-2009*

Worked at the front desk and on the Mother/Baby Unit to greet guests. I assisted with hospital navigation and hospitality. Also worked as a hospital chaplain responding to crisis and pastoral care needs through empathetic listening, spiritual support, and counseling. Supported individuals, families, and staff during end of life care, grief/loss and trauma, and assisted with the power of attorney for healthcare process. Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center has 397 beds and has the highest levels of critical care with a level I Trauma Center and level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

## **Professional Experience Continued**

### *Pastoral Intern, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, 2009-2010*

Responsible for all pastoral duties including: pastoral care, preaching, leading worship, community outreach, ecumenism, and religious education as part of seminary field education experience. Emmanuel is a bilingual congregation with English and Spanish languages. I also served during a time of pastoral transition helping the congregation through grief/loss and interim ministry.

### *University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, Before/After School Program, 2007-2008*

Responsible for supervision and attending to the needs of PK through elementary aged school children as part of a before school recreation program. I also worked with special needs children in an after-school program assisting with educational activities and recreation.

### *Respite Care Provider, Michigan Community INC, Burton, MI 2004-2006*

Provided mentoring and life skills development for a special-needs adolescent as part of a respite care program.

## **Advisory Boards, Executive Committees, and Facilitation**

Genesee County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee, member, February 2021-May 2022.

Greater Flint COVID-19 Taskforce on Racial Inequities ARPA Advocacy Workgroup, Chair, January 2022 – current.

Greater Flint COVID-19 Taskforce on Racial Inequities, Proposal Reviewer, September 2020

Greater Flint COVID-19 Taskforce on Racial Inequities, Member, April 2020 - Current

Greater Flint COVID-19 Taskforce Faith Subcommittee, Co-chair, April 2020 - Current

Flint Communications Faith Action Team, Project Chair, April 2020 – September 2020

Flint Communications Workgroup, 2016-2020

Flint Community HELP Center Advisory Board, chair, September 2016 – May 2018

Flint FACT Resource and Recovery Committee, February 2016 – February 2018

Genesee County Habitat for Humanity Board, member, 2015 - 2018

Twelfth Assembly of the LWF, Village Group #2 co-chair facilitator, Windhoek, Namibia, 5/10/2017 – 5/16/2017

LWF Global Young Reformers Network, steering committee member for the North America region, 2013-2017

## **Advisory Boards, Executive Committees, and Facilitation continued**

ELCA Executive Planning Team, 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance of the Reformation, 2014-2017

Forge Flint Board member, 2013-2016

Genesee County Clergy Liaison to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Faith-Based Initiative on Foster Care and Adoption Summit, 2015-2016

LWF Global Young Reformers, "Wittenberg Conference" planner, leader and moderator, Wittenberg, Germany, August 2015

Greater Flint Interfaith Circle, 2012 – 2015

## **Leadership Development**

Midwest Academy Organizing for Justice: Essential Skills, on-line, 5/19/20-5/21/20

ELCA Mission Redeveloper Training, Chicago, IL, 2/22/2017 – 2/24/2017

Social Work Field Instructor Training, Saginaw Valley State University, 10/9/15 and 10/21/16

ELCA Region 6 Behavioral Interview Training, Maria Stein, OH, 1/24/2014 – 1/25/2014

ELCA Mission Redeveloper Training, Los Angeles, CA, 2/21/2013 – 2/25/2013

ELCA Mission Redeveloper Training, Seattle, WA, 8/14/2012 – 8/19/2012

Role of Business in Faith-based Organization, Valparaiso University at Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL, 5/14/2012 – 5/18/2012

Community Organizing for Mission, Portland, OR, 3/28/2012 – 3/31/2012

Summit on Evangelical Justice, Dearborn, MI, 4/30/2012 – 5/2/2012

## **Professional Development**

National Workshop on Christian Unity, Minneapolis, MN, 5/1/2017 – 5/4/2017

Annual First Call Theological Education Event, Angola, IN, 2012-2014

Festival of Homiletics, Nashville, TN, 5/13/2013 – 5/17/2013

## Continuing Education

Evidence-Based Trauma Treatments & Interventions, Livonia, MI, CMI Institute (PESI), 11/5/2013

10 Core Competencies of Trauma, PTSD, Grief & Loss, Livonia, MI, CMI Institute (PESI), 11/4/2013

Secondary Trauma Seminar, Denise Deadman, PhD., Samaritas/Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, Burton, MI, 10/28/2013

Understanding Addiction and Supporting Recovery: Strategies and Tools for Clergy and Other Congregational Leaders, Henry Ford Hospital Behavioral Health, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 11/13/2012

## Presentations

Villarreal, M. M. (2017, May 15). *Creation not for sale: The Flint Water Crisis in a global context*. Address presented at Twelfth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Windhoek, Namibia.

Villarreal, M. M. (2017, May 15). *The Flint Water Crisis, then and now*. Address presented at Twelfth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Windhoek, Namibia.

Villarreal, M. and Fleishman, J. (2017, May 4). "Water is life! From Standing Rock to Flint, Michigan and beyond: Social justice and environmental racism" [powerpoint]. Presented at the National Workshop on Christian Unity in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Villarreal, M. M. (2017, March 30). *The Flint Water Crisis: then and now*. Address presented at Dearborn Rotary Club in Michigan, Dearborn.

Villarreal, M. M. (2017, February 23). *Let the Dry Bones Rise*. Sermon based on Ezekiel 37:1-14 presented at ELCA Mission Developer/Redeveloper Training in Illinois, Chicago.

Villarreal, M. M. (2017, February 15). *The Flint Water Crisis: Help, Healing, Hope*. Address presented at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Michigan, Holland.

Villarreal, M. M. (2011). *Managing Conflict in Congregations*. Lecture presented at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in Illinois, Chicago.

## Publications

Villarreal, M. M. (2017). Freed by God's love to change the world: a youth perspective. In A. Burghardt (Ed.), *Liberated by God's Grace*, (pp. 77-82). Leipzig, Germany: Lutheran World Federation. [https://www.lwfassembly.org/sites/default/files/resources/DTPW-2017\\_Booklet\\_Liberated\\_by\\_Gods\\_Grace.pdf](https://www.lwfassembly.org/sites/default/files/resources/DTPW-2017_Booklet_Liberated_by_Gods_Grace.pdf)

Villarreal, M. (2016, July/August). Finding faith, hope, and reconciliation in the Flint water crisis. *Gather*.

### **Manuscripts under review**

Kristen Daley Mosier, Daniel Moore, Sharon Saddler, Gregory Timmons, Monica Villarreal, and Andrew Wymer, "Water Brought Us Together": A Baptismal Ethic From Flint. [religions-180855]

### **Community Survey Project**

Lewis, C., Munroe-Younis, M., Pomilla, C., Sullivan, L. & Villarreal, M. (January 2018). From Crisis to Recovery: Household Resources. A Flint Community Survey. <https://www.flintneighborhoodsunited.org/flint-water-crisis/>

### **Awards, Honors, and Recognitions**

2022 Inspiration Award – Community Engagement, MSU Center for Gender in Global Context.

National Association of Social Work-Michigan Chapter, MSW Student of the Year for Michigan State University, 2017

ELCA Fund for Leaders Scholar, 2007-2011

ELCA Horizon Internship Recipient, 2009-2010

Fund for Theological Education Congregational Fellow, 2007

### **Academic Courses Taught at Michigan State University**

SW 845: Administrative Skills in Social Work, Fall 2021

SW 832: Evaluating Social Work Programs and Practice, Fall 2021, 2020 & 2019

SW 822: Advanced Policy Practice and Advocacy, Spring 2022, 2021, 2020

SSC 493/SW 492: Flint Community Initiative, Summer 2022, 2021 & 2019