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EDUCATION

- 2016 **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**, Social Work, University of Georgia
Dissertation: The Internet, Technology, and Social Work Education
- 2007 **Masters of Social Work (MSW)**, Florida State University, Clinical Social Work
- 2004 **Bachelor of Science, Marketing**, Florida State University

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Present **Assistant Professor of Social Work**, University of Montevallo, BSW Program
Introduction to Social Welfare
Human Behavior and the Social Environment
Research in Social Welfare
Social Work with Groups
Social Change Through Social Marketing: VR and the Environment
Natural Experiences and the Digital World

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Beal, B. G.** (2021). Building Social Science Simulations for College Students Using VR Headsets. *Open Journal of Social Sciences* 9 (8). doi: [10.4236/jss.2021.98006](https://doi.org/10.4236/jss.2021.98006)
- Beal, B. G.** (2018). Are Social Work College Students Entering the Workforce with Enough Technology Skills to Meet the Needs of Agencies? *Research & Reviews: Journal of Educational Studies*, 4 (4).
- Smith, A. M. & **Beal, B. G.** (2018). Can the use of Virtual Reality Headsets Help Reduce the Fear of Public Speaking? *International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science*, 7(5), 116-121.

Refereed Presentations

- 2019 **Beal, B. G.** Esports and Social Work. Poster presentation at the Alliance of Social Workers in Sport national conference in Denver, CO.
- 2018 **Beal, B. G.** & Smith, Angela. Undergraduate Mentorship Through the McNair

Scholar Program: BSW Research in Technology. Interactive poster for the Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Meeting in Orlando, FL.

- 2018 Tetloff, M. T. & **Beal, B. G.** Environmental Justice: Teaching at the Intersection of Social Work, Science, and Business. Educational Session Presentation for the Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Meeting in Orlando, FL.
- 2017 **Beal, B. G.** Teaching Social Work with Groups Using Virtual Reality Head-Mounted Displays. Interactive poster for the Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Meeting in Dallas, TX.
- 2017 **Beal, B. G.** Gerontechnology: Using the internet, mobile devices, and other innovation within the field of aging. Presentation for the Alabama Gerontological Society conference in Birmingham, AL.

Creative Projects and Periodicals

Beal, B. G. (2017 & 2018). Walking in the comics: Immersive virtual reality painting. Art exhibit for the University of Montevallo's Forte Festival of Creativity.

Beal, B. G. (2017). Teaching Group Dynamics Using Virtual Reality. *The New Social Worker*. Winter. <http://www.socialworker.com/feature-articles/technology-articles/teaching-group-dynamics-using-virtual-reality/>

SERVICE

- 2020-Present **Committee Member**
Black Heritage Committee
- 2020-Present **Committee Member**
College Night Committee
- 2019-Present **Head Coach and Founding Faculty Advisor**
Esports team at the University of Montevallo
- 2018-Present **Committee Member**
Technology Advisory Council
- 2017-Present **Faculty Advisor**
Social Work Student Organization
- 2017-Present **McNair Scholar Student Mentor**
Research mentor for University of Montevallo
- 2016-Present **Academic Advisor**
Faculty advisor for 20-30 social work majors

- 2017-2021 **Committee Member**
Library Committee for University of Montevallo
- 2017-2019 **Founding Faculty Advisor**
Virtual Reality at the University of Montevallo (VRUM)
- 2016-2017 **Committee Member**
Montevallo Sister City Commission

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- 2019 **Summer Stipend for Pre-Tenure Faculty**, University of Montevallo
Principle Investigator (\$5,000)
- 2016-2017 **Research and Creative Projects Grant**, University of Montevallo
Principle Investigator (\$2000)
Virtual Reality in the Social Science Classroom

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2013 **Foster Parent Online Coordinator**, Fanning Institute, University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia
- 2009-2012 **Editorial Assistant**, Journal of Public Child Welfare
Editor: Alberta Ellett, PhD.
- 2007-2008 **Child Welfare Investigator**, Child Protective Services
Austin, Texas
- 2007 **Clinical Social Worker**, General Social Care Council
London, United Kingdom

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, Social Work Grand Challenge Initiative: Harness Technology for Social Good
Reviewer, Journal of Technology in Human Services
Member, Council on Social Work Education
Member, U.S.A. Boxing