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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Vice Provost and President's Professor **2024 - present**
ASU Downtown Phoenix campus

Dean and President's Professor **2021 - 2026**
ASU Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions

Vice Dean and Professor **2018 - 2021**
ASU Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions

Senior Associate Dean and Professor **2016 - 2018**
ASU College of Public Service & Community Solutions

Associate Dean and Associate Professor **2014 - 2016**
ASU College of Public Programs

Tucson Program Coordinator and Associate Professor **2012 - 2014**
ASU School of Social Work

Assistant Professor **2006 - 2012**
ASU School of Social Work

Lecturer **2004 - 2006**
ASU Department of Social Work

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) **2004**
Arizona State University
School of Social Work

Master of Social Work (MSW) **1993**
University of Illinois at Chicago
Jane Addams College of Social Work

Bachelor of Arts (BA) **1991**
Valparaiso University

HONORS AND AWARDS

Valparaiso Distinguished Alumna Award (2026)
Pastor Center Champion (2026)
Stanlie James Legacy Award (2026)
Ernest W. McFarland Arizona Heritage Chair in Public Policy (2024)
Outstanding Women in Business, Phoenix Business Journal (2022)
President's Professor (2020)
Academy for Innovative Higher Education Leadership Fellow (2017)
Associated Students of Arizona State University Centennial Professor Award (2013)

PUBLICATIONS (3 books, 51 peer-reviewed publications, 9 books chapters, *h*-index = 37)

Books

Lietz, C.A. & Carpenter Lietz, B.M. (2026). *How to build resilience in college students*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Segal, E.A., Gerdes, K.E., **Lietz, C.A.**, Wagaman, M.A., & Geiger, J.M. (2017). *Assessing empathy: What is it and how do we measure it?* New York: Columbia University Press.

Langer, C.L. & **Lietz, C.A.** (2014). *Applying theory to generalist social work practice*. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Recent Book Chapters and Journal Articles

Lietz, C.A. (2024). Supervising for reflexivity and analytical thinking. In R.W. Denby & C. Ingram (Eds.). *Child and Family Serving Systems: A Compendium of Policy and Practice.* Child Welfare League of America.

C.A. Lietz & Cheung, J.R. (2023). Meeting the mental health needs of college students with a background in foster care. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal, 40*(2), 193-206.

Reyes, M., Segal, E.A., & **Lietz, C.A.** (2022). The importance of empathy to social work practice. In Rapp, McCall, L., Corcoran, K. & Roberts, A.R. Eds. *Social Workers' Desk Reference*, 4th edition, pp. 1073- 1079. New York: Oxford University Press.

Cheung, J.R., **Lietz, C.A**., Carpenter, B.M., Sitz, E., Lietz, B.C. (2021). Cultivating resilience in college students with a foster care background. *Journal of Public Child Welfare, 15*(2), 182-202.

Lietz, C.A. (2021). Strengths-Based Supervision. In K. O'Donoghue & L.K. Engelbrecht (Eds.), *Routledge International Handbook of Social Work Supervision, (pp. 571-579). Routledge.*

Lietz, C.A. (2020). Tracing the impact of the strengths perspective: a personal narrative. In

A.N. Mendenhall & M.M. Carney (Eds), *Rooted in Strengths,* (pp. 149-164). University of Kansas Libraries.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught **2004 to 2026**

SWG 722: Pedagogy in Social Work
SWG 693: Applied Project (Capstone Project)
SWG 646: Professional Experience IV – Field Seminar
SWG 645: Professional Experience III – Field Seminar
SWG 621: Advanced Direct Practice Integrative Seminar (Capstone Project)
SWG 611: Social Work with Families
SWG 610: Advanced Practice with Individuals and Families
SWG 608: Ecological Approach to Practice with Children, Youth, and Families
SWG 543: Professional Experience II – Field Seminar
SWG 540: Professional Experience I – Skills Lab
SWG 520: Research and Advocacy
SWG 510: Social Work Direct Practice I
SWU 494/598: Special Topics: Protecting Children
SWU 442: Social Work Practice with Children and Families in Child Welfare
SWU 310: Social Work Practice I
SWU 171: Introduction to Social Work
CPP 294: Bridging Success Student Success Course
ASU 140: Project-based/Modular Learning

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Government Accountability Office, Educators Advisory Panel	2021 - 2026
Morrison Institute, Board Member	2021 - 2026
Fresh Start Women's Foundation, Executive Board Member	2017 - 2026
Fresh Start Women's Foundation, Vice Chair, Executive Board	2022 - 2023
Voices for National Service Steering Committee	2024 - 2025
Faculty Women's Association, Executive Board Member	2017 - 2020
Journal of Family Social Work, Editorial Board Member	2010 - 2019
Recovery Empowerment Network, Board Member	2011 - 2012