

Shannon Elizabeth Dier

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EDUCATION

- Master of Science** - University of North Texas, Denton, TX **2010**
Development and Family Studies
Thesis: *The influence of income, ethnicity and parenting on child health*
- Bachelor of Arts** – Alma College, Alma, MI **2008**
Psychology, Sociology & Anthropology
Minor: Spanish

CERTIFICATION

- Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS) - #18390 **Current to 2025**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant**, University of North Texas **2008 - 2010**
Dr. M. Angela Nievar, Department of Educational Psychology
Parenting preschoolers in low-income Spanish-speaking families; couple relationships in families with young children; and parenting beliefs of mothers of newborns.
- Summer Intern**, National Institutes of Health **2009**
Dr. Lori Wiener, Pediatric Oncology Branch, National Cancer Institute
Psychosocial needs of patients with rare cancers; an advance-care planning tool for adolescents and young adults; validity of a distress thermometer tool; and use of therapeutic board games.
- Qualitative Research Coder**, University of North Texas **2008**
A. Enrique Orozco, Graduate Student, Department of Educational Psychology
Patterns and characteristics of domestic violence in Mexico.
- Research Assistant**, Alma College **2006 - 2008**
Thomas Batchelder, Principal Investigator, Department of Psychology
Leadership orientation and cognition of students enrolled in college leadership program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant**, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO **2020 - Present**
 - HDFS 2400W Principles of Human Development – Writing Intensive (Fall 2020)
 - HDFS 1600 Foundation of Family Science (Fall 2020)
- Adjunct Instructor**, Texas Women’s University, Denton, TX **2018 - 2020**
 - FS 5073 Professional Practice and Ethics for Working with Children and Families (Spring & Fall 2019)
 - FS 4403 Child Life: Working with Hospitalized Children and Families (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
 - FS 3323 Separation and Loss (Spring 2020)
- Teaching Assistant**, University of North Texas, Denton, TX **2009-2010**
 - DFST 1013 Lifespan Development (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Child Life Specialist, Advanced, Cook Children’s Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX **2010 - 2020**
Radiology/Ear, Nose, & Throat Clinic (2019-2020)
Bone Marrow Transplant & Hematology/Oncology (2011-2018)
Weekend/PRN (2010-2011)

Leadership Positions

Child Life Leadership Council (3 years - 2015-2017 & 2019-2020)
Clinical Supervision Group Facilitator (3 years)
Hematology/Oncology Family Advisory Council - Staff Chair (3 years)
Student Clinical Coordinator (Practicum - 2 years; Internship – 1 year)

Service

“Sib2Sib” Sibling Support Programming Team (9 years)
Homelessness Initiative (4 years)
ONE VOICE Implementation Task Force (4 years)
Child Life Department Interview Committee (4 years)
Patient Care Orientation – Professional Boundaries (3 years)
New Employee Mentor (3 mentees over 3 years)

Child Life Internship, Children’s Medical Center, Dallas, TX **2010**
600 hours. Provided developmentally-appropriate preparation, education, and play activities to patients and families. Rotations included trauma service and trauma ICU, inpatient gastroenterology unit, and outpatient radiology.

Child Life Practicum, Cook Children's Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX **2009**
150 hours. Shadowed child life specialists and independently facilitated group and individual play activities. Rotations included inpatient hematology/oncology, NICU, and inpatient general medicine/pulmonology.

Home-Based Therapy Practicum, Gratiot Community Mental Health, Alma, MI **2007**
60 hours. Shadowed a home-based therapist during sessions with families at home, in school, and in the hospital. Assisted with therapeutic play activities.

Volunteer Services Internship, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, MI **2006**
315 hours. Provided activities and companionship to patients in dialysis, same-day surgery, hematology/oncology, NICU, and playrooms as assigned.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Dier, S., and Reid, E. (2019, October). *Fitting in and finding your flow: Exploring child life assessment and planning in outpatient specialty clinics.* Presentation at 3rd Annual TACLP Regional Child Life Conference. Houston, TX.

Bozarth, C., and Dier, S. (2018, October). *A fresh perspective: Reimagining boundaries as a therapeutic tool.* Presentation at 2nd Annual TACLP Regional Child Life Conference. Fort Worth, TX.

Dier, S., and Driscoll, L. (2015, July). *Left out and left behind: Addressing the needs of siblings across the continuum of care*. Breakout session at Pedi-Hope: Texas Pediatric Palliative Care Consortium 7th Annual Conference. Austin, TX.

Dier, S., and Wiener, L. (2009, August). *NIH gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) clinic: Psychosocial characteristics and considerations*. Poster presentation at NIH Summer Research Program Poster Day. Bethesda, MD.

Nievar, M. A., Jacobson, A. L., & **Dier, S.** (2009, April). *Home visiting for at-risk preschoolers: A successful model for Latino families*. Poster presentation at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development. Denver, CO.

PUBLICATIONS

Dier, S. (2016). A unique self-care resource for child life professionals: A review of van Dernoot Lipsky L., & Burk, C. (2009). *Trauma stewardship: An everyday guide to caring for self while caring for others*. San Francisco, CA: Berrett-Koehler. *Child Life Bulletin*, 34(2).

Nievar, M. A., Jacobson, A., Chen, Q., Johnson, U., & **Dier, S.** (2011). Impact of HIPPO on home learning environments of Latino families. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 26(3).

Nievar, M. A., Jacobson, A. L., & **Dier, S.** (2008). *Home visiting for at-risk preschoolers: A successful model for Latino families*. ERIC Document Reproduction Service ED502647.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Research on Child Development (Student Member) **2020 – Present**

Association of Child Life Professionals **2008 - Present**
Associate Editor, *ACLP Bulletin* (2020-2022)
Focus/Journal of Child Life Review Board (2019-2020)
ACLP Mentor Program (2019, 2020)
Professional Resources Committee (2014-2016)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Eleanor Berger Blumenthal Fellowship, University of Missouri-Columbia **2020 - 2025**
Clinical Excellence, Cook Children’s Medical Center **2017 - 2020**
Master's/Doctoral Fellowship Award, University of North Texas **2008 - 2010**
Posey Global Fellowship (Quito, Ecuador), Posey Foundation **2007**
Discovering Vocation Internship Grant, Alma College **2006**
Alma College Distinguished Scholar Award **2004 -2008**