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# Brian L. Christenson, Ph.D., LMSW

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## Education

2003-2006                      University of Idaho                      Moscow, ID

**Ph.D.: Doctor of Philosophy in Education**

Social work research & evaluation scholar

4.0 GPA

**Awarded the 2003-2004 Child Welfare Research Doctoral Fellowship by the Idaho Child Welfare Research & Training Center**

2002-2003                      Eastern Washington University                      Cheney, WA

**Master of Social Work (MSW)**

Graduated Phi Kappa Phi (Top 1% of graduating class)

MSW student representative: State board for the National Association of Social Workers

1996-2002                      Lewis Clark State College                      Lewiston, ID

**Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)**

Graduated Cum Lade

President: Student Organization of Social Workers

President: Alpha Psi Omega

Member: Ambassadors Honor Society

## Employment & Experience

July 2004-Present                      Lewis Clark State College                      Lewiston, ID

**Assistant Professor**

Teach & facilitate professional social work & political science courses

-Child Welfare Practice (SW361); Fall 2006

-Introduction to Social Work (SW140); Summer 2005/2006/2007/2008

-Macro Social Work Practice (SW443); Spring 2005/2006/Fall 2006/2007/2008

-Political Science 320: Public Policy Analysis (POLS320); SP-FA 06-07-08

- History of Social Welfare in the U.S. (SW320); Fall 2006/2007

-Social Welfare Services & Policies (SW340); Spring 2006, 2007, 2008

-Advocacy for Social Justice (SW362); Fall 2005/Summer 2006/2007/2008

-Social Work Research Methods/Statistics (SW386); FA 2005/SP 06-08

-Senior Research Project/Design (SW499 A&B); FA-SP 05-06, 06-07, 07-08, Fall 2008

**Past Responsibilities: Title IV-E Training Coordinator:** Teach & facilitate the PRIDE (Parent Resources for Information Development & Education) foster/pre-adopt pre-service training program for the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Region II; Fall 2004-Summer 2006

**August 2005-Present University of Idaho Moscow, ID  
Assistant Adjunct Professor**

Teach & facilitate online graduate qualitative research  
-Introduction to Qualitative Research (ED588/574); Fall 2005/2006/2007/2008

**August 2006-Present Boise State University Boise-Lewiston, ID  
Assistant Adjunct Professor**

Teach & facilitate masters level research courses  
- Research I: Foundations of Research; Summer 2006; Fall 2007  
-Research II: Program Evaluation; Fall 2006; Spring 2007, Spring 2008  
-Social Work Supervision; Spring 2007/2008

**July 2004-Present Certified Adoption Professional for the State of Idaho  
(Private Practitioner)**

Adoption Home Study Facilitation, Adoption Placement, & Supervision

**July 2002-August 2004 Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare Lewiston, ID  
Regional Permanency/Adoption Social Worker/ Contract Monitoring &  
Evaluation Coordinator/ Foster/Pre-Adopt Training Coordinator**

Regional Foster & Adoptive Pre-Service Coordinator/Trainer  
Title IV-E supervisor/coordinator assistant for student placements  
Adoption/permanency case management, consultation, & administration  
Contract monitoring, writing, and evaluation  
Regional & state-wide program evaluation & research administration  
Regional foster care case management & administration  
Child welfare/protection case management & administration  
Emergency on-call consultant & trainer

**July 1998-July 2002 S.L. Start & Associates Lewiston, ID  
Children's Developmental Disability Program Manager/Coordinator**

Program manager/coordinator for developmentally disabled children  
Supervised 12 employees and managed employee performance evaluations  
Program training development and coordination (State-wide)  
Behavioral planning, assessment, development, and training  
Program development and administration  
Program assessment and evaluation & Budget analysis and administration

**July 1998-July 2000      Lewis-Clark State College      Lewiston, ID**

**Security Officer**

Responded to campus emergency calls

Campus patrols

Event security and crowd control

**Honors/ Grant  
Awards**

Awarded the Lewis-Clark State College Alumni Foundation "Young Alumni of the Year Award, 2007-2008.

Authored and Received a 2008 Student Development grant to take 28 social work students to the annual BPD social work conference in the amount of \$8,600.00 with matching division/program funds in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Awarded a 2008 Faculty Development grant in the amount of \$1,400.00 to present a workshop on "hybrid online learning" at the annual BPD social work conference, 2008.

Awarded a 2006 Experiential Learning Faculty Development Grant

Authored and Received Award of a 2006-2007 Student Organization of Social Work Legislative Advocacy Days Grant for 30 Students to Travel to Boise and Attend Legislative Advocacy Days.

Awarded a Lewis-Clark State College 2006 Online Hybrid Course Development Grant

Selected as one of 7 Faculty at Lewis-Clark State College to Pilot and Test the New Blackboard Learning System; 2006

Honorary Faculty Initiation in to the Phi Alpha Honor Society at LCSC; 2006

Selected for the 2006 Idaho Child Welfare Research & Training Center Foster/Adoptive Parent Initiative Project Coordinator's Position

Awarded the 2003-2004 Child Welfare Research Doctoral Fellowship by the Idaho Child Welfare Research & Training Center

2002 Division of Social Sciences Outstanding Achievement Award at Lewis-Clark State College

2002 Student Organization of Social Workers Outstanding Presidential Dedication & Service Award

2003 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Eastern Washington University

2002 Ambassador Honor Society Certificate of Appreciation

**Current: Committee/**

President's Council Member-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2008-Spring 2009

**Volunteer/**

**Community Service/**

Faculty Association/Senate Chair-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2008-Spring 2009

**Appointments**

Faculty Senate Cabinet Chair-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2008-Present

Faculty Senate Member-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2006-Present

Budget Liaison Committee Chair-Lewis Clark State College; Fall 2007-Present

Compensation Review Committee-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2007-Present

Lewis-Clark State College Accreditation Team-Fall 2007-Present

Lewis-Clark State College Student Research Symposium Program Director/Journal Chair; Fall 2005-Present: 11 Programs from LCSC are Participating (Spring 2008)

Center for Rural Aging Planning Committee Co-Chair at Lewis-Clark State College; Spring 2006-Present

Center for Rural Aging Assessment Coordinator-Lewis-Clark State College; Spring 2006-Present

Baccalaureate Education Assessment Program (Beap) National Social Work Education Research Committee. Appointed Spring, 2008-Present

Idaho National Association of Social Workers North Branch Chair; 2007-

Present

Idaho National Association of Social Workers legislative political action representative for the PACE committee; Fall 2005-Present

Idaho National Association of Social Workers State Board Member; Spring 2007-Present

Influencing State Policy Liaison for Lewis-Clark State College; 06-Present

**Prior: Committee/**

Faculty Senate Cabinet Member-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2007-Spring 2008

**Volunteer/**

**Community Service/**

Faculty Senate Chair Elect-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Chair-Faculty Affairs Committee-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Budget Liaison Committee Member-Lewis Clark State College; Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Lewis-Clark State College Foundation Board Member: Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Institutional Review Board Committee Member for Human Assurances for Ethical Research at Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2005-Summer 2007

Student Organization of Social Workers Advisor-Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2006-Present

Idaho Keeping Children Safe Panel Needs Assessment Research Consultant; 2007

Lewis-Clark State College Social Work Program Assessment Coordinator; 2006

Head Start Community Needs Assessment Research Consultant; 2006

Justice Studies Professor Search Committee Member; Summer 2006

Curriculum Committee at Lewis-Clark State College; Fall 2005

Social Work Director Search Committee Member: Summer 2006

Title IV-E Search Committee Chair; Summer 2006

Web Users Group Committee Member-LCSC; Spring 2006

Elected Faculty Senate Chair-Lewis Clark State College; 2008-2009

Baccalaureate Education Assessment Program (BEAP) National Social Work Education Research Committee. Appointed Spring, 2008

## **Appointments**

Elected Faculty Senate Chair Elect-Lewis Clark State College; 2007

Elected as the MSW Student Representative: State Board of the National Association of Social Workers (2002-2003)

Regional Infant Toddler Committee (2001-2002)

President: Student Organization of Social Workers, Lewis-Clark State College (2001-2002)

President: Alpha Psi Omega theatre Fraternity-LCSC (2001-2002)

## **Published & Disseminated Research/Dissertation & Presentations**

Christenson, B.L. & McMurtry, J.M. (2008). A comparative evaluation of preservice training of kinship and non-kinship foster/adoptive families post-post training. *Child Welfare, (Forthcoming)*

Christenson, B.L. & McMurtry, J.M. (2008). Identified gaps and strengths in training and support provided to kinship and non-kinship foster/adoptive families impacting retention and child welfare outcomes. *(Forthcoming)*.

Christenson, B.L. & Downey, E.P. (2008). Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Education Conference and Faculty Development Professional Workshop Presentation, "Developing and engaging a social work learning community through unique "online" and "hybrid" course delivery methods.

- Christenson, B.L., Flores, M., & Barnes, B. (2008). Academic Integrity & Plagiarism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century . Workshop presented at a Thinking Through Lunch faculty/administration workshop.
- Christenson, B.L. & McMurtry, J.M. (2007). A comparative evaluation of preservice training of kinship and non-kinship foster/adoptive families. *Child Welfare, 86* (2), 125-140.
- Christenson, B.L. (2007). The Ethics of Aging. A professional Continuing Education Workshop presented at the National Association of Social Workers, North Branch training workshop. Spring 2007.
- Christenson, B.L. (2006). AN EMPIRICAL-BASED EVALUATION MODEL OF RECRUITMENT, PRE-SERVICE TRAINING, SUPPORT, AND RETENTION OF KINSHIP AND NON-KINSHIP FOSTER/ADOPTIVE FAMILIES: A Dissertation Presented in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Education in the College of Graduate Studies. University of Idaho
- Christenson, B.L. & McMurtry, J.M. (2005). Developing a community of learners through online learning: A teaming best practice case from adult education and social work. Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education, 2005 International Conference Journal. Presented Paper at the International E-Learning Conference in Vancouver, October 2005.
- Christenson, B.L. (2003). Youth exiting foster care: Efficacy of independent living services in Idaho. Jim Casey Youth Foundation. (Disseminated in publication and through the Jim Casey Youth Foundation). Available at <http://www.jimcaseyyouth.org>.
- Christenson, B.L. (2004). PRIDE initial pre-service foster/adoptive parent training evaluation. Idaho Child Welfare Research & Training Center, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- Christenson, B.L. (2004). Child welfare "Best" practice recommendations for the future success of foster and adoptive family recruitment, training, support, and retention. Idaho Child Welfare Research & Training Center, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- Christenson, B.L. & Amaral, S. (2005). Final state-wide pre-service training evaluation. Idaho Child Welfare Research & Training Center, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

## **Professional Memberships**

Member: National Association of Social Workers (National & State)  
Member: Baccalaureate Program Directors Member (National)  
Member: Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society  
Member: Phi Alpha Honor Society  
Member: Knights of Columbus

## **Professional Goals**

Continued Professional Social Work and Social Science Educator at Lewis-Clark State College with the Initial Goal of Tenured Track Service

Continued Professional Research Education and Development

Continued College and Community Service and Leadership

Lewis-Clark Center for Rural Aging development

Lewis-Clark State College Student Research Symposium

Lewis-Clark State College Student Research Journal

To continue to provide for the education, health & well-being of Idahoans through professional "Best" practice, research, evaluation, education, advocacy, community collaboration, and educational program integrity

## **Long Term Career Goals**

Social Work Program Director Appointment

Division Chair Appointment

Institutional Dean Appointment