

# Amy Strickler, MSW, LSW

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## **EDUCATION**

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Columbia University, School of Social Work; Masters of Social Work  
Honors: Dean's List

University of California, San Diego; Bachelor of Science in Sociology  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude  
Honors: Dean's List

## **TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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**Rutgers University, School of Social Work**

**Assistant Director, Intensive Weekend Program**

**July 2012 - Present**

*Major responsibilities include:*

- Program planning and management for the Intensive Weekend Graduate MSW Program.
- Coordinate all aspects of field education for IWP students, including development of field procedures, identifying field agencies, securing social work practicum in appropriate settings, and working directly with field instructors and liaisons.
- Lead field advisor for Intensive Weekend Program students (approx. 225 students), around issues related to maintaining expectations for social work practicum education trajectory.

**Rutgers University, School of Social Work**

**Assistant Professor of Teaching**

**July 2020 - Present**

Courses taught:

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- Seminar in Field Instruction
- Field Education Workshops

**Rutgers University, School of Social Work**

**Instructor of Teaching**

**June 2012 – July 2020**

Courses taught:

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- Seminar in Field Instruction
- Field Education Workshops

**Rutgers University, School of Social Work**

**Field Coordinator, Intensive Weekend Program**

**July 2011- June 2012**

*Major responsibilities included:*

- Coordinate field education for Intensive Weekend Program students in North/Central Jersey, including generating field placements, monitoring student progress and overseeing field liaisons.
- Field Advisor for Intensive Weekend students in North Jersey (approx. 60 students)

**Rutgers University, School of Social Work**  
**Lead Field Liaison, Intensive Weekend Program**  
**Field Liaison, Intensive Weekend Program and Newark Campus**

**September 2010-July 2011**  
**September 2008-Sept. 2010**

*Major responsibilities included:*

- Provide guidance to field liaisons, monitor student's field education trajectory, serve as a link between the student's field placement agency and the Rutgers School of Social Work.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Seedlings Adoption Agency, Whippany, NJ**

**Adoption Social Worker**

**September 2000- July 2008**

*Major responsibilities included:*

- Develop curriculum for pre and post adoption training.
- Conduct pre and post adoption training and counseling
- Complete biopsychosocial assessments for prospective adoptive families.

**Lower East Side Family Union, NYC, NY**

**Development Coordinator**

**June 1996-August 2000**

*Major responsibilities included:*

- Research and compose grant proposals and reports for funders.
- Coordinate grant related activities of key program managers.

**Lower East Side Family Union, NYC, NY**

**Associate Executive Director**

**July 1987-June 1996**

*Major responsibilities included:*

- Overall program management of agency with 2k budget.
- Supervision of management staff.
- Developed and implemented all in-service training.

**Lower East Side Family Union, NYC, NY**

**Outreach Coordinator**

**July 1981-June 1987**

*Major responsibilities included:*

- Develop and implement centralized intake and outreach unit.
- Supervise outreach workers.
- Conduct community education workshops.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Strickler, A. (2023). Who do I look like: identity formation for one who has been adopted. *Concerned Persons for Adoption Newsletter*, Spring 2023, page 3,

Strickler, A., (2022). An Adoptee's Response to the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* Decision. *Journal of Adoption & Culture*, vol. 10, no. 2, 2022. <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/30/article/872827/pdf>

O'Donoghue, M. & Schley, N. & Snedeker, L., Strickler, A. (2022). Reflections on Trends and Social Justice Impacting on Field Education, *NASW New Jersey FOCUS*, Volume 31, Number 3, NJ, January 2022.

Strickler, A & Dodd., Mark. (2021). School Success! *National Council on Adoptable Children Adoptalk*, 2021 Issue 3, page 3-6.

Strickler, A. (2021). Covid and Our Kids. *Concerned Persons for Adoption Newsletter*, Fall 2021, page 3.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### National/peer reviewed:

Strickler, A. & Ross, A., *What about kinship care? Two adoptees and their birth mother discuss the road not taken.* Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture, October 2021. Conducted virtually.

Schwartz, R. & Schley, N. Strickler, A., *Managing challenges in field education-a collaborative model for student success.* Council on Social Work Education APM, Denver Colorado, November 2020. Conducted virtually.

Strickler, A. & Dodd, M., *School success for the adopted child: understand and overcome the challenges!* National Adoption Conference, College Park, Maryland, June 2020. Conducted virtually

Deglau, E. & Strickler, A., *Making it work: Hybrid education options for the post-traditional, employed social work student.* Council on Social Work Education APM, Denver Colorado, October 2019.

Schwartz, R. & Strickler, A., *Less is more: Enhancing field education to meet the needs of students.* Council on Social Work Education APM, Denver Colorado, October 2019.

Deglau, E. & Strickler, A. *Looking forward, looking back: MSW education and child welfare reform in New Jersey 2006-present.* 2019 National IV-E Roundtable for Child Welfare Training and Education in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 2019.

Strickler, A. & Deglau, E. *Making it work: pedagogically sound field placements for human service employees.* Discussion Group for Council on Social Work Education 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Program Meeting in Denver, Colorado, October, 2015.

Deglau, E., Strickler, A. *MSW Field Placements in Public Child Welfare.* Roundtable at the Council on Social Work Education 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2012.

### Regional /peer reviewed:

Dodd, M. & Strickler, A., *Effective Implementation of the Emotional Regulation Classification: An Opportunity for Social Justice.* National Association of Social Workers- NJ, Atlantic City, April 2023. Accepted

Deglau, E. & Strickler, A., Dickson, F. *Breakout Boom: Updates that enhance instructor ability to create collaborative learning spaces for students in Big Blue Button (BBB).* Workshop for Rutgers Online Learning Annual Conference, March 2020, Conducted virtually

Deglau, E., & Strickler, A., *Social Workers and Child Welfare in New Jersey: Opportunities for Collaboration.* National Association of Social Workers- NJ, Atlantic City, NJ, April 2020, Conducted Virtually.

Strickler, A & Deglau E., *Bringing Synchronous live-Alive!* Workshop for Rutgers Teaching and Learning with Technology. Workshop for Rutgers On line Learning Conference, March 18, 2019.

Deglau, E. & Strickler, A., *Making it work: Technology Assisted Hybrid Education for Non-Traditional Students.* Workshop for Rutgers Online Learning Annual Conference, March 12, 2018.

Deglau, E. & Strickler, *Class Live to Collaborate.* Workshop for Rutgers University Center for Online and Hybrid Learning and Instructional Technology (COHLIT) Annual Conference, January 12, 2016.

Deglau, E. & Strickler, *Going Live: Extending the classroom.* Workshop for Rutgers University Center for Online and Hybrid Learning and Instructional Technology (COHLIT) Annual Conference, January 15, 2015.

### **Regional:**

Strickler, A., *From Fear to Cheer! How to Relieve Holiday Stress within an Adoptive Family.* Concerned People for Adoption mini conference, November 2022. *Conducted virtually.*

Strickler, A. & Dodd, M., “Ask the Experts” Panel Series: *How Can a Social Worker Help Relieve Stress?* Bank of America Manhattan Branches Health and Wellness Committee. August 2022. *Conducted Virtually*

Strickler, A., *Back to School: Now What?* Concerned People for Adoption mini conference, October, 2021. *Conducted virtually.*

Strickler, A., Snedeker, L., Schley, N., O'Donoghue, M., *Preserving Relationships in Virtual Social Work Field Instruction, Voices from the Field,* Rutgers School of Social Work, April 2021. *Conducted virtually*

Strickler, A., Morales, C., Dodd, M., *The School Experience for the Adoptee: Challenges and Strategies for Success,* Concerned People for Adoption, The NJ Interagency Adoption Council and the Rutgers School of Social Work Annual “Let’s Talk Adoption” mini conference, November 2020. *Conducted virtually.*

Strickler, A. & Morales, C. *School Success for the Adoptee: Meeting the Challenges.* Concerned People For Adoption, The NJ Interagency Adoption Council and the Rutgers School of Social Work Annual “Let’s Talk Adoption” Conference, May 4, 2019.

Strickler, A. & Dodd, M. *Search and Reunion in International Adoption.* Workshop for Concerned People For Adoption’s, The NJ Interagency Adoption Council and the Rutgers School of Social Work Annual “Let’s Talk Adoption” Conference, April 1, 2017

### **SERVICE TO THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

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- Search Committee for Director of the Intensive Weekend Program 2022
- Participant on Annual Review Committee 2021
- Co-course Coordinator for Human Behavior in the Social Environment 2016-present
- Consultation with re-accreditation assessment committee 2015-2016
- Reviewer for SSW scholarship 2016, 2017
- Reviewer for the CPFA scholarship 2019
- Consultation with SSW IT to update SSW data warehouse 2012-present

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY**

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- Abstract reviewer for Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Abstract reviewer for Bi-Annual Conference, Adoption Initiatives Conference, 2020, 2022
- Program Coordinator, provide oversight of Conference Planners, abstract reviewer, evaluate for CE certification in conjunction with Rutgers Continuing Education. Concerned Persons for Adoption Annual “Let’s Talk Adoption” Conference, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Conference Planner, Adoption Initiatives Conference, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Board Member, Golden Cradle Adoption Agency, Cherry Hill, NJ, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Rutgers Academic Coordinator for MCWEP, the NJ Title IV-E Program, 2011-Present

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE**

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- Volunteer: Toni’s Kitchen and Clothing Resource Program 2022
- Volunteer: Blue Wave registration and “get out the vote” campaigns 2020, 2021, 2022
- Volunteer: Human Needs Food Pantry, Montclair, NJ, 2000-present

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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Member, National Association of Social Workers

Member, Council on Social Work Education

Member, Concerned People for Adoption

State of New Jersey Licensed Social Worker (LSW), 2004

State of New York Licensed Social Worker (LMSW) 2004

Field Supervisor, Completed Seminar in Field Instruction 1983

Certificate in Adoption, Rutgers University, 2006