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**Education:** Ph.D., *Fielding Graduate University* (2006)

- Human and Organizational Systems

Master of Social Work, *University of Michigan* (1995)

Bachelor of Arts, *Brown University* (1994)

- Ethics and Political Philosophy
- Logic and The Philosophy of Science

**Academic Appointments:**

August, 2009 – present *Chair*  
*Department of Social Work, Humboldt State University*  
*Arcata, CA*

August, 2009 – present *Associate Professor*  
*Department of Social Work, Humboldt State University*  
*Arcata, CA*

August, 2006 – Aug., 2010 *Director, Undergraduate Social Work Program*  
*Department of Social Work, Humboldt State University*  
*Arcata, CA*

August, 2004 – July, 2009 *Assistant Professor*  
*Department of Social Work, Humboldt State University*  
*Arcata, CA*

January, 2000 – May, 2004 *Lecturer*  
*Department of Social Work, Humboldt State University*  
*Arcata, CA*

**Research Projects:**

July, 2010 – present *Principal Investigator, Baccalaureate Experiential Learning Program*  
National Center for Gerontological Social Work Education  
*Total Program Cost: \$4,000*

August, 2009 – present *Principal Investigator, Child Welfare Training Program*  
University of California – Berkeley, California Social Work  
Education Center  
*Total Program Cost: \$1,874,135*

- August, 2009 – present *Principal Investigator, Mental Health Educational Stipend Program*  
University of California – Berkeley, California Social Work Education Center  
*Total Program Cost: \$143,438*
- January, 2008 – December, 2008 *Principal Investigator, Treatment Effect of Medical Marijuana Use During Substance Abuse Treatment*  
Marijuana Policy Project  
*Total Program Cost: \$15,000*

**Professional Experience:**

- July, 2001 – November, 2007 *Instructor, University of California-Davis, Center for Human Services*  
Davis, CA
- August, 2001 - present *Organizational Consultant (private)*  
Eureka, CA
- November, 1999 – October, 2000 *Program Manager, HOPES House, Youth Service Bureau*  
Eureka, CA
- July, 1998 – January, 2000 *Social Worker, Humboldt County Office of Education-Project FAIR*  
Eureka, CA
- March, 1997 – June, 1998 *Social Worker, Juvenile Rights Project*  
Portland, OR
- October, 1997- March, 1998 *Program Developer/Adolescent Counselor, Watershed Youth Services*  
Portland, OR
- July, 1996 - March, 1997 *Child and Family Therapist, Parry Center for Children*  
Portland, OR
- March, 1996 - July, 1996 *Counselor, Morrison Center for Children*  
Portland, OR
- Dec., 1994 - Dec., 1995 *Counselor, Washtenaw Council on Alcoholism*  
Ann Arbor, MI

**Writing/Publications:**

- Swartz, R. (2010). [Medical marijuana users in substance abuse treatment. \*Harm Reduction Journal\*, 7\(3\).](#)
- Swartz, R. (2009). [Affirming the "S" in HBSE through the Socio-Cultural Discourses of Lev Vygotsky, Barbara Myerhoff, Jerome Bruner, and Ken Gergen. \*Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment\*, 19\(7\).](#) Note: The linked version is an earlier version. The published version is referenced [here](#).

- Swartz, R. (2009). "Reflections on Power and Privilege." In Congress, E., Black, P., & Strom-Gottfried, K. *Teaching Social Work Values and Ethics: A Curriculum Resource, Second Edition*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education Press.
- Swartz, R. (2009). "Values and Ethics: The Philosophy of Social Work – MSW Course." In Congress, E., Black, P., & Strom-Gottfried, K. *Teaching Social Work Values and Ethics: A Curriculum Resource, Second Edition*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education Press.
- Swartz, R. (2008). [Some will rob you with a six gun, some with a fountain pen: social work education and the ecological folk wisdom of Woody Guthrie.](#) *MERLOT*.
- Swartz, R. (2007). [Social Work Values in An Age of Complexity.](#) *Journal of Social Work Values & Ethics, 4(3)*.
- Swartz R. (2005). Making The Most With The Time You've Got: Myths and Real Experiences in Human Service Systems. In Gordon, L.J., Tullis, K., Handon, A., Sowders, S. (Eds.) *Building on family strengths: Research and services in support of children and their families. 2004 conference proceedings*. Portland, OR: Portland State University, Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health. 117-121.
- Swartz, R. (2004). Narrative Work in Public Social Services through Wraparound Planning. *Journal of Systemic Therapies, 23(2)*.
- Swartz, R. (2004). The Spirit of Brief Work in the Human Services. In Gordon, L. J., Tullis, K., Hanson, A., Magee, A., Everhart, M., & Bradley, J. (Eds.). (2004). *Building on family strengths: Research and services in support of children and their families. 2002 conference proceedings*. Portland, OR: Portland State University, Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health.
- Swartz, R., & Northcutt, J. (Eds.). (1999). *Temper Taming Guidebook*. Eureka, CA: Humboldt County Office of Education.
- Swartz, R. (1999). Invitations to Collaboration: Relative Influence Questioning. *Humboldt County Celebrates, June*.
- Swartz, R. (1999). Invitations to Collaboration: People and Problems. *Humboldt County Celebrates, April*.

### **Trainings/Presentations:**

- Swartz, R. (2007). Graduating Baccalaureate Student Conceptions of Strength-Based Social Work Practice. Poster. Fielding Graduate University Research Session, Summer.
- Swartz, R. (2007). Extending Narrative Practice. HSU Extended Education Presentation. March.
- Swartz, R. (2007). Some will rob you with a six-gun, some with a fountain pen: teaching social justice using the songs of Woody Guthrie and Ani DiFranco. Northcoast Education Encounter. March.
- Swartz, R. (2007). Introducing Narrative Practice. HSU Extended Education Presentation. February.
- Swartz, R. (2006). Skills to Facilitate Family Change. Nevada County Health and Human Services Presentation.
- Swartz, R. (2004). Engaging Non-Voluntary Clients. Sutter County Department of Health and Human Services Presentation.
- (2004). *8 (or so) Myths and Real Experiences in Human Service Systems*. Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Building on Family Strengths Conference. Portland, OR

- (2004). *Engaging Nonvoluntary Clients*. Sutter County Department of Human Services. Yuba City, CA.
- (2003). *Putting the “Om” Back in Communication*. Northcoast Mentor Project. Humboldt County, CA
- (2003). *The Spirit of Brief Therapy*. Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Branch. Eureka, CA
- (2002). *Narrative Work in Social Service Settings*. International Narrative Therapy and Community Work Conference. Atlanta, GA
- (2002). *Skills to Facilitate Family Change*. Placer County Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s System of Care. Roseville, CA.
- (2002). *The Spirit of Brief Work in the Human Services*. Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children’s Mental Health 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Building on Family Strengths Conference. Portland, OR
- (2002). *Narrative Approaches to Family Therapy*. Humboldt State University Office of Extended Education. Humboldt County, CA
- (2002). *Skills to Facilitate Family Change*. Nevada County Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Department, Child Protective Services. Nevada City, CA
- (2001). *Collaborative, Community-Based Juvenile Delinquency Prevention*. Humboldt State University. Humboldt County, CA
- (2002). *Wraparound Planning*. Mentally Ill Offenders Crime Reduction Program. Humboldt County, CA
- (2001). *Personal and Political Histories*. The Roots of Poverty and Violence Conference. Humboldt County, CA
- (2001). *The Spirit of Brief Therapy*. Humboldt State University Office of Extended Education. Humboldt County, CA
- (2001). *Power and Privilege*. Eureka High School Week of Dialogue. Eureka, CA
- (2001). *Collaborative, Community-Based Juvenile Delinquency Prevention*. Humboldt State University. Humboldt County, CA
- (2000). *Resisting Conflict*. Northcoast Mentor Project. Humboldt County, CA
- (2000). *Working with Youth*. Redwood National Park Service. Humboldt County, CA
- (2000). *Effective Therapies: Strength-Based Work for The New Millennium*. Humboldt State University Office of Extended Education. Humboldt County, CA
- (2000). *Collaborative, Community-Based Juvenile Delinquency Prevention*. Humboldt State University. Humboldt County, CA
- (1999). *Competency, Collaboration, and Accountability*. Humboldt State University Office of Extended Education. Humboldt County, CA
- (1999). *Re-constructing Boundaries*. Northcoast Mentor Project. Humboldt County, CA
- (1999). *Competency and Collaboration: A Perspective*. Youth Service Bureau. Eureka, CA
- (1999). *Child and Family Teams*. Humboldt County Probation Department. Humboldt County, CA
- (1999). *Competency-Based Approaches to Working With Children and Families*. Humboldt Women for Shelter. Humboldt County, CA
- (1999). *Changing Conversations: Strength-Based Approaches to Therapeutic Work*, Humboldt County, CA
- (1999). *Collaborative, Community-Based Juvenile Delinquency Prevention*. Humboldt State University. Humboldt County, CA
- (1999). *Wraparound Planning*. Fortuna Healthy Start. Fortuna, CA
- (1995). *Briefer Therapy*. Washtenaw Council on Alcoholism. Ann Arbor, MI.

**Present and Past Memberships/Community Involvement:**

- Better Together Grassroots Grants Program Review Committee

- First 5 Humboldt Parent and Family Support Committee
- California Department of Social Services Certified Wraparound Trainer
- Central Hub Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Child Welfare Services Community Advisory Committee
- Every Child Collaborative Flex Fund Review Committee
- Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Branch  
Subcommittees on Children's Services and Cultural Competency
- Humboldt County Mental Health Advisory Board
- Humboldt Community NETwork
- Humboldt County Student Attendance Review Board
- Humboldt County Whole Child Interagency Council
- Mad River Hospital Bioethics Committee
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Association of Family-Based Services
- North Coast Association of Mental Health Professionals