

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Sept 2022-Present

Chair, Macro Curriculum Committee  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
Graduate College of Social Work  
University of Houston  
Houston, TX

Sept 2021-Sept 2022

Practicum Faculty, Practicum Liaison  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
Graduate College of Social Work  
University of Houston  
Houston, TX

**EDUCATION**

Master of Social Work

Specialization: Political Social Work

University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work  
Houston, TX  
2012

Bachelor of Arts, Communication & Journalism

Minor: LGBT Studies

University of Houston, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
Houston, TX  
2010

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Courses Developed**

***University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work (MSW)***  
Confronting Oppression and Injustice (co-developed)

**Courses Taught- Face to Face**

***University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work (MSW)***

Practice Skills (Co-lead)  
Social Policy Analysis  
Social Work Practice in Organizations  
Organizational Behavior and Change (Summer 2016)  
Introduction to GLBT Studies (Fall 2012 – Spring 2013)

## **MENTORING ACTIVITIES**

### **University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work (MSW)**

Practicum Liaison for 70+ students  
External Practicum Instructor  
Social Justice Workers collaborative, volunteer  
MACRO Network student group  
UH GCSW Alumni Mentorship Program  
Independent Studies: Exploration of Macro Social Work

## **AWARDS**

*Pride Grand Marshal, First Female-Identifying Asian American in Houston History*

Pride Houston  
June, 2021

*Unsung Champion Award*

Female Founders Alliance  
August, 2020

*Field Site Supervisor of Year Award*

Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program, Congressional Hunger Center  
2019 – 2020

Humanitarian Award

Student Association, Graduate College of Social Work  
University of Houston  
2018

*Most Valuable Volunteer*

20th Annual Gayest & Greatest Readers' Choice Awards  
OutSmart Magazine  
October, 2016

*President's Award for Distinguished Community Service*

The Houston GLBT Political Caucus  
September, 2016

*Social Worker of the Year*

National Association of Social Workers Houston  
February, 2015

Mahatma Gandhi Peace Award

Graduate College of Social Work  
University of Houston

2012

Woman of the World Award  
University of Houston  
2009

Presidential Excellence Award: President of the LGBT student organization GLOBAL  
University of Houston  
2009

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Pang, M. (September 6, 2017). As city rebuilds, we must leave no Houstonian behind. *Houston Chronicle*. <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/As-city-rebuilds-we-must-leave-no-Houstonian-12178155.php>

## **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

### *Making a Difference*

Food scarcity and civic engagement presentation for the high school senior class  
Harmony School of Nature in Fort Worth; 2015

### *Let's Fly Learning Luncheon Series*

Facilitated summer programming and facilitated guest panels on immigration, foster care, LGBTQ rights, food scarcity, and more  
First Person; 2014-2015

### *Organic Leadership*

Community Garden Orientation Series  
Urban Harvest; 2014

### *Building Cultural Diversity and Cultural Competency*

Keeping Infants and Toddlers Safe Conference at the  
United Way; 2014

## **PRESS**

Ep. 22, "Melanie: Social Worker, Community Organizer, University Professor"  
Paths In Progress Podcast with Carrie Young; March 2022

### *Ep. 10 "The Audacity of Three Meals a Day"*

H-Town Progressive Podcast; Sept 2021

### *Generations on the Rise*

AAPI Houstonian stories  
Houston Public Media; May 2019

### *Food insecurity feature*

Growing Up in America radio show  
Children at Risk; Dec 2018

*The Story Behind the Faces*  
LOCAL Magazine; 2015

*LGBTQ Asian Americans Leading Houston*  
OutSmart Magazine; May 2015

*Houston Gives*  
Houston Chronicle; March 2015

*20 Queer People of Color You Should Know*  
OutSmart Magazine; May 2014

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

#### **University of Houston**

Member, University of Houston Campus Recreation Advisory Board  
Fall 2022-Fall 2025

#### **University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work**

MSW Curriculum Committee  
Fall 2022-present

Macro Curriculum Committee  
Chair, Fall 2022-present  
Member, Spring 2022-present

### **POST-MSW PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

Director of Advocacy (June 2020 - March 2021)  
Government Relations Officer (Oct 2018 – Jun 2020)  
Houston Food Bank  
Houston, TX

Manager of Emergency Services (Sept 2017 - Sept 2018)  
Qualitative Research and Evaluation Manager (Jan 2016 – Sept 2018)  
Case Manager, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (April 2011 – Nov 2011)  
The Salvation Army of Greater Houston  
Houston, TX

Program Director, Voices for Change  
One Voice Texas  
Houston, TX  
Sept 2015 – Jan 2016

Training Director

First Person LLC  
Feb 2014 – Sept 2015

Community Case Manager - St. Jerome's Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Foster Care Program  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
Dec 2012 – Feb 2014

Community Projects Specialist  
Collaborative for Children/CAN DO Houston  
AmeriCorps  
July 2012 – Oct 2012

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Co-Creator/Contributor  
Public Benefits Hub; Community Disaster Recovery Design Phase 'Potluck'  
Connective  
2021-2022

Volunteer  
Transgender Education Network of Texas  
March - May 2021

Co-Chair  
Mayor Turner's LGBTQ Advisory Board  
June 2016 – Sept 2018

Volunteer  
Gender Infinity Conference  
Sept 2016, Oct 2015

Board Member, Volunteer  
Hawthorne Homeless Youth Dinner  
Open Gate Ministries  
March 2013 – July 2014

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Ukombozi Fellow  
The Race Equity Leadership & Research Collective  
2021 - 2022

New Leaders Council Fellow, Class III 2017  
New Leaders Council, Houston  
2017 – 2018

Alumna, Class of XXXIII  
Leadership Houston  
2014 –2015

Rising Star  
League of Women Voters  
2014