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Education:

BA, Brooklyn College, 1967
MSW, School of Social Work University of Pittsburgh, 1968
DSW, School of Social Work Columbia University, 1977

Work Experience:

Present: Professor, School of Social Work, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Educator:

1992-94 Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
1989-91 Lecturer, Department of Social Work, Chinese University of Hong Kong. Courses in policy and planning, HBSE, research.
1987 Associate Professor, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Southern Mississippi. Courses in community organization, social policy and planning, HBSE and health care systems; field liaison; research and advisement.
1978-85 Chairman, Macro Sequence and Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY: Develop curriculum, field placements and goals for the specialization in community organization, planning and administration. Teach courses in social planning, community organization, organizational behavior, research, social policy and the economics of welfare.

Administration and research:

1977-78 Director of Research, The Secretary's Public Health Services Hospitals Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, DC: Supervisor of field staff, development of research design, analysis of data and formulation of policy recommendations.

1974-76 Staff Officer, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC: Policy study of long term care in the Veterans Administration. Development of study design, supervision of field staff, committee liaison, data analysis and report.

1973-74 Policy Analyst, Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC: Policy study of Freedom of Information Act. Consultation with Congressional staffs.

1968-71 Special Assistant, Community Health Service, United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, DC: Assist Deputy Director and then Acting Director in the administration of this \$250 million program: speeches, grant supervision, contract development, intergovernmental relations, consultations on comprehensive and community health planning, analysis of policy and personnel.

Community organization:

1963-65 Peace Corps Volunteer, Colombia, South America: Rural community development.

1967-68 Action Housing, Pittsburgh, PA: Urban community organization.

1968 National Welfare Rights Organization, Pittsburgh, PA: Organizer.

1974 Maureen A. Thompson for the Legislature, Montgomery County, MD.

1975 United Way, Prince Georges County, Md.: Organized steering group for a health maintenance organization feasibility study.

Consultant:

1991-92 SterlingHobe Corp. Washington, DC. Issue management, research and analysis. US Public Health Service, Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance, Washington, DC, evaluation and community services consultation.

1988-89 Evaluation, strategic planning, issue management. Maryland Association of County Health Officers, Montgomery County Health Department, SterlingHobe Corporation, National School Board Association, others.

1987 Governor's Office, State of Mississippi: Evaluation of Social Service Block Grant Program. Strategic options and recommendations.

1986 Integrated Mental Health, Inc., Rochester, NY: Design of a comprehensive evaluation plan for this experiment in capitated mental health services. Design of staff training and planning activities.

1985 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, US Department of Justice, Washington, DC: Grant review and technical consultation.

1985 Local 41 International Brotherhood of Electricians, Orchard Park, NY: Membership survey and analysis of the local social role of organized labor.

1981 American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC: Membership survey and technical report.

1987 Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences: Preparation of Congressional testimony.

1977 Veterans Administration, Washington, DC: Consultation on the politics and the management of long term care.

1974 Antioch School of Law, Washington, DC: Assisted in the development of a curriculum in child advocacy for the law students.

1974 National Consumers' League, Washington, DC: Developed a proposal for an organizer's handbook.

1972-76 Community Health Service, DHEW, Washington, DC: Many short term administrative assignments.

1966 Community Action Associates, Pittsburgh, PA: work for the US Senate's evaluation of OEO.

Reports and Scholarly Publications

Dissertation:

William M. Epstein. *The Domiciliary Program in the Veterans Administration* Columbia University, 1977.

Books:

William M. Epstein (in press 2017) *The Masses are the Ruling Classes* New York: Oxford University Press.

William M. Epstein (2013). *Empowerment as Ceremony* New Jersey: Transaction Publishers.

William M. Epstein 2010. *Democracy without Decency: Good Citizenship and the War on Poverty* State Park, PA: Penn State University Press.

William M. Epstein. 2006. *Psychotherapy as Religion: The Civil Divine in America* Reno, Nevada: University of Nevada Press.

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Articles in refereed journals and book chapters:

William M. Epstein. 2017(in press) "The Romantic Retreat is not Club Med." *Research on Social Work Practice*.

Caputo, R.K., Epstein W.M, Stoesz D. and B. Thyer. (In press) "Postmodernism: A Deadend in Social Work Epistemology," *Journal of Social Work Education*.

William M. Epstein. 2012. "Romantic Social Work." *Society* 49(6):52-533.

William M. Epstein. 2010. "Romanticism, Community, and Social Services." *Journal of Comparative Social Welfare* 26(2-3).

William M. Epstein. 2006. "Response Bias in Opinion Polls and American Social Welfare." *Social Science Journal*, 43(3).

William M. Epstein. 2006. "The Lighter Side of Deception Research: Social Work as Comedy," *Journal of Information Ethics*. 5(1):11-27.

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- William M. Epstein. 2001. "Critical Analysis" in Bruce Thyer (ed.) *Handbook of Research Methods in Social Work*, Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publishers.
- William M. Epstein. 2000. "Social Efficiency and Social Work Research" in J. Hopps and R. Morris (eds.) *Social Work at the Millennium*, New York: Free Press.
- William M. Epstein. 1999. "The Ineffectiveness of Psychotherapy." in C. Feltham (ed.) *Controversies in Psychotherapy and Counseling*. London: Sage Publishers.
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- William M. Epstein. 1995. "Social Work in the University." *Journal of Social Work Education*, 32(2):281-292.
- William M. Epstein. 1994. "Economic Development and Social Welfare in the Third World: The End of Romance." *Journal of International and Comparative Social Welfare*, 4:107-137.
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- William M. Epstein. 1992. "Randomized Controlled Trials for the Human Services in the Modern Chinese Context." in S.K. Lau, *The Development of Social Indicators Research in Chinese Societies*, Hong Kong.
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Research reports:

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William M. Epstein. *Staff Report*, monograph report to the Public Health Services Hospitals Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, 1978. (160 pages)

William M. Epstein. *Planning Options for the Social Service Block Grant Program in the State of Mississippi*. Monograph report to the Office of Policy and Planning, Office of the Governor, State of Mississippi. November, 1987. (150 pages)

William M. Epstein. *Long Term Care Nursing Programs in the Veterans Administration*, monograph report to the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, 1977. (175 pages)

William M. Epstein. *Evaluation: A World of Difference*. Anti-Defamation League, Las Vegas, Nevada. February 4, 1998.

William M. Epstein. *Evaluation Plan for Integrated Mental Health Inc.* Report to Integrated Mental Health Inc., Rochester, NY, 1986. (30 pages)

William M. Epstein. *1980 Membership Survey*, Report to the American Society for Microbiology, 1980. (75 pages)

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Cartel.” Research on Social Work Practice.

William M. Epstein. (In press) *The Therapy Industry: The Irresistible Rise of the Talking Cure, and Why It Doesn't Work* Research on Social Work Practice.

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William M. Epstein. 2013. “Denial is not a River in Egypt.” Essay review of *Toward Evidence Based Practice: Variations on a Theme* Research on Social Work Practice 23(4):479-481.

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William M. Epstein. 2009. Essay Review: Social Work with Volunteers by M. E. Sherr. Research on Social Work Practice. 19(3):375-377.

William M. Epstein. 2008. “The True Hypocrites.” Essay Review: Social Work Dialogues by Stanley Witkin and Dennis Saleebey. Research on Social Work Practice. 18(1):82-4.

William M. Epstein. 2007 “Prisoners of Splenda.” Review Essay: Transformation of the Welfare State: The Silent Surrender of Public Responsibility by Neil Gilbert; Social Capital and Welfare Reform: Organizations, Congregations and Communities by Jo Anne Schneider; Authentic happiness: Using the New Positive Psychology to Realize your Potential for Lasting Fulfillment by Martin Seligman Research on Social Work Practice 17 (1):151-156

William M. Epstein. 2006. Book review: *Quixote's Ghost* by David Stoesz. Research on Social Work Practice 238-240.

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- William M. Epstein. 2000. Book Review: *No Shame in my Game and Falling from Grace* by Katherine Newman. 'Yes, Shame on your Game.'" *Labor History*. 41(2):235-237.
- William M. Epstein. 1995. Book Review. *Fatherless America* by David Blankenthorn. *Society*. 33(6):98-92.
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- William M. Epstein. Response. *Family Preservation Journal*.
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- William M. Epstein. 2003. "The Epstein Euthanasia Plan." *Journal of Irreproducible Results*.
- William M. Epstein. 1999. Book Review: *Wasted: The Plight of America's Unwanted Children* by Patrick Murphy. "The Perils of Memoirist-Reportage." *Children and Youth Services Review*. 21(8):691-695.
- William M. Epstein. 1999. Book Review: *Shifting the Color Line* by Robert Lieberman. *Social Forces*. 77(4):1640-1642.
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- William M. Epstein. 1993. Book Review. *Ethnicity and Biculturalism: Emerging Perspectives of Social Group Work*, Kenneth L. Chau (editor) *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology*, 30 (2) 222-3.
- William M. Epstein. "Ethics and Deception Methods." (letter) *Social Work*, November, 1990, p. 571.

Referee

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Editorial Board Member

Children and Youth Services Review; Journal of Comparative Social Welfare; Journal of Irreproducible Results; International Encyclopedia of Social Development; International Advisory Group for *International Social Work*

Presentations:

William M. Epstein. Confirmation Response Bias in Social Work Journals. APM CSWE. March 1, 2005. New York City.

William M. Epstein. Cleavage in American Attitudes toward Social Welfare and the Role of Social Work. The Policy Conference. August, 2003. Charleston, SC.

William M. Epstein. Cleavage in American Attitudes toward Social Welfare: Evidence from the GSS. Annual meeting Society for Social Work Research. January 17-20, 2002. San Diego, CA.

William M. Epstein. Cleavage in American Attitudes toward Social Welfare: Evidence from the NES, CBS/NY Times Polls, and others. APM CSWE. February, 2002. Nashville, TN.

William M. Epstein. Skills and Discipline to Lead and Organize. Social Welfare Action Alliance Philadelphia, PA. June 30, 2001.

William M. Epstein. "The Social Work Imagination: An Alternative to Long-Term Foster Care." Annual Meeting, American Society for Criminology, November 22, 1997, San Diego, California.

William M. Epstein. Authors Roundtable: The Transition from Incompetence to Deception. APM CSWE. March, 2000.

William M. Epstein. American Cruelty: Social Welfare and the National Ethos. UNLV Forum Lecture. April 14, 2000.

William M. Epstein. Authors Roundtable. APM CSWE. March, 1998. Orlando, Florida.

William M. Epstein. "Welfare and Welfare Reform." UNLV Forum Lecture. September 18, 1997. Las Vegas, Nevada.

William M. Epstein. Authors Roundtable. APM CSWE. March, 1996. Washington, DC.

William M. Epstein. Authors Roundtable. APM CSWE. March, 1994. Atlanta.

William M. Epstein. "Psychotherapy and Social Policy." UNLV Forum Lecture. October 27, 1994. Las Vegas, Nevada.

William M. Epstein. "The Necessity of Research in Contemporary Social Work Practice" Field instructors meeting. April 23, 1993. Las Vegas, Nevada.

William M. Epstein. "The Problems of US Labor Unions: An Opportunity for Macro Social Work Education," Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, 1991. March 17, 1991, New Orleans.

William M. Epstein. "Randomized Controlled Trials and Social Services in the Chinese Context," Conference on Social Indicator Research in Chinese Society, December 7, 1990, Hong Kong.

William M. Epstein. "The Politics of Professionalization," Hong Kong Association of Social Workers, September 29, 1989.

William M. Epstein. "The Technological Basis for the Battered Wives Shelter: Justifying Social Intervention," Third Annual Brockport Conference on Child Maltreatment, October 2, 1982.

William M. Epstein. "Two Strategies for the Development of Constituency around Social Welfare," Second Annual Symposium on Community Organization and Planning, Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, March 3, 1981.

William M. Epstein. "Testimony Relative to Child Protective Services," before the Social Services Committee, Erie County Legislature, June 6, 1981.

William M. Epstein. "Social Efficiency and Programs for Abandoned Adolescents," Second Annual Brockport Conference on Child Maltreatment, October 3, 1981.

William M. Epstein. "Organized Labor and the Voluntary Welfare Sector," NASW Occupational Social Conference, May 30, 1985.

William M. Epstein. "Organized Labor and Social Work Education," CSWE Annual Program Meeting, March 10, 1986.

William M. Epstein. "Fact, Myth, and American Social Welfare" UNLV Forum Lecture. November, 1993. Las Vegas, Nevada.

William M. Epstein. "A Survey of Recent Graduates," New York State Social Work Education Association, November 9, 1984.

William M. Epstein. Workshop leader. "Innovative Roles in Hospital Social Work," Conference of Western New York Society for Hospital Social Work Directors, April 15, 1983.

William M. Epstein, "The Political Wisdom of Welfare," Erie County Young Democrats, November 15, 1982.

Recognitions and Memberships

Board member: policy/America.

Who's Who in America 2001-2010; Who's Who in American Education 2001-2010; Contemporary Authors 2007.

Member: PEN International.

2008 Pro Humanitate Literary Award of the Center for Child Welfare Policy for "Prisoners of Spenda"