

*Cynthia Anglin, M.A.*

## *Biography*

My professional career began in 1996 at the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. During my three years of employment there, my related responsibilities included: managing the office; training staff; organizing and preparing materials for semiannual board and committee meetings; and preparing for nationwide training workshops. I was hired to bring the office to a higher technological status. I made many recommendations to upgrade the agency, which were implemented. Some of the recommendations included: software and hardware upgrades and additions; computerizing forms and tasks for repeated events; and developing instructional manuals.

Towards the end of my masters program I interned at Chicago State University's Career Center, Bethel New Life's Welfare to Work Program and Kennedy King College's Career Center. At each site, I trained students and clients, organized resources, evaluated employment software, prepared workshops and counseled. This was the beginning of my career in employment.

After completing my M.A. in Counseling, I was employed at the Youth Job Center of Evanston's Welfare to Work Program as a Job Training Coordinator. I was interested in career counseling and training adults. This was a new position. I was able to design the computer training modules; develop the training manual; modify the life skills and job skills curriculum; and assist students with overcoming their employment and academic barriers through training, counseling, providing resources, and referrals. I was also responsible for developing reports for funders, staff meetings, board meetings, and the Department of Health and Human Services. This position further fueled my passion for educating adults.

I transitioned from YJC to Chicago State University where I was the Program Administrator/Coordinator for the Counseling Graduate Program. I was responsible for maintaining the graduate office; assisting students; advising students; supervising graduate assistants; chairing the annual colloquium, serving on committees; and preparing reports. I also coordinated the admissions process, candidacy process, graduation, comprehensive examinations, the National Counseling Examination, and internship orientation. Some of my other duties include auditing, updating graduate manuals and maintaining the Blackboard website for the Masters in Counseling Program.

I have been teaching adults for over 15 years. I initially started at Truman College with a floral arrangement class; taught Sunday school and Bible class at my local church, then taught Counseling 101 at Kennedy King College. I transitioned to the university level where I taught undergraduate psychology courses at Chicago State University which included: Crisis Counseling, Theories of Personality, Lifespan Development, Child Psychology, and Social Psychology.

After working as an educator I moved to being a Director of Economic Empowerment Services (EES), which included coaching services, adult technical training and a STEM training program for pre-adolescent girls. I managed 9 staff, 2 computer labs, 3 programs, and 3 sites. From there I volunteered at Family Rescue, Inc. as a Volunteer, Volunteer Coordinator, and was hired as a Site Coordinator.

I have a B.S. in Business Management and a M.A. in Community Counseling. I also completed three terms of a M.S.Ed. Program in Curriculum and Instruction, then I decided to pursue a Ph.D. in Community Psychology at National Louis University in the Fall of 2012.

Lastly, I volunteer with Domestic Violence agencies, providing administrative, development, group facilitation and counseling services.