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<b>EDUCATION</b>
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Ph.D. Social Work  
The University of Texas at Arlington, 2013

Master of Science in Social Work  
Baylor University, 2009

Bachelor of Science  
Shorter University, 2006

<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>
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Fall 2022- Present, Associate Professor, East Texas A & M University

Fall 2021- Fall 2024, MSW Director & Advisor, Texas A &M University-Commerce

Fall 2015 – Summer 2022, Assistant Professor, Texas A &M University-Commerce

Fall 2014 - Summer 2015, Ad-Interim Assistant Professor, Texas A &M University-Commerce

August 2012 - Dec. 2013, Adjunct Instructor, The University of Texas at Arlington

## PUBLICATIONS

*List significant professional publications relevant to the academic positions held, including full citation data for each entry. (APA style preferred).*

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Smith, M. & **Gracie Brownell** (2018). Knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors regarding sickle cell disease: Implications for prevention, *Social Work in Public Health*, 33(5), 299-316. doi: 10.1080/19371918.2018.1469064

**Brownell, G.** & Basham, R. (2017). NGO strategy toward the reintegration of child soldiers in Liberia, Africa: An online survey of services, roles, and activities. *International Social Work*. 60(5), 1074-1086. 002087281770427. doi: 10.1177/0020872817704278.

**Brownell, G.** & Aguirre A. (2015). Experiences of former child soldiers in Africa: A qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis. *International Social Work*, 60(2) 452-469. doi: 10.1177/0020872815617994

Adorno, G., & **Brownell, G.** (2014). Understanding Quality-of-Life While Living with Late-Stage Lung Cancer: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Social Work in End-Of-Life & Palliative Care*, 10(2), 127-148. doi:10.1080/15524256.2014.906372

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<b>RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS</b>
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