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Education/Learning, Research

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Program Evaluation, Higher Education , Grant Writing, Epidemiology, Etiology, Drug Abuse, Health Disparities

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Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network, National Association of Social Workers, Society for Social Work Research, Public Members Association of the Foreign Service-USA

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**Virginia Commonwealth University**

Ph.D. Social Work

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

MSW Social Work

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**Deborah K. Padgett Early Career Achievement Award**  
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