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## **Education**

* Bachelor of Arts, Catholic University of America, Psychology
* Master of Science in Social Work, University of Texas at Austin
* Doctor of Philosophy, University of Houston

**Professional Experience**

* Professor and Director, Social Work Program, Franciscan University
* Professor Emeritus, Stephen F. Austin State University
* Consultant, National Resource Center for Diligent Recruitment (of Foster and Adoptive Homes)
* Member National Advisory Committee for Rural Health and Human Services
* Consultant, Community and Program Development and Program Evaluation
* Program Director for Purchased Services, Child Protective Services
* Director, Child Welfare Professional Development Program (Title IV-E), Stephen F. Austin State University

**Professional Memberships**

* Council on Social Work EducationRural Policy Research Institute, Human Services Panel
* American Evaluation Association
* Catholic Social Workers National Association
* Public Policy Advisory Committee, CWLA

**Honors and Awards**

* Champion for Rural Children, Child Welfare League of America, 2006
* Social Worker of the Year, Catholic Social Work National Association, 2015
* Service Award, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 2005
* National Association of Social Workers, Social Worker of the Year, 2001 (East Texas)
* Distinguished Professor Award, 2011, Stephen F. Austin State University

**Select Publications & Accomplishments**

* McRoy, R. & Belanger, K. (2014). *Examining* *racial disproportionality through research: A handbook for social work education.* Arlington, VA: CWLA Press.
* Green, D., Belanger, K., McRoy, R. & Bullard, L. (Eds.) (2011). *Challenging racial disproportionality in child welfare: Research, policy and practice.* Arlington, VA: CWLA Press.
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* Belanger, K. (2012). Sustainable Communities: Social Connectedness and Social Capital. In J. Williams & W. Forbes (Eds.), *Toward a More Livable World: Social Dimensions of Sustainability,* Nacogdoches, TX: Stephen F. Austin State University Press.
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* Belanger, K. & Smith, O. (2010). A faith informed model of moral decision making in social work. *NACSW*. Available at https://www.nacsw.org/Publications/Proceedings2010/BelangerKAFaith.pdf.
* Belanger, K., (Ed.) (2008). Rural Child Welfare [special issue]. *Journal of Public Child Welfare , 1*(4).
* Belanger, K., Bullard, R. & Green, D., (Eds.) (2008). Racial disproportionality in child welfare [special issue]. *Child* *Welfare, 87*(2).
* Belanger, K. (2003). Social justice in education for undocumented families: Texas House Bill 1403 and its implications for social workers. *Journal of Family Social Work, 6*(4).