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**Education**

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| <b>1997</b> | <b>Ph.D.</b>  | University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare, Lawrence, Kansas<br>Dissertation: <i>Reconceptualizing Social Work's Person-in-Environment Perspective: Explorations in Radical Environmental Thought</i> |
| <b>1991</b> | <b>M.S.W.</b> | University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare, Lawrence, Kansas  |
| <b>1978</b> | <b>M.Div.</b> | Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana.   |
| <b>1973</b> | <b>B.S.</b>   | Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas.   |

**Academic Positions**

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| 2013-Present | <b>Professor</b><br>School of Social Work<br>Wichita State University                  |
| 2010-2012    | <b>Associate Professor</b><br>School of Social Work<br>Wichita State University        |
| 2004-2010    | <b>Associate Professor</b><br>Department of Social Work<br>University of Northern Iowa |
| Spring-2007  | <b>(Visiting Scholar)</b><br>School of Social Welfare<br>University of Kansas          |
| 2002-2004    | <b>Assistant Professor</b><br>Department of Social Work<br>University of Northern Iowa |
| 1997-2002    | <b>Assistant Professor</b><br>Department of Social Work<br>Washburn University         |

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### **Academic Positions (conti):**

- Sum.-2001            **(Teaching Fellow)**  
Department of Social Work  
University of East Anglia-Norwich, England
- 1996-1997            **Instructor** (part-time)  
Department of Human Services  
Washburn University
- 1993 - 1996            **Instructor** (part-time)  
Allen County Community College  
Burlingame, Kansas

### **Professional Positions**

- 1994 - 1995    **Research Associate**  
School of Social Welfare  
University of Kansas
- 1994            **Research Assistant**  
School of Social Welfare  
University of Kansas
- 1991 - 1993    **Outpatient Practitioner**  
Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center  
Lawrence, Kansas
- 1989 - 1991    **Court Services Officer**  
Third Judicial District  
Topeka, Kansas
- 1988 - 1989    **Correctional Specialist**  
Shawnee County Adult Detention Facility  
Topeka, Kansas
- 1981 - 1988    **Trooper**  
Kansas Highway Patrol  
Topeka, Kansas
- 1980 – 1981    **Police Officer**  
South Whitley Police Department  
South Whitley, Indiana

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### Professional Positions (conti):

1978 – 1980 **Clergy**  
South Whitley Baptist Church  
South Whitley, Indiana

### Scholarship

#### Peer-Reviewed Scholarship

- Besthorn, F. H.**, & Kalomo, E. N., Lightfoot, E., & Liao, M., (2018). The Relationship between Social Support and Anxiety among HIV-Infected Children in Rural Northern Namibia. *African Journal of AIDS Research*, 17(4), DOI.org 10.2989/16085906.2018.1534748.
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- Kalomo, E. N., Liao, M., **Besthorn, F. H.**, Shilunga, A., & Mbapaha, C. (2017). To Tell or Not Tell: Dimension of Disclosure to Children with HIV in the Zambezi Region of Northern Namibia. *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services*, 16(3), 250-268.
- Kalomo, E. N., Lee, K. H. & **Besthorn, F. H.** (2017). Depressive Symptoms among Elderly, Female Caregivers Raising Children Affected by HIV/AIDS in the Omusati Region of Namibia. *Health Care for Women International Journal*, 38(12), 1327-1343.
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- Besthorn, F. H.** (2015). Ecopsychology meet Ecosocialwork: What You might not Know—A Brief Overview and Reflective Comment. *Journal of Ecopsychology*, 6(4), 199-206.
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**Peer-Reviewed Scholarship (conti):**

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Lee, K., **Besthorn, F. H.**, Bolin, B., & Jun, J. (2012). Stress, Spiritual, and Coping, and Psychological Well-being among Older Adults in Assisted Living. *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 31(4), 328-347.

Wulff, D. P., St George, S. A. and **Besthorn, F. H.** (2011). Revisiting Confidentiality: Observations from Family Therapy Practice. *Journal of Family Therapy*, 33(2), 199-214.

**Besthorn, F. H.**, Wulff, D., & St. George, S. (2011). Eco-Spiritual Helping and Postmodern Therapy: A Deeper Ecological Framework. *Journal of Ecopsychology*, 2(1), 23-32.

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**Besthorn, F. H.**, & Meyer, E. (2010). Environmentally Displaced Persons: Broadening Social Work's Helping Imperative. *Critical Social Work*, 11(3). Retrieved from <http://www.uwindsor.ca/criticalsocialwork/>

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2008). Post 9/11 Terror Hysteria: Social Work Practice and the US Patriot Act. *Advances in Social Work*, 9(1), 17-28.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2006). Instructional Techniques for Social Work Education: Insights from Deep Ecology in its Norwegian Cultural Context. *Universitas: On-line Journal of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity, University of Northern Iowa*, 2(1), 1-18.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2004). Globalized Consumer Culture: Its Implications for Social Justice and Practice Teaching in Social Work. *Journal of Practice Teaching in Health and Social Work*, 5(3), 20-39.

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**Besthorn, F. H.** (2004). The Parable of the Tribes: On Anarchy, Peace and Spiritual Transformation. *Spirituality and Social Work Forum*, 10(2), 1-6.

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**Peer-Reviewed Scholarship (conti):**

**Besthorn, F. H.** & Saleebey, D. (2003). Nature, Genetics and the Biophilia Connection: Exploring Linkages with Social Work Values and Practice. *Advances in Social Work*, 4(1), 1-18.

van Wormer, K., & **Besthorn, F. H.** (2003). Restorative Justice: An Approach for All Countries. *Social Policy Times*, 3(2), 1-2.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2003). Environmental Restoration and Restorative Justice. *Social Policy Times*, 3(2), 21-27.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2003). Radical Ecologisms: Insights for Educating Social Workers in Ecological Activism and Social Justice. *Critical Social Work*, 3(1), 66-106. Retrieved from <http://www.uwindsor.ca/criticalsocialwork/>

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2002). Natural Environment and the Practice of Psychotherapy. *Annals of the American Psychotherapy Association*, 5(5), 19-22.

**Besthorn, F. H.** & McMillen, D. P. (2002). Re-shaping American Social Service Delivery for a New Millennium: A New Vision for Social Work Education. *Journal of Practice Teaching in Social Work and Health*, 4(2), 28-47.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2002). Expanding Spiritual Diversity in Social Work: Perspectives on the Greening of Spirituality. *Currents: New Scholarship in the Human Services*, 1(1).

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2002). Radical Environmentalism and the Ecological Self: Rethinking the Concept of Self-Identity for Social Work Practice. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 13(1), 53-72.

**Besthorn, F. H.** & McMillen, D. P. (2002). The Oppression of Women and Nature: Ecofeminism as a Framework for a Social Justice Oriented Social Work. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services*, 83(3), 221-232.

**Besthorn, F. H.** & Canda, E. R. (2002). Revisioning Environment: Deep Ecology for Education and Teaching in Social Work. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 22(1-2), 79-101.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2002). Is it Time for a New Ecological Approach to Social Work: What is the Environment Telling Us? *The Spirituality and Social Work Forum*, 9(1), 2-5.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2001). Transpersonal Psychology and Deep Ecological Philosophy: Exploring Linkages and Applications for Social Work. *Social Thought: Journal of Religion in the Social Services*, 22(½), 23-44.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2001). Learning Care in a Careless Society: Psychotherapy's Role in Recreating Community. *Annals of the American Psychotherapy Association*, 4(1), 22-23.

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**Peer-Reviewed Scholarship (conti):**

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**Besthorn, F. H.** & Tegtmeier, D. (1999). Nature as Professional Resource: A New Ecological Approach to Helping. *Kansas Chapter NASW News*, 24(2), 15.

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**Media Contributions**

**Besthorn, F. H.** (2015). Video Interview—Ecosocialwork: An Interview with Dr. Fred Besthorn, <http://www.mswguide.org/blog/ecological-social-work/>

Pace, P. (2013). Justice in the face of environmental disasters: Social workers provide recovery efforts, services. Interview. *NASW News*, 58(1). (Interview with Dr, Besthorn)

**Peer-Editorial Reviewed Book Chapters:**

**Besthorn, F. H.** & Hudson, J. (2017). The Spiritual Dimensions of Ecosocial Work in the Context of Global Climate Change. In B. Crisp (Ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Religion, Spirituality and Social Work*, (pp. 338-346). London: Routledge.

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**Peer-Editorial Reviewed Book Chapters (conti):**

- Besthorn, F. H.** (2017). Dis-Organized Education: Prospects for Social Work Higher Education in a Neoliberal, Market-Driven Society—Special Commentary. In K. van Wormer, F. H. Besthorn (Eds.), *Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Groups, Communities and Organizations* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Besthorn, F. H.,** Koenig, T. L., Spano, R., & Warren, S. L. (2016). A Critical Analysis of Social and Environmental Justice: Reorienting Social Work to an Ethic of Ecological Justice. In R. Hugman & J. Carter (Eds.), *Rethinking Values and Ethics in Social Work*, (pp. 146-163). London: Palgrave-Macmillan.
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- Besthorn, F. H.** (2014). Restorative Justice and Environmental Restoration—Twin Pillars of a Just Global Environmental Policy: Hearing the Voice of the Victim. In R. White (Ed). *Green Criminology: Critical Concepts in Criminology—Criminal Justice Responses to Environmental Crime*, (Vol. 3, Part 3—Environmental Courts, pp. 166-181). London: Routledge.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2014). Deep Ecological “Insectification”: Small Friends for Social Work. In T. Ryan (Ed.) *Animals in Social Work: Why and How They Matter* (pp. 1-14). London: Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Besthorn, F. H.** (2013). Radical Equalitarian Ecological Justice: A Social Work Call to Action. In M. Gray, & J. Coates (Eds.), *Environmental Social Work* (pp. 16-31). London: Routledge.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2013). Ecological Approach. In M. Gray & S. Webb (Eds.). *Social Work Theories and Methods*. (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), (pp. 173-183). London: Sage Publications.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2012). Speaking Earth: Environmental Restoration and Restorative Justice. In K. van Wormer, & L. Walker (Eds.). *Restorative Justice Today: Practical Applications* (pp. 233-244). London: Sage Publications.

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**Peer-Editorial Reviewed Book Chapters (conti):**

- Alston, M., & **Besthorn, F. H.** (2012). Environment and Sustainability. In K. Lyons, M. Hokenstad, N. Huegler, & M. Pawar (Eds.), *Sage Handbook of International Social Work* (pp. 56-69). London: Sage Publications.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2008). Environment. In T. Mizrahi and L. Davis (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Social Work* (20th ed.), (Vol. 2, pp. 132-136). Washington, DC: NASW Press & New York: Oxford University Press.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2008). The Environmental Restoration Movement as an Issue of Justice (pp. 205-229). In K. van Wormer (Ed.), *Restorative Justice across the East and West*, Hong Kong: Casa Verde Publishing.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2007). Insights on deep ecology from Norway. In K. van Wormer, F. Besthorn and T. Keefe, *Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Groups, Communities and Organizations* (pp. 243-245). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2007). Envoicing the World: Constructionism and Essentialism in Natural Discourse—How Social Work Fits In (pp.167-202). In S. Witkin and D. Saleebey (Eds.), *Social Work Dialogues: Transforming the Canon in Inquiry, Practice and Education*. Alexandria, VA: CSWE Press.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2006). Globalized Consumer Culture. Implications for Social Justice and Practice Teaching (pp. 142-160). In G. Ixer (Ed.), *Practice Learning Perspectives on Globalisation, Citizenship and Cultural Change*. London: Whiting & Birch Press.
- Besthorn, F. H.** & McMillen, D. P. (2004). The Oppression of Women and Nature: Ecofeminism as a Framework for a Social Justice Oriented Social Work. In J. Schriver, *Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Shifting Paradigms in Essential Knowledge for Social Work Practice* (4<sup>th</sup> ed., pp. 98-110). Boston: Allyn & Bacon.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2004). Beetles, Bullfrogs and Butterflies: Contributions of Natural Environment to Childhood Development and Resilience. In M. Ungar (Ed.), *Pathways to Resilience: A Handbook of Theory, Methods and Interventions* (pp. 106-127). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2001). Transpersonal Psychology and Deep Ecological Philosophy: Exploring Linkages and Applications for Social Work. In E. R. Canda & E. D. Smith (Eds.), *Transpersonal Perspectives on Spirituality in Social Work* (pp. 23-44). Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press.



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### **Books**

- van Wormer, K., & **Besthorn, F. H.** (2017). *Human Behavior and the Social Environment Macro Level: Groups, Communities and Organizations* (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.
- van Wormer, K., & **Besthorn, F. H.** (2011). *Human Behavior and the Social Environment Macro Level: Groups, Communities and Organizations* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.
- van Wormer, K., **Besthorn, F. H.**, & Keefe, T. (2007). *Human Behavior and the Social Environment Macro Level: Groups, Communities and Organizations* (1<sup>st</sup> Ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Book and Manuscript Reviews**

- Besthorn, F. H.** (2017). *Spirituality and Hospice Social Work*. Book Review for Journal of Teaching in Social Work.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2014). *Spirituality, Religion, and Faith in Psychotherapy*. Book Review for Lyceum Books, Chicago, IL.
- Besthorn, H. H.** (2013). *Ecological Social Work: Towards Sustainability*. Book Review for Palgrave Macmillian Press.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2007). *Spiritual Diversity in Social Work Practice*. Book Review for Oxford University Press, New York, New York.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2006). *Indigenous Social Work Practice around the World: Major Trends and Issues*. Book Review for Ashgate Publishing, London. England-UK.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2002). *Spirituality and Religion in Social Work Practice*. Review for Council on Social Work Education Publishing, Washington, DC.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (2000). *Religious and Spiritual Traditions in Social Work*. Book Review for Wadsworth/Thompson Publishing Company, Pacific Grove, California.

### **Scholarly Presentations**

- Witkin, S., **Besthorn, F. H.**, Melekis, K. & Stanton, M. (October, 2015). The Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work. **Panel Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference. Denver Colorado.
- Besthorn, F. H.**, Wulff, D. & St. George, S. (October, 2015). Moral Panic, Sexual Purity and Religious Crusade: Deconstructing the Dominant Sexual Trafficking Narrative—A Social Work Ethical Imperative. **Paper Presentation:** Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work Conference. Burlington, Vermont.

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**Scholarly Presentations (conti):**

**Besthorn, F. H.** (October, 2015). *The Neoliberal Challenge in Social Work Education*. **Panel Discussion:** Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work Conference. Burlington, Vermont.

**Besthorn, F. H.,** Spano, R. & Koenig, T. (October, 2014). *How to Connect Environments to Personhood (and Personhood to Environments)?* **Paper Presentation:** Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work Conference. Burlington, Vermont.

Lee, K., **Besthorn, F. H.,** Yoon, D. P., & Jun, J. S, (October, 2014). *Grief, Spiritual Experience, and Depression among Older Adults in Assisted Living*. **Paper Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference. Tampa, Florida.

Lee, K., & **Besthorn, F. H.,** (October, 2013). *Stress, Spiritual Factors, and Depression among Older Adults in Assisted Living*. **Poster Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference. Dallas, Texas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (July, 2012). *Environmental Social Work: A Future of Curiosity, Contemplation and Connection*. **Keynote Address:** Social Work Social Development: Action and Impact Conference, 2012. Stockholm, Sweden.

Coates, J., Gray, M., T. Hetherington., & **Besthorn, F. H.** (July, 2012). *Addressing the Challenges of Environmental Social Work: Practical Interventions and Pragmatic Solutions*. **Panel Presentation:** Social Work Social Development: Action and Impact Conference, 2012. Stockholm, Sweden.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (November, 2011). *Environment and Ecological Justice: Social Work in a Globalized World*. **Keynote Address:** De Novo Conference: Eco-Social Justice, Issues, Challenges and Ways Forward. Kerala, India.

Lee, K., **Besthorn, F. H.,** Yoon, D., & Soonhee, R. (October, 2011). *Stress, Coping and Health among Older Adults in Assisted Living Facilities*. **Paper Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.

**Besthorn, F. H,** Wulff, D. & St. George, S. (October, 2009). *Revisiting Confidentiality: Postmodern Views in Family Therapy*. **Paper Presentation:** Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work Conference. Burlington, Vermont.

**Besthorn, F. H.,** & Liebowitz, G. (2009). *Traditional and Alternative Models of Assessment in an EBP Era*. **Panel Presentation:** Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work Conference. Burlington, Vermont.

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**Scholarly Presentations (conti):**

- Besthorn, F. H.** (2009). *Environmentally Displaced Persons: New Challenges for Social Work*. **Paper Presentation:** International Eco-Conference—Building Bridges, Crossing Boundaries. Calgary, Canada.
- Besthorn, F. H., & Coates, J.** (2009). *Integrating Ecological Consciousness into Helping Practice*. **Paper Presentation:** International Eco-Conference—Building Bridges, Crossing Boundaries. Calgary, Canada.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (December, 2006). *Spirituality, Environmentalism and Consumer Society: Persistent Realities in Education for Social Work Practice*. **Paper Presentation:** International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health. Hong Kong, China.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (July, 2005). *Hijacked by Fear: The War on Liberty and the Future of Social Work*. **Keynote Address:** International Conference on Practice Teaching. York, England.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (June, 2005). *Contribution of Natural Environment to Childhood Development and Resilience*. **Paper Presentation:** Pathways to Resilience: An International Conference. Halifax, NS, Canada.
- Rogge, M., **Besthorn, F. H., & Coates, J.** (October, 2004). *Toward Earth Consciousness: A Theoretical and Spiritual Foundation for Sustainability and Social Justice*. **Paper Presentation:** Global Social Work Congress. Adelaide, SA, Australia.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (April, 2004). *The Globalization of Consumerism and its Implications for Happiness and Social Justice*. **Keynote Address:** International Conference on Practice Teaching. York, England.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (February, 2004). *The Norwegian Roots of Deep Ecology: An Eco-Spiritual Framework for Practice*. **Paper Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Conference. Anaheim, CA.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (January, 2004). *Consuming Passions: The Tangled Relationship between Consumer Culture and Human Perceptions of Happiness*. **Paper Presentation:** Inter-University Consortium for International Social Development. Mumbai, India.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (December, 2003). *Natural Strengths and Ecological Alienation: Considerations for Family Practice Linking Eco-Spiritual Helping and Brief Therapy*. **Paper Presentation:** International Conference on Building Family Strengths. Newcastle, NSW, Australia.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (July, 2003). *The Parable of the Tribes: On Anarchy, Peace and Spiritual Transformation*. **Paper Presentation:** Society for Spirituality and Social Work Conference. Austin, Texas.

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**Scholarly Presentations (conti):**

- Besthorn, F. H.** (June, 2003). *Radical Ecologisms: Insights for Educating Social Workers in Social Justice and Spirituality*. **Paper Presentation:** Annual Canadian Conference on Spirituality and Social Work. Halifax, NS, Canada.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (April, 2003). *Practice Teaching in a Privatized World: New Challenges and Opportunities*. **Paper Presentation:** International Conference on Practice Teaching. London, England.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (February, 2003). *Eco-Spiritual Helping: Principles for Direct Practice from a Deep Ecological Perspective*. **Paper Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Besthorn, F. H.,** Sheridan, M., Jacobs, C., & Russel, R. (February, 2003). *Exploring the Soul of Social Work: Developing and Teaching Spiritual Courses*. **Panel Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (May, 2002). *Expanding Spiritual Diversity in Social Work: Perspectives on the Greening of Spirituality*. **Keynote Address:** Canadian Conference on Spirituality and Social Work. Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (December, 2001). *Natural Strengths and Ecological Alienation: Considerations for Family Practice Linking Eco-Spiritual Helping and Brief Therapy*. **Paper Presentation:** International Conference on Building Family Strengths. Newcastle, NSW, Australia.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (June, 2001). *Is it Time for a New Ecological Approach to Social Work: What is the Environment Telling Us?* **Keynote Address:** Pre-Conference-Global Alliance for a Deep-Ecological Social Work: Society for Spirituality and Social Work Conference. Washington, DC.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (June, 2001). *The Biophilia Hypothesis: Linking Biology, Natural Genetics and Spirituality with Social Work Theory and Practice*. **Paper Presentation:** Society for Spirituality and Social Work Conference. Washington, DC.
- Coates, J., & **Besthorn, F. H.** (June, 2001). *Integrating Environmental Awareness into Social Work Education*. **Paper Presentation:** Society for Spirituality and Social Work Conference. Washington, DC.
- Besthorn, F. H.** (March, 2001). *The Greening of Spirituality: History and Trends in a New Earth Story for Social Work Theory and Practice*. **Paper Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Conference. Dallas, Texas.
- Besthorn, F. H.,** Sheridan, M., Miller, R., & Russel, R. (March, 2001). *What's Happening in Spirituality and Social Work in 2001: Education and Practice*. **Panel Presentation:** Texas Regional Conference on Spirituality and Social Work. Dallas, Texas.

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**Scholarly Presentations (conti):**

**Besthorn, F. H.** (March, 2001). *Ecological Feminism and Earth-Based Spirituality: The Promises and Challenges for Social Work Education and Curricula*. **Paper Presentation:** Texas Regional Conference on Spirituality and Social Work. Dallas, Texas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (June, 2000). *Integrating the Divine Feminine into Whole-Earth Awareness: Ecofeminist/Earth-Based Spirituality and Social Work Theory and Practice*. **Paper Presentation:** Society for Spirituality and Social Work Conference. Lawrence, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (February, 2000). *Radical Environmentalism: Reflections on Educating Social Workers in Spirituality and Social Justice*. **Paper Presentation:** Council on Social Work Education Conference. New York, NY.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (June, 1999). *Spiritual Dimensions of Deep Ecology: Expanding Ecological and Spiritual Identity and Social Work Practice*. **Paper Presentation:** Society for Spirituality and Social Work Conference. St. Louis, Missouri.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (March, 1998). *Back-to-the-land: Trends in Urban to Rural Migration*. **Paper Presentation:** Region VII Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference. Lawrence, Kansas.

**Symposia, Colloquia, Facilitations**

**Besthorn, F. H.** (March, 2015). *Global Climate Change, Sustainability and Ecological Justice: New Priorities for Social Work Ethics and Practice*. **Keynote Address.** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wichita State University School of Social Work Power Conference. Wichita, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (October, 2014). *Postmodern Blues: Constraints on Practice by Modernist Organizations*. Facilitated Discussion Group: Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work Conference, Burlington, Vermont.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (April, 2014). *Being an Environmental Social Worker: Tips for Surviving and Thriving in the Academy*. University of Kansas School of Social Welfare-Doctoral Seminar. Lawrence, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (March, 2014). *Spirituality and Deep Ecology: Insight for Eco-Social Work*. Wichita State University School of Social Work—Brown Bag Luncheon. Wichita, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (June, 2007). *Deep Ecology and the Bio-Regional Vision: When Philosophy Meets Praxis*. Bi-annual Meeting of the Kansas Area Bio-Regional and Watershed Council. Lawrence, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (May, 2007). *The Spiritual Core of Deep Ecology: Insights for Social Work*. Kansas Society for Spirituality and Social Work. Lawrence, Kansas.

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**Symposia, Colloquia, Facilitations (conti):**

**Besthorn, F. H.** (April, 2007). *Musings of a Would-Be Scholar: On Theory, Critical Reflection and Scholarly Writing.* University of Kansas School of Social Welfare. Lawrence, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (April, 2007). *Nature and Children's Resilience: Playtime, Peacetime, and Prevention.* Washburn University Department of Human Services. Topeka, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (September, 2006). *Religion and Racism in the United States.* The University of Northern Iowa Center for Multicultural Education. Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Besthorn, F. H.** (September, 2004). *Ecology and Social Work: My Hobby and My Passion.* The University of Northern Iowa Rod Library Speakers Conference. Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (April, 2001). *Linking Ecology and Social Work Practice: Innovations in Earth-Based Intervention.* University of Kansas Social Work Day Conference. Lawrence, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (July, 2000). *Global Ethics, International Cooperation and the Practice of Social Work.* Newman University Department of Social Work, Wichita, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (February, 2000). *Deep Ecology, Spirituality and Social Work Theory in Practice.* Maloy College/Fordham University Conference on Spirituality and Social Work. New York, NY.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (November, 1999). *Ecological Consciousness: A Requisite for Environmentally Sensitive Social Change and Activism.* Campus Outreach Opportunity League Conference. Topeka, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (October, 1999). *Spiritual Diversity and Practice in Human Services Delivery.* Shawnee County Community Mental Health Center. Topeka, Kansas

**Besthorn, F. H., & Tegtmeier, D.** (May, 1999). *Body, Mind Earth: A New Ecological Approach to Helping.* Washburn University Department of Continuing Education, Topeka, Kansas.

**Besthorn, F. H.** (May, 1999). *Ethical and Legal Concerns in Professional Helping.* Florence Crittenton Center. Topeka, Kansas.

**Scholarly Work In Progress**

**Besthorn, F. H.** Self-Pharmaceuticalization or Self-Realization: Insights for Social Work from Deep Ecology and Integrative Medicine. Scholarly paper in progress.

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### **Funded Research & Training Projects**

- Sum-2003     *Environment and Social Work: Rediscovering Nature in Theory and Practice.* UNI Dean's Summer Research Grant. Conducted preliminary data gathering. (\$5,000)
- Sum-2001     *International Research and Faculty Exchange Program.* Washburn University Mary B. Sweet Sabbatical Award. Conducted data gathering and teaching responsibilities at East Anglia University: Norwich, England. (\$10,000)
- 1999-2001    *Welfare to Work Program Implementation.* United States Department of Labor and City of Topeka. Co-Principle Investigator. Conducted data tracking, data analysis and prepared final evaluative recommendation to Welfare-to-Work program. (\$60,000)
- 1995         *Religion, Coping, Perception or Social Support.* University of Kansas in conjunction with Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health: Regional Research Institute for Human Services, Portland State University. Research Associate. Conducted data analysis and prepared technical reports.
- 1994         *Adoption Assistance Curricula Development.* University of Kansas in conjunction with Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services-Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program. Research Assistant. Conducted data analysis and prepared training curricula.

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Wichita State University**

#### **Term**

Introduction to Social Welfare (BSW)	Fall 2010
Adv. Practice with Individuals (MSW)	Fall 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017
Micro Human Behavior/Social Environment (MSW)	Fall 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Macro Human Behavior/Social Environment (MSW)	Spring 2016, 2017, 2018
Adv. General Pract. Seminar II	Spring 2016
Adv. Practice Community/Organization (MSW)	Spring 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
Person in Society 1 (BSW)	Spring 2011
Spirituality and Social Work Practice (MSW)	Summer 2011, 2012
Environment/Sustainability in Social Work (MSW)	Spring 2012
Environment/Sustainability in Social Work (MSW)	Summer 2013, 2015, 2017

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### **University of Northern Iowa**

Adv. Administrative Practice (MSW)	Fall 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002
Adv. Administrative Practicum (MSW)	Fall 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002 Spring 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006 2005, 2004, 2009
Social Policies and Issues (BSW)	Fall 2009
Field Seminar (BSW)	Fall 2008, 2007; Spring 2006 Summer 2008, 2004
Micro Human Behavior/Social Environment (BSW)	Summer 2005
Research for Social Workers (BSW, MSW)	Spring 2004
Micro Human Behavior/Social Environment (MSW)	Fall 2005, 2004, 2003; Spring 2003
Macro Human Behavior/Social Environment (MSW)	Spring 2010, 2009, 2008; Fall 2006
Adv. Social Welfare Policy Analysis (MSW)	Spring 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004; Fall 2002
Peace and Conflict Resolution (BSW)	Spring 2004
Seminar in Spirituality and Leadership (EdD)	Spring 2005
Spirituality and Ethical Social Work (MSW)	Spring 2005, 2004, 2003

### **Washburn University**

Social Welfare (BSW)	Fall 1997; Spring 1998
Practice Seminar I (BSW)	Fall 1997
Practice Seminar II (BSW)	Spring 1998
Social Policy I (BSW)	Fall 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998
Social Policy II (BSW)	Spring 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999
Advanced Social Policy Analysis I (MSW)	Fall 2001
Advanced Social Policy Analysis II (MSW)	Spring 2002, 2001
Spiritually Diverse Practice (MSW)	Summer 2000; Fall 2000 Spring, 2002
Micro Human Behavior/Social Environment (MSW)	Fall 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997
Macro Human Behavior/Social Environment (MSW)	Spring 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998 Fall, 2001
Legal and Ethical Issues in Human Services (Hum Serv)	Fall 1996
Social Change and Community Advocacy (Hum Serv)	Fall 1996
Human Behavior and Lifespan Development (Hum Serv)	Spring 1997
Theories of Intervention and Practice (Hum Serv)	Spring 1997



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### **Select Community, Professional Service and Consultation**

2017-Present	Global Alliance for Transformative Social Work. Advisory Board Member
2012-Present	Green Environmental Social Work Network. Member
2010-2013	Working Group on Rural Community Development and Elderly Populations Wichita State University Regional Institute on Aging. Member
2013-2015	BPD Sustainability List Serve. Member
2008-2009	International Conference on Ecology and Social Service. Committee Member
2006-2007	The Society for Integral Social Work. Board Member
2005-2007	The Jesse Cosby Community Center. Board Member
2002-2003	Society for Spirituality and Social Work. Board Member
2001-2002	Topeka Center for Peace and Justice. Board Member
1998-2002	Family Service and Guidance Center. Board Member
1998-2001	Family Service and Guidance Center Board Development. Sub-committee Member
1997-1998	Kansas NASW (Action for Candidate Elections). Member

### **University, College and Departmental Service**

2016-Present	<b><u>Wichita State University</u></b> Faculty Senate: Faculty Affairs Sub-Committee. Member
2012-2014	WSU Faculty Senate. Member
2017	LAS Tenure and Promotion Committee. Member
2011-Present	WSU School of Social Work Assessment/Evaluation Committee. Member
2011-Present	WSU School of Social Work MSW Admission Committee. Chair
2011-Present	WSU School of Social Work Faculty Search Committee. Member/Chair
2010-Present	WSU School of Social Work Curriculum Committee. Member
2010-Present	WSU School of Social Work Personnel Committee. Chair
2013-Present	WSU School of Social Work Tenure/Promotion Committee. Chair
2015-Present	WSU School of Social Work By-Laws Committee. Member
2013	WSU School of Social Work CSWE Reaffirmation Committee. Member
2010-2014	WSU School of Social Work Development Committee. Member
2010-2011	WSU School of Social Work BSW Admissions Committee. Member

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2004-2007 **University of Northern Iowa** Committee on Committees. Member  
2003-2004 University of Northern Iowa Curriculum Committee. Alt. Member  
2004-2005 UNI College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Director's Review. Member  
2004-2005 UNI College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Faculty Senate. Member  
2002-2003 UNI College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Faculty Senate. Alt. Member  
2004-2007 UNI Dept. of Social Work MSW Admission Committee. Chair 2004-2006  
2005-2007 UNI Dept. of Social Work Curriculum Committee. Chair 2005-2006  
2004-2008 UNI Dept. of Social Work Academic Retention Committee. Chair 2005-2007  
2004-2007 UNI Dept. of Social Work Part-time Program Committee. Chair 2004-2007  
2005-2006 UNI Dept. of Social Work Professional Action Committee. Chair 2005-2006  
2002-2006 UNI Dept. of Social Work CSWE Response Committee. Member  
2002-2010 UNI Dept. of Social Work Faculty Search Committee. Chair 2003-2005  
2002-2008 UNI Dept. of Social Work Student Grievance Committee. Member

1998-1999 **Washburn University** Library Committee. Member  
1997-1999 Washburn University Writing Across Curriculum Committee. Member  
2001-2002 Washburn University International Committee. Member  
1998-1999 Washburn University Council. Member  
2000-2001 Washburn University Personnel Committee. Secretary  
1998-2000 WU School of Applied Studies Curriculum Committee. Member  
1998-1999 WU School of Applied Studies Graduate Council. Member  
1998-2000 WU Dept. of Social Work Faculty Search Committee. Chair 1999-2000  
1998-2001 WU Dept. of Social Work MSW Admissions Committee. Member  
1998-2000 WU Dept. of Social Work Program Evaluation Committee. Member  
1999-2000 WU Dept. of Social Work Joint-Doctoral Program Committee. Member  
1998-2001 WU Dept. of Social Work Policy Committee. Chair 1998-2000  
1999-2000 WU Dept. of Social Work Faculty Governance Committee. Member  
1999-2000 WU Dept. of Social Work NASW State Policy Committee. Faculty Liaison  
1998-2000 WU Dept. of Social Work Student Retention Committee. Member

### Editorial Service

- \* *Social Work: The Journal of the National Association of Social Work [3- year app't]*
- \* *Journal of Practice Teaching in Health and Social Work [3- year app't]*
- \* *Annals of American Psychotherapy Association [3- year app't]*
- \* *Currents: New Scholarship in Social Work [consultative]*
- \* *Challenges in Sustainability [consultative]*
- \* *Critical Social Work [consultative]*
- \* *Canadian Social Work Review [consultative]*
- \* *Ecopsychology [consultative]*
- \* *Environmental Justice [consultative]*
- \* *International Social Work [consultative]*

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### **Editorial Service (conti):**

- \* *International Journal of Social Welfare [consultative]*
- \* *African Journal of AIDS Research [consultative]*
- \* *Social Thought: Journal of Spirituality and Religion in Social Work [consultative]*
- \* *Australian Social Work [consultative]*
- \* *Landscape and Urban Planning [consultative]*
- \* *Social Work in Education [consultative]*
- \* *Spirituality and Social Work Forum [consultative]*
- \* *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Sciences [consultative]*
- \* *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare [consultative]*
- \* *Environmental Philosophy [consultative]*
- \* *Contemporary Rural Social Work [consultative]*

### **Awards and Distinctions**

- \* Nomination for Membership, Environmental Justice Advisory Council of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC (2015)
- \* Nomination, Richard Lodge Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Social Work Education, Adelphi University-Garden City, New York (2015)
- \* Nomination, John R. Barrier Distinguished Teaching Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Wichita State University (2014)
- \* Nomination, Balfour Jeffrey Outstanding Research Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Kansas Board of Regents and University of Kansas Higuchi Endowment Research Achievement Awards (2014)
- \* Nomination, Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, University of Northern Iowa (2009)
- \* Strathmore Who's Who, University of Northern Iowa (2003)
- \* Directory of American Scholars, Washburn University (2001)
- \* Who's Who in America, Washburn University, (2000)
- \* Who's Who among American Teachers, Washburn University (1998)
- \* Doctoral Dissertation Honors, University of Kansas (1997)
- \* Argersinger Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, University of Kansas (1997)