

# BRENYA TWUMASI BUCHALSKI, M.A., J.D.

## EDUCATION

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- J.D.** Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Law of the Seas, Humanitarian Law May 1986  
*The University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD*  
Dissertation: “Deep Sea Mining and Africa at the UNCLOS III. Problems of International Law: Law of the Sea”
- M.A.** Mental Health (Community Counseling) May 1998  
*St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, TX*  
Top of Class – Dean’s Honors List each semester  
Thesis: Multi Cultural Counseling
- B.A.** Political Science May 1982  
*The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD*
- French Studies*  
*Harvard University, Cambridge MA.* 1987-1988
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## RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- The University of Texas at San Antonio** August 2015 to current  
*Adjunct & Full time Lecturer*  
*Psychology Faculty Champion*  
*MDS Psychology Program Coordinator -August 2023 – Current*
- Classes taught at UTSA:**  
*Life Span Development*  
*Intro to Psychology*  
*Motivation & Emotion*  
*Social Psychology*  
*Psychopathology*  
*Multi Cultural Psychology*  
*Couples & Family*
- UTSA FootBall Team**  
*Faculty Mentor 2022 – Current*
- UTSA Faculty Advisor**  
*Three different Organizations 2017 - Current*

**Texas A & M San Antonio**  
*Adjunct Faculty*  
**Classes taught (including summer classes)**  
*Gender Issues*  
*History and Systems of Psychology*  
*Adjustment Psychology*  
*Developmental Psychology*  
*Abnormal Psychology*  
*Cultural Psychology*

*January 2023 - Current*

**Northwest Vista College San Antonio**

*January 2005- May 2012*  
*May 2017- Dec 2023*

*Alamo District International Fellow*  
*Alamo Micro Credentialing trainer*  
*Adjunct Instructor*  
*Criminal Justice Classes*  
*Psychology Classes Including Clinical Psychology and Child Psychology*

**The University of Phoenix 2010 – 2017**

**Associate Professor**

*Lead Faculty/Area Chair for two departments Social Sciences and Criminal Justice and Security*

## **RELEVANT ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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*The Attorney General's Office*  
*Maryland*  
*Department of General Services*  
Researcher | Legal Writer

*City of Baltimore- Public Defender's Office*  
Law Clerk (Juvenile, Traffic and Criminal)

*Private Offices of Joseph H. Thomas,*  
General Practice Law Clerk

*Conley & Hodge Associates, Inc.*  
Litigation Support Specialist

*Boston Greenspace Alliance*  
Legal Writer | Legal Document Drafting

*SoS-International: Operations* 2021  
Training Specialist | Unaccompanied Children

*Net Werks, Inc.* 2010- Present  
Chief Executive Officer

*Frederick County, MD: Mental Health Department and  
County Correctional Facility* 2000-2004  
Clinical Psychotherapist

*State of Maryland Department of Human Resources* 1999-2000  
Protection and Training Specialist

Child Abuse & Neglect Specialist for the State of Maryland  
Appointed by Governor

*Children's Comprehensive Services, Inc.* 1998-1999  
Lead Case Manager (School Administration)

*Kaleidoscope, Inc.* 1992- Present  
Founder and Director

*The World Bank, Washington, DC* 1991  
Contracted Consultant

*Maryland Governor's Office - William Donald Schaefer* 1989-1994  
Foster Care Review Board

*Morgan State University* 1986-1987  
San Antonio, TX

Adjunct Professor |  
Lead Faculty | College of Social Sciences 2014-2017

**SEVERAL NATIONAL, LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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Local: Guest Speaker for UTSA – Artificial Intelligence 2024  
Local: Human Trafficking ST. Mary's University 2018 1& 2020  
Mental Health issues  
Fentanyl  
ReEntry Council – San Antonio  
You Tube TV several guest speaking invites  
Many Radio shows

**HONORS AND AWARDS**


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| Listed in Marquis Who's Who                                          | 2024 |
| U.S. Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award                         | 2022 |
| Professional Development Award- The University of Phoenix            | 2015 |
| Service Award- Northwest Vista College                               | 2012 |
| Chi Sigma Iota (Counseling International Honor Society)              | 1998 |
| Sheriff's Award for Excellence in Service- Fredrick County, Maryland | 2002 |

**TRAINING AND CERTIFICATES**


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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Student Experience Project Pilot - Participant                                     | 2023- 2024                    |
| Certified Compassionate Instructor                                                 |                               |
| Certified in Accessibility - Ally                                                  |                               |
| Certified in Curriculum Mapping                                                    |                               |
| Certified in International Curriculum                                              |                               |
| Certified in Arbitration and Mediation                                             |                               |
| Certified in Quality Matters and<br>Distance Learning (LMS: Canvas and BlackBoard) |                               |
| Artificial Intelligence & Gen AI                                                   |                               |
| Ally Certification (Accessibility)                                                 | 2018-Current<br>2011- Current |
| ACUE                                                                               |                               |
| Military Communication                                                             |                               |
| APA – American Psychological Association                                           |                               |
| Lobbying Training (Maryland)                                                       |                               |
| Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution                                          |                               |
| Boys Town Behavior Management System                                               |                               |
| Internationalizing your Class                                                      | 2021                          |
| Global Learning, Alamo District                                                    | 2021                          |
| Academic Innovation Academy, UTSA                                                  | 2021                          |
| Growth Mindset, Alamo District                                                     | 2021                          |
| Accessibility through ALLY, UTSA                                                   | 2021                          |
| Tech Tools in Higher Education, Alamo District                                     | 2019                          |
| Growth Mindset: Neuro Plasticity                                                   | 2021                          |
| Impact & Understanding Micro Aggressions                                           | 2021                          |
| Intro to Equity Training                                                           | 2021                          |
| Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People (Leadership)                           | 2020                          |
| Instructional Insights Film in the Classroom                                       | 2020                          |
| Cultural Responsive Teaching                                                       | 2020                          |
| NVC Conflict Management: Methodologies, Practical Application                      | 2020                          |
| Advanced Canvas & Zoom Series                                                      | 2020                          |
| Compassion in the Classroom                                                        | 2018                          |
| Humanitarian Law                                                                   | 2015                          |

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| Academic Governance Certification                                  | 2014      |
| Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators- CE 36 Hours              | 2012-2014 |
| Faculty & Program Assessment Certification                         | 2014      |
| Hostage Negotiations (TX Law Enforcement)                          | 2014      |
| Humanity during War- American Red Cross                            | 2013      |
| Mental Health Counseling: Police and Crisis Responders             | 2013      |
| Mental Health Counseling: Children and Youth Diagnosis & Treatment | 2013      |
| Mental Health Counseling: Military Culture                         | 2013      |
| Courtroom Cross Examination Training                               | 2013      |
| Public Affairs in Disaster- American Red Cross                     |           |
| Disaster Mental Health Services- American Red Cross                |           |
| Domestic Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction                 | 2002      |
| Property Law, Accra Ghana                                          | 1994      |

### **ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT**

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Taught courses in the following departments for various universities:

#### *Psychology*

- Essentials in Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- General Psychology
- Social Psychology,
- Developmental Psychology,
- Psychology of Adulthood and Aging
- Cross Cultural Psychology
- Psychology of Personality
- Psychology of Motivation and Emotion
- Couple & Family
- Abnormal Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- History of Psychology

#### *Criminal Justice*

- Criminal Law
- Fundamentals of Criminal Justice Corrections
- Police Systems & Practices
- Crime in America

#### *Business Administration*

- Business Law
- Business Ethics
- Assessment and Evaluation
- Policy Analysis
- Policy and Procedure
- Court Systems and Practices
- Violence in the Workplace

- Real Estate and It's Principles (with emphasis on the law)
- Restorative Justice
- Motivational Processes in Human Psychology
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Motivation and Emotion
- Mentor Faculty in Critical Thinking & Metacognition
- Behavioral Issues
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**ATHLETICS**

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Triathlete 2018 - Current

**COMMITTEES, MEMBERSHIPS AND CHAIRED POSITIONS**

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|                                                                                    |                |
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| National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)                 |                |
| Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council, Northwest Vista College                     |                |
| Bowen Center for Neighborhood Advocacy- Commissioner Adkisson                      |                |
| International Latino Gang Investigators Association (ILGIA)                        |                |
| Faculty Champion, UTSA                                                             | 2020-2021      |
| Internationalizing your Course Committee, Northwest Vista College                  | 2019-2021      |
| Black Lives Matter Association                                                     | 2020- Present  |
| Governing Council & Co-Chair for Professional Development, Northwest Vista College | 2020- Present  |
| Re-Entry Council, Bexar County, TX                                                 | 2014- Present  |
| Campus Academic Council, University of Phoenix                                     | 2014-2017      |
| Governance and Administration, University of Phoenix                               | 2014-2017      |
| Community and Restorative Justice Facilitator                                      | 2014- Present  |
| San Antonio Women in Information Technology                                        | 2013- Present  |
| Texas Gang Investigators Association (TGIA)                                        | 2006- Present  |
| International Education, Northwest Vista College                                   | 2005-2013      |
| Written Numerous Published articles                                                | 1989 – Current |

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*TLC List*

*Peace Garden*

*PTSD Sleep Support*

Pending

## CONTINENTAL EXPERIENCE

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North America  
Africa  
South America  
Europe