

SHERRY M. CUMMINGS

EDUCATION Ph.D., Social Work, University of Georgia, 1998
M.S.W., University of Maryland, Baltimore, 1989
M.A., Theology, Villanova University, 1981
B.A., Liberal Arts, Villanova University, Villanova, 1977

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Dean, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work (January 1, 2006 – present)
Oversee the academic programs of the college including BSSW, MSSW (Knoxville campus, Nashville campus and online), PhD and online DSW. Responsible for faculty development; performance evaluations; recommendations for retention, promotion, and tenure and merit; oversee program development; course scheduling, administrative functions supporting student admissions; faculty and student recruitment. Chair meetings of the college faculty and advisory boards. Serve on the college's Administrative, Search and Screen, Faculty Governance and Curriculum Committees, and on university committees representing the college.

Full Professor, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work, 2009

Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work (2004 – 2009)

Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work (1998 - 2004)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

Cummings, S. M. McClernon, K. C (in Press). Comparative Analysis of an Online and a Traditional MSW Program: Educational Outcomes. *Social Work Education*.

Choi, S., Davis, C & Cummings, S., Van Regenmorter, C., Barnett, M. (2013). Understanding Service Needs, Service Utilization among Older Kurdish Refugees and Immigrants in the United States. *International Social Work*, DOI: 10.1177/0020872812471694.

Cummings, S. M., R. L. Cooper & Johnson, C. (2013). Alcohol Misuse Among Older Adult Public Housing Residents. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 56: 407-422.

Cummings, S. M., Foels, L. & Chaffin, K. (2013). Comparative Analysis of Distance Education and Classroom-Based Formats for a Clinical Social Work Groups Course. *Social Work Education*, 32, 68-80.

Kilbourne, B & Cummings, S. M. (2012). Alcohol Diagnoses among Older Tennessee Medicare Beneficiaries: Race and Gender Differentials. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. 27:483-90.

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- Cummings, S. M. & Kropf, N. P. (2011). Aging with a Severe Mental Illness: Challenges and Treatments. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 54*, 175-188.
- Cummings, S. M. & Kropf, N. P. (2009). Formal and Informal Support for Older Adults with Severe Mental Illness. *Aging & Mental Health, 13*, 619 - 627.
- Kilbourne, B. & Cummings, S. M. (2009). The Influence of Religiosity on the Diabetes-Depression Connection among a Low Income Population. *Health & Social Work, 34*, 137-148.
- Cummings, S. M., Cooper, R. L. & Cassie, K. M. (2009). Motivational Interviewing to Affect Behavioral Change in Older Adults. *Journal of Research on Social Work Practice, 19*, 195-204
- Cummings, S. (2009). Treating Older Persons with Severe Mental Illness in the Community: Impact of an Interdisciplinary Geriatric Mental Health Team. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 52*, 17-31.
- Cummings, S. & Cassie McClure, K. (2008). Perceptions of Biopsychosocial Needs among Older Adults with Severe Mental Illness: Met and Unmet Needs. *Health & Social Work, 33*, 133-143.
- Cummings, S. M., Bride, B., Cassie, K. M & Rawlins-Shaw, A. (2008). Evidence Based Psychosocial Interventions for Older Adults with Substance Abuse Disorders. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 50*, 215-244.
- Cummings, S. & MacNeil, G. (2008). Caregivers of Older Clients with Severe Mental Illness: Perceptions of Burdens and Rewards. *Families in Society, 89*, 51-60.
- Cummings, S. M. & Adler, G. (2007). Predictors of social workers' employment in gerontological work: A study in two states. *Journal of Educational Gerontology, 33*, 925-938.
- Davis, C., Cummings, S. M., MacMaster, S. (2007). Undergrad social work faculty in the USA react to the war in Iraq. *Social Work Education, 26*, 496-503.
- Davis, C., Cummings, S., MacMaster, S. & Thompkin, A. (2007). Responding to the war with Iraq among social work faculty in the USA, UK, and Australia. *International Social Work Journal, 50*, 2, 185-195.
- Cummings, S. M., Cassie, K. M., Galambos, C., & Wilson, E. (2006). Impact of an Infusion Model On Students Aging Knowledge, Attitudes, and Interests. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 50*, 173-186.
- Cummings, S. M., Bride, B. & Rawlins, A. (2006). Alcohol abuse among older adults: A review of recent empirical research. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work Practice, 3*, 79-99.

- DeCoster, V. A. & Cummings, S. M. (2005). Helping adults with diabetes: A review of evidence based interventions. *Health & Social Work, 30*, 259-264.
- Cummings, S. M., Adler, G., & DeCoster, V. A. (2005). Factors influencing graduate social work students' interest in working with elders. *Journal of Educational Gerontology, 31*, 643-655.
- Cummings, S. M., Chapin, R., Dobbs, D., & Hayes, J. (2004). Assisted living facilities' response to residents' mental health needs: A study in two states. *Journal of Mental Health and Aging, 10*, 151-162.
- Husaini, B., Cummings, S., Kilbourne, B., Sherkat, D., Roebach, H., Levine, R., Cain, V., & Craun, C. (2004). Group therapy a depression among elderly women: An analysis of outcome by race. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy, 54*, 295-319.
- Cummings, S. M., Kropf, N. P., Cassie, K. M., & Bride, B. (2004). Evidenced Based Treatments for older adults. *Journal of Evidence Based Social Work, 1* (4), 53-81.
- Cummings, S. M. & Cockerham, C. (2004). Depression and life satisfaction in assisted living residents: Impact of Health and Social Support. *Clinical Gerontologist, 27*, 25-42.
- DeCoster, V. A. & Cummings, S. M. (2004). Coping with Type 2 Diabetes: Do race and gender matter?" *Social Work in Health Care, 40* (2), 37-53.
- Cummings, S. M. & DeCoster, V. A. (2004). The Status of Specialized Gerontological Training in Graduate Social Work Education. *Educational Gerontology, 29*, 235-250.
- Cummings, S. M. & Galambos, C. (2004). Preface: Diversity and aging in the social environment Special Issues. *Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 9*, xv-xxi.
- Cummings, S. M. (2003). Impact of Facility Type on Assisted Living Facilities' Response to Residents' Mental Health Needs. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 8*, 25-41.
- Cummings, S. M. (2003). Efficacy of an integrated group treatment program for depressed assisted living elders. *Research of Social Work Practice, 13*, 608-621.
- Cummings S. M., Neff, J. A., Husaini, B. A. (2003). Functional impairment as a predictor of depressive symptomatology: The role of race, religiosity and social support. *Health & Social Work, 28*, 23-32.
- Cummings, S.M., Galambos, C., & DeCoster, V. A. (2003). Predictors of MSW Employment in Gerontological Practice. *Journal of Educational Gerontology, 29*, 295-312.
- Cummings, S. M. & DeCoster, V. A. (2003). The Status of Specializes Gerontological Training in Graduate Social Work Education. *Journal of Educational Gerontology, 29*, 235-259.

Cummings, S. M. & Galambos, C. (2002). Predictors of graduate social work students' interest in aging-related work. *Journal of Gerontological Work*, 39, 77-94.

Cummings, S. M., Williams, M. & Ellis, R. (2002). Impact of an intergenerational program on 4th graders' attitudes toward elders and school behaviors. *The Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 6, 91-107.

Cummings, S. M. (2002). Predictors of psychological well-being among assisted living residents. *Health & Social Work*, 27, 293-302.

Cummings, S. M., Kropf, N., & DeWeaver, K. (2002). Attitudes toward aging among non-elders: Gender and race differentials. *Women & Aging*, 12, 77-91.

Cummings, S. M. & Kropf, N. (2000). An Infusion model for including content on elders with chronic mental illness. *Advances in Social Work*, 1, 93-105.

Cummings, S. M. (1999). Adequacy of discharge plans and rehospitalization among hospitalized dementia patients. *Health & Social Work*, 24, pp. 249-259.

Cummings, S. M., Long, J., Peterson-Hazan, S., & Harrison, J. (1998). The efficacy of a group treatment model in helping spouses meet the emotional and practical challenges of early stage caregiving. *Clinical Gerontologist*, 20, 29-45.

Cummings, S. M., Kelly, T., Holland, T., & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1998). The development and field testing of a needs inventory for caregivers of hospitalized elders. *Research in Social Work Practice*, 8, pp.120-132.

Cummings, S. M. & Cockerham, C. (1997). Ethical dilemmas in discharge planning for Alzheimer's disease patients. *Health and Social Work*, 22, 101-108.

Cummings, S. M., Peterson-Hazan, S., Harrison, J., & Van Tuyl, L. (1993). Overcoming denial in group therapy for caregivers. *Clinical Gerontologist*, 13 (3), 74-77.

Books

Cummings, S. M. & Kropf, N. P. (Eds.) (2008). *Handbook of Psychosocial Interventions for Older Adults: Evidence Based Approaches*. New York: Taylor & Francis, Inc.

Cummings, S. M. & Galambos, C. (Eds.) (2004). *Diversity and aging in the social environment*. New York: Haworth Press.

Book Chapters

Cummings, S. M., Cassie, K. & Trecartin, S.M. (In press). Community Mental Health Centers. In B. Berkman & S. D'Ambruoso (eds). *The Handbook of Social Work in Aging. Second Edition*. Oxford University Press, Inc.

Cummings, S. M. & Copper, R. (2011). The addicted geriatric patient. In E. Bryson & E. Frost (Eds.), *Perioperative Addiction*, pp 239-252. New York, Springer Publishing.

Kilbourne, B., Cummings, S. M. & Levine, R. S. (2011). Does religion protect against psychological distress among chronically ill and poor women? In. A. J. Blasi (ed.), *Toward a sociologic theory of religion and health*, pp. 95-114. Boston: Brill.

Cummings, S. M., Bride, B., Cassie, K. M & Rawlins-Shaw, A. (2008). Evidence based psychosocial interventions for older adults with substance abuse disorders. In S. Cummings & N. Kropf (eds.) *Handbook of Psychosocial Interventions with Older Adults: Evidence-Based Approaches* pp 215-244. New York: Haworth Press.

Cummings, S. & Kropf, N. P. (2008). Overview of evidence-Based Practice with older adults and their families. In S. Cummings & N. Kropf (eds.) *Handbook of Psychosocial Interventions with Older Adults: Evidence-Based Approaches* pp 1- 12. New York: Haworth Press.

Kropf, N. P & Cummings, S. M. (2008). Evidence-Based Practice with older adults and their families: Concluding thoughts. In S. Cummings & N. Kropf (eds.) *Handbook of Psychosocial Interventions with Older Adults: Evidence-Based Approaches* pp 345- 355. New York: Haworth Press.

Cummings, S. M. & Cassie, K. (2006). Community Mental Health Centers. In B. Berkman & S. D'Ambruso (eds). *The Handbook of Social Work in Aging*. Oxford University Press, Inc.

Cummings, S. M. & Jackson, D. (2002). Discharge Planning. In R. L. Schneider, N. P. Kropf, & A. Kisor (Eds.). *Gerontological social work: Knowledge, skills, and special populations* (2nd edition) pp. 191-224. Chicago: Nelson Hall.

Cummings, S. M. (2000). Adequacy of discharge plans and rehospitalization among hospitalized dementia patients. In S. M. Keigher, A. E. Fortune, & S. L. Witkin (Eds.). *Aging and social work: The changing landscapes* pp. 269-282. Washington, D.C.: NASW Press.

Cummings, S. M. & Cockerham, C. (2000). American Indians and aging. In P. Roberts (Ed) *Encyclopedia on Aging* pp.68-71. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press.

Kropf, N., Cummings, S. M., & Sukumar, B. (1998). Practice approaches with older clients. In J. Wodarski and Thyer, B. (Eds.). *Handbook of empirical social work practice: Social problem and practice Issues, Vol. 2* pp. 261-276. New York: John Wiley & Sons.

Publications - Reports

Cummings, S. M. & Chanthusus, D. (2002). *Assisted living care facilities survey: Administrators' perceptions of residents' mental health needs*. Report to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disabilities.

Cummings, S. M. (2001). *Homes for the aged survey: Administrators perceptions' of residents' mental health needs. Report to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disabilities.*

AWARDS/GRANTS

Baptist Healing Trust Transom Grant, 2011-2013, The Older Adult Healthy Living Program (HeLP), Co-Principle Investigator, \$105,040

Professional Development Award, University of Tennessee, 2010, Prevalence and Nature of Substance Abuse among Low-Income Older Adults, PI, \$4,750

NIDA, Brief In-Home Treatment for Older Adults Substance Abusers (R21), Principle Investigator, \$791,536.00 (Submitted 4/09). Denied

NIAAA, Motivational Therapy to Increase Service Utilization among Older Alcohol Abuser (RO3), Principle Investigator, \$100,000 (Submitted 10/07). Denied

SAMHSA, 2004-2007 - \$1,500,000, Older Adults Treatment Services. Consultant

Faculty Development Award, 2004- Service Needs and Perceptions of Service Adequacy among Older Persons with Severe Mental Illness. University of Tennessee, PI, \$4,155.

Center for Mental Health and Aging, University of Alabama, 2003-2004 - \$10,000. Caregivers of Older clients with Severe Mental Illness. Co-PI

John A. Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar, 2001- 2003. \$100,000. Efficacy of a Geriatric Inter-Disciplinary Mental Health Team in the Community Mental Health Center Setting. Principal Investigator

John A. Hartford Geriatric Enrichment in Social Work Education Grant, 2002 – 2003, \$60,000 grant to develop and disseminate aging-related curriculum materials for use in undergraduate and graduate social work education. Principal Investigator

Professional Development Award, University of Tennessee, Summer, 2002 - \$4,800 to support summer data collection for study on older clients in a community mental health care setting. Principal Investigator

Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability grant, 2001 - \$3,750 to conduct a study of “Administrators of Assisted Living Facilities/Homes for the Aged Perceptions of Residents’ Mental Needs and Facility Response”. Principal Investigator

HONORS

Awarded status of Fellow from the Gerontological Society of American, 2008

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Harvard University Management Development Program, summer 2011 - CSWE funded participant

HERS Institute for Women in Higher Education, summer 2012. Selected as UTK funded attendee

PRESENTATIONS

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Cummings, S. (2014). Keynote Speaker. Older Women and the U. N. Millennium Development Goals: Needs and Opportunities. International Conference on Women and Millennium Development Goals, Gujarat, India.

Cummings, S. & Kropf, N. (2013). *Characteristics of Depression and Anxiety Symptom Severity Among Family Members of Older Adults with Severe Psychiatric Disorders*. Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Cooper, R. & Cummings, S. (2013). *Outcome of an In-Home Integrated Substance Misuse and Mental Health Treatment for Older Adults: A Pilot Study*. Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Cummings, S. & Cooper, L. (2013). *Alcohol Misuse Among Low Income Older Adults*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

Chaffin, K, Cooper, R. & Cummings, S. (2013). *Teaching Clinical Skills Online*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

Cummings, S. & Kropf, N. (2013). *Depression in Caregivers of Older Adults with Severe Mental Illness*. International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Conference, Seoul, Korea.

Cummings, S. & Kropf, N. (2013). *Predictors of Depression Among Caregivers of Older Adults with Severe Mental Illness*. Society for Social Work Research, San Diego, CA.

Nugent, W. & Cummings, S. (2012). *A validity study of a brief suicidal thinking screener in a sample of older adults*. Society for Social Work Research, WDC.

Cummings, S. & Cooper, R. (2012). *Nature and Prevalence of Substance Misuse Disorders among Older Public Housing Residents*. Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Cummings, S. & Chaffin, K (2012). *Comparison of Outcomes of a Distance Education and a Traditional MSW Program*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, WDC.

Chaffin, K & Cummings, S.(2012). *Virtually Intouch: Innovative Tools for Effective Online Instruction*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, WDC.

Cummings, S. Foels, L & Chaffin, K (2011). *Comparative Analysis of Distance Education and Classroom-Based Instruction for Teaching Clinical Skills*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Kilbourne, B. & Cummings, S. (2010). *Alcohol Diagnoses among Older Medicare Beneficiaries: Race and Gender Differentials*. Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Cummings, S. & Kilbourne, B. (2010). *Private and Public Religiosity: Influence on Depression among Older Adults with Chronic Illness*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Portland, Oregon.

Davis, C., Choi, C. & Cummings, S. (2010). *Understanding the Help Seeking Behaviors and Service Utilization among Urban Kurdish Refugees and Immigrants*. 6th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Dublin, Ireland.

Davis, C. & Cummings, S. (2010). *Depressive Symptoms among Urban Kurdish Refugees and Immigrants in the USA*. 6th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Dublin, Ireland.

Choi, S. Davis, C, Cummings, S & Van Regenmorter, C. (2010). Understanding Help Seeking Behaviors and Service Utilization among Kurdish Refugees and Immigrants. SSWR

Cummings, S. & Kilbourne, B. (2009). Dimensions of Religiosity: Impact on Depression among Low Income Persons with Diabetes. Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S. (2009). Predictors of Depression Among Older Kurdish Immigrants. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Davis, C., Worley, N. & Cummings, S. (2009). *Depressive Symptoms among Urban Kurdish Refugees and Immigrants*, SSWR 13th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Cummings, S. (2008) *Evidenced-Based Psychosocial Interventions for Older Adults with Chronic Health Conditions*. Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Cummings, S., Cooper, R. L. & McClure, K. (2008). *Motivation Interviewing for Older Adults with Chronic and Acute Illnesses*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Cummings, S. & Cassie, K. M. (2007). *Factors Influencing Formal and Informal Service Receipt among Older Adults with Severe Mental Illness*. Gerontological Society of America. San Francisco, CA.

Cummings, S. (2007). *Evidence Based Alcohol Abuse Interventions for Older adults*. Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Cummings, S. & MacNeil, G. (2007). *Psychological distress among caregivers of older persons with severe mental illness*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Cummings, S. (2007). *Evidence Based Mental Health Interventions for Older adults: Substance Abuse*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Klein, D., McGuire, S. & Cummings, S. (2007). *Developing and Supporting a Multi-College Gerontology Minor and Certificate Program on a Shoe-String*. Association of Gerontology in Higher Education Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference, Portland, OR.

Cummings, S. & Adler, G. (2006). *Predictors of Social Workers' Employment in Gerontological Social Workers: A Study in Two States*. Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

Cummings, S. & Cassie McClure, K. (2006). *Met and Unmet Service Needs of Older Persons with Severe Mental Illness*. Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

Cummings, S. & Adler, G. (2006). *Factors Influencing Social Workers' Employment in Gerontological Work*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Cummings, S. (2006). *Partnerships in Gerontological Social Work*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Cummings, S. & MacNeil, G. (2006). *Subjective and Objective Burden among Caregivers of Older Adults with Severe Mental Illness*. Society for Social Work Research, San Antonio, TX.

Cummings, S. Greene, R., Chapin, R., Kolb, P. & Galambos, C. (2005). *Changing Paradigms? Emerging Theoretical and practice Frameworks of Gerontological Practice*. Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.

Cummings, S. & MacNeil, G. (2005). *Burdens and Rewards among Caregivers of Older Clients with Severe Mental Illness*. Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.

Adler, G. & DeCoster, V. & Cummings, S. (2005). *A Multi-State Study of Factors Influencing Graduate Social Work Students' Interest in Working with Elders*. Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.

Cummings, S., Cassie McClure, K., Galambos, C., & Wilson, B. (2005). *Impact of an Infusion Model on Students' Aging Knowledge, Attitudes, and Interests*. National Gerontological Social Work Conference, NYC.

Davis, C., Cummings, S., MacMaster, S. (2005). *Political Activism among Social Work Faculty in Three Countries*. CSWE, NYC.

Cummings, S., Adler, G. & DeCoster, V. (2005). *Graduate Social Work Students' Attitudes Toward and Interest in Working with Elders*. CSWE, NYC.

Davis, D., Cummings, S., MacMaster, S. (2004). *A Case Study of On-line Cross-Cultural Research: Responding to the War with Iraq among Social Work Faculty in the USA, UK, and Australia*. CSWE, 7th Technology Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Cummings, S. M., Chapin, R., Dobbs, D., & Hayes, J. (2004). *Assisted living facilities' response to residents' mental health needs: A study in two states*. Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Davis, C., Cummings, S., MacMaster, S. (2004). *Responding to the War with Iraq among Social Work Faculty in Australia, the UK and the USA*. Poster presented at the Global Social Work Congress, Adelaide, Australia.

Cummings, S. & DeCoster, V. (2003). *A National Survey of Gerontological Training in Graduate Social Work Education*. Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Cummings, S. & Galambos, C., & Decoster, V. (2003). *Factors predicting graduate social work student interest in aging-related work*. National Gerontological Social Work Conference/CSWE, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S. & DeCoster, V. (2003). *The Status of Specialized Gerontological Training in Graduate Social Work Education*. National Gerontological Social Work Conference/CSWE, Atlanta, GA.

(Organizer/Chair). Ai, A., Barusch, A., & Berkman, B. presenters. (2003). *Relationships in a new age: Spiritual, Personal, and Professional*. National Gerontological Social Work Conference/CSWE, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S. & DeCoster, V. (2003). *The Status of Specialized Gerontological Training in Graduate Social Work Education*. National Gerontological Social Work Conference/CSWE, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S. (2002). *Impact of Facility type on Assisted Living Facilities' Responses to Residents Mental Health Needs*. Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Galambos, C. & Cummings, S. (2002). *Ethical Conflicts in Field Placements*. Annual Program Meeting, Council for Social Work Education, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. & Galambos, C. (2002). *Predictor's of Graduate Social Work Students' Interest in Aging-Related Work*. Annual Program Meeting, Council for Social Work Education, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. (2001) *Predictor's of Psychological Well-Being in Assisted Living Residents*. Paper presentation for symposium "Issues Related to Aging in Place in Assisted Living", Gerontological Society of America, Chicago, IL.

(Organizer/Chair). C. Saltz Corely, N. Morrow-Howell, & J. Lubben, presenters. (2001). *Gerontological Social Work: Charting the Future*. Gerontological Society of America, Chicago, IL.

Cummings, S., Neff, J. A., Husaini, B. (2001). *Functional Impairment as a Predictor of Depressive Symptomatology: The Role of Race, Religiosity and Social Support*. Annual Program Meeting, Council for Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.

Cummings, S., Neff, J. A., Husaini, B. (2001). *Depression and Functional Impairment among Caucasian and African American Elders*. Society for Social Work Research, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S., Kropf, N. & DeWeaver, K. (2000). *Knowledge of and Attitudes toward Aging Among Non-Elders: Gender and Race Differences*. Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Galambos, C. & Cummings, S. (2000). *Mental Health Needs of Caregivers: Psychosocial and Treatment Issues*. NASW Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Cummings, S. (1999). *Adequacy of Discharge Plans for Dementia Patients*. Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1998). *Care-giving Across a Lifetime: Dynamics and Strategies for Care-giving for an Elder with Chronic Mental Illness*. Annual American Society on Aging Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Cummings, S., Kropf, N. & DeWeaver, K. (1998). *Aging Related Anxiety among Non-Elders: Gender and Race Differentials*. Annual Program Meeting, Council for Social Work Education, Orlando, FL.

Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1996). *The Impact of Chronic Mental Illness on Older Persons and their Families*. 42nd Annual American Society on Aging Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1996). *Depression in the Elderly: The Symptoms, the Treatments, the Strategies*. 42nd Annual American Society on Aging Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Cummings, S. M., Kelly, T., Holland, T., & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1994). *Developing a Needs Inventory for Caregivers of Hospitalized Elderly*. 47th Annual Convention of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1994). *Care Mapping: Stage –Based Caregiving for Alzheimer’s Patients*. National Council on Aging Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1993). *Early Alzheimer’s, Early Grief: Working with Self-Aware Dementia Patients and their Caregivers*. National Conference of Aging Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. Harrison, J., & Van Tyl, L. (1993). *Early Alzheimer’s, Early Grief: Working with Self-Aware Dementia Patients and their Caregiver*. American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

STATE/REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Cummings, S. M. (2012). *Mental Health and Aging*. VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville, TN.

Davis, C. & Cummings, S. M. (2009) *Evidence Based Practice for Social Work Practitioners*. Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare State Conference, Franklin, TN.

Cummings, S. (2008). *Investing in Older Adults: The Educational Perspective*. NASW-TN Legislative Conference, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. (2004). *Impact of Facility type on Assisted Living Facilities' Responses to Residents Mental Health Needs*. University of Tennessee, Gerontology Colloquy, Knoxville, TN.

Cummings, S. & Moran, M. (2003). *Mental Health & Aging: Current Status and Existing Treatment Strategies*. Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare State Conference, Nashville, TN.

Galambos, C., Wilson, B., & Cummings, S. (2003). *Responding to a Graying Society: Answers from the Community*. Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare State Conference, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S., Neff, J. A., Husaini, B. (2003). *Functional Impairment as a Predictor of Depressive Symptomatology* (Invited). Tennessee State University Center for Health Research, Research Series, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. (2003). *Building Relationships with State Legislators* (Invited). Mental Health & Aging Coalition of Middle Tennessee, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. & Moran, M. (2002). *Mental Health and Aging: Current Status and Existing Strategies*. Tennessee Conference for Social Welfare – East Knoxville, TN.

Cummings, S. (2002). *Resolving Ethical Dilemmas in Work with Older Clients* (Invited). Time-Out Series, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. (2002). *Mental Health Needs of Assisted Living and Homes for the Aged Residents* (Invited). Tennessee Association of Home and Services for the Aging, Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. (2002). *Mental Health and Aging* (Invited). Tennessee Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. & Galambos, C. (2001) *Resolving Ethical Dilemmas in Work with Older Clients* (Invited). University of Tennessee College of Social Work, Professional Continuing Education Workshop, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. & Moran, M. (2001). *Aging and Mental Health* (Invited). Tennessee Commission on Aging Quarterly Commissioner's Meeting, Nashville, TN.

Whaley, J., Cummings, S. & Moran, M. (2001). *Aging and Mental Health* (Invited). Annual State Advocare Conference, Nashville, TN.

- Cummings, S. (2001). *Stage-Based Caregiving: Emotional and Practical Challenges of Alzheimer's Caregiving* (Invited). SeniorLinks, Nashville, TN.
- Cummings, S. (2001). *Living With Grief – Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses* (Respondent). National Bereavement Teleconference, Nashville, TN.
- Cummings, S., Moran, M., Sylakowski, P. (2000). *Advocacy Issues: Mental Health and Aging* (Invited). Middle Tennessee Mental Health Advocacy Conference, Nashville, TN.
- Cummings, S. & Galambos, C. (2000). *Elder Issues, Research and Service Delivery* (Invited). Tennessee Conference for Social Welfare for East Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
- Cummings, S. (2000). *Aging and Mental Health* (Invited). State-wide MHMR Planning Council, Nashville, TN.
- Cummings, S. (2000). *Mental Health of Assisted Living Residents* (Invited). Aging Advocacy Committee, Nashville, TN.
- Galambos, C. & Cummings, S. (2000). *The Development and Implementation of Effective Support Caregiver Groups: Responding to Specialized Needs*. Tennessee Conference of Social Welfare Annual State Conference, Nashville, TN.
- Galambos, C. & Cummings, S. (2000). *Integration of Case Management Functions By Nursing Home Social Services* (Invited). Tennessee Health Care Association, 11th Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.
- Cummings S. & Davey, T. (2000). *Conducting Groups in a Managed Care Environment*. University of Tennessee College of Social Work, Professional Continuing Education Workshop, Nashville, TN.
- Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1999). *Discharge Planning Adequacy and the Development of a Post-Discharge Follow-Up Program*. Southern Gerontological Society, annual conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Cummings, S. (1999). *Social Work in the 21st Century: The role of Geriatric Social Work*. Alvin C. York VA Medical Center, Annual Conference, Murfreesboro, TN.
- Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1997). *Case Consultation on the Difficult Client*, (Invited). Mosaics of Eldercare Symposium, Atlanta, GA.
- Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1996). *Doing Ethics: Resolving Ethical Dilemmas in Work with the Elderly*, half-day intensive, Georgia Gerontology Society, 41st Annual Meeting, Macon, GA.
- Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1995). *Early Stage Alzheimer's Disease*, (Invited) half-day intensive, American Society on Aging Summer Series on Aging, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1995). *Cognitive Assessment: Essential Skills for Social Work with the Elderly*. 7th Annual NASW-GA Conference, Savannah, GA.

Cummings, S. & Kropf, N. (1995). *Life-Long Struggles: What Happens as the Chronically Mentally Ill and the Developmentally Disabled Age?*. 7th Annual NASW-GA Conference, Savannah, GA.

Cummins, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1995). *Cognitive Assessment of Elderly Clients* (Invited). A Workshop for the Georgia Gerontology Society, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S. & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1994). *Stage Based Caregiving for Alzheimer's Patients*. 6th Annual NASW-GA Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Cummings, S. M., Kelly, T., Holland, T., & Peterson-Hazan, S. (1994). *Measuring Caregiver Needs: The Development of a Needs Inventory for Caregivers of Hospitalized Elders* (Invited). 5th Annual Convention for Gerontology and Geriatrics, University of Georgia.

Cummings, S. (1994). *Aging: Obstacles and Opportunities*, (Invited). Progressions 1994 Education Series, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA.

Cummings, S., Peterson-Hazan, S., Harrison, J., & Van Tyl, L. (1992). *Struggling with Self-Awareness: Programs and Strategies to Reach the Early Alzheimer's Patient*. Southern Gerontological Conference, Nashville, TN.

Cummings, S. (1989). *Innovative Community-Based Programs for the Inner City* (Invited). D.C. Area NASW Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

COLLEGE and UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University

UTK Interdisciplinary Graduate Gerontology Certificate Program, founding member and Chair, 2008-2013

Online Learning Advisory Committee, member – 2013-present

Search Committee, Director of Online Programs, member - 2013

Online Task Force, member – 2012-2013

First Generation Mentoring Program, proposed and developed plan for program; Chair, First Generation Mentoring Program Task Force – 2012- present

Interdisciplinary Graduate Gerontology Certificate Program, Chair, 2008-2013

Undergraduate Associate Deans Committee

Graduate Deans Committee

University Graduate Council

College of Social Work

Administrative Committee, member – 2006-present

Curriculum Committee, faculty member -1998-2000; ex-officio member - 2006-present

Faculty Governance Committee, ex-officio member – 2006-present,

DSW Committee, member – 2009-2013
Search and Screen, faculty member -1998-2006; chair – 2006; ex-officio member
2006-present
CSW Student Behavioral Code & Procedures Task Force, chair – 2010-present
MSSW Website Task Force, chair – 2010-2012
PhD Committee, member– 2005-2006

PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE

International

Guest Lecturer – Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and University of Delhi, India, February 2014

*provided lectures on aging-related topics to graduate classes

Guest Lecturer – Soochow University and Taipei Medical University, Taipei, Taiwan – April, 2008

* provided lectures on aging-related topics to undergraduate and graduate classes and faculty

U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, Grant Reviewer – 2009, 2012

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Major Collaborative Research Initiatives Program, Grant Reviewer – 2009

The Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development, Grant Reviewer - 2010

National

CSWE Council on Leadership Development, member - 2012- 2015

Association for Gerontological Education in Social Work, 1999-present

President, 2006-2010; Board member, 2003 – present; Awards Committee Chair, 1999 – 2006

CSWE/Gero-Ed Center – Conference Planning Committee, 2006-2009

Council on Social Work Education /Gero-Ed Center – Conference Planning Committee, 2006-2009

Mit Joiner Award Committee, BPD Gerontology Section - 2006, 2007

Anita Rosen Student Poster Presentation Award Committee (CSWE) – 2006-2008

U.S. Department of Education – Grant Reviewer, 2000, 2001

Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference – abstract reviewer, 2008

CSWE Conference – abstract reviewer, 2002 – present

Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference – abstract reviewer, 2004, 2005, 2011

Association for Gerontological Education in Social Work (national association of gerontological researchers and educators)

Editorial Service

The Journal of Gerontological Social Work – Executive Committee, Editorial Board, member – 2008-present

The Journal of Health & Social Work

-Practice Forum Editor, 2006- present

-Consulting Editor, 2002- present

Journal of Gerontology & Geriatrics Education – Editorial Board, 2007-present

Journal on Social Service Research – Editorial Board

Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment – guest editor for special issues on Diversity

& Aging

International Journal of Aging and Human Development – 2011, 2013
Journal of Aging & Mental Health – guest reviewer, 2008, 2009, 2010
Research on Social Work Practice – guest reviewer, 2002, 2005, 2006
The Gerontologist – guest reviewer, 2004, 2011, 2012
Clinical Gerontologist – guest reviewer, 2004
Social Science & Medicine – guest reviewer, 2003

Regional/Local

Meharry Consortium Inter-Professional Geriatric Clinical Case Training, faculty member – 2012-13
Tn. Commission on Mental Health, Older Adults Behavioral Health Task Force - 2013
Alzheimer's Disease Walk, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005 – Organized a group of UTCSW students and Faculty to participate in the Nashville Alzheimer's Disease Walk
Tennessee State Mental Health Planning Council Task Force on Aging – Member
Mental Health & Aging Coalition of Middle Tennessee – Founding member; Board of Directors, 2002 – 2005
Middle Tennessee Mental Health Advocates for Seniors – Founding Member
Alive Hospice Quality Care Board – Member, 1999 – 2001
Restore Ministries Advisory Board – Member, 1999 – 2001
Tennessee State University Center For Health Research – Consultant for NIH funded project on Impact of Group Therapy on Depressed Community Dwelling Elders, 2000-2002
Family and Children's Services of Middle Tennessee – Consultant on Development and Marketing of Caregiving Support Groups, 2000

Professional Associations

Association for Gerontological Education in Social Work
Council on Social Work Education
Gerontological Society of America
National Association of Social Workers