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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Work, University of Georgia, 1998  
M.S.W., University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, 1990  
M.A., Theology, Villanova University, 1981  
B.A., Villanova University, Villanova, PA., 1977

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Acting Associate Dean**, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work, 2006 -

**Associate Professor**, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work (2004 - present)  
Teach clinical courses to graduate students. Advise students on academic matters. Conduct research and publish findings.

**Assistant Professor**, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work (1998-2004)  
Teach clinical courses to graduate students. Act as faculty liaison for concentration level practicum students. Advise students on academic matters. Conduct research and publish findings.

**Instructor**, University of Georgia School of Social Work, Athens, GA. (1997 through 1998)  
Teach micro and macro level courses to graduate and undergraduate students. Act as faculty liaison for concentration level practicum students.

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Georgia School of Social Work, Athens, GA. (1995 and 1996)  
Taught micro and macro level courses to graduate students.

### Courses Taught

Social Gerontology. (Graduate)  
Human Behavior and the Social Environment II. (Graduate)  
Foundations of Social Work Practice I. (Graduate)  
Clinical Social Work with Individuals. (Graduate)  
Assessment and Psychopathology: Adults and the Aged. (Graduate)  
Social Welfare Policy and Services. (Graduate or Undergraduate)  
Social Work with Adults and the Aged: Public Policy. (Graduate)  
Social Work Treatment with Groups. (Graduate)  
Social Work Research Methods. (Graduate or Undergraduate)  
Public Policy. (Undergraduate)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Cummings, S. & MacNeil, G. (In Press). Caregivers of Older Clients with Severe Mental Illness: Perceptions of Burdens and Rewards

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.

Cummings, S. M., Cassie, K. M., Galambos, C., & Wilson, E. (In Press). Impact of an Infusion Model on Students Aging Knowledge, Attitudes, and Interests. Journal of Gerontological Social Work.

Davis, C., Cummings, S. M., MacMaster, S. (In press) Social Work Education: An International Journal. Responding to the War with Iraq among Social Work Faculty in the USA

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 and depression among elderly women: An analysis of outcome by race. International Journal of Group Psychotherapy, 543, 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. & Galamobs, 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, 13, 608-621

Cummings, S. M. (2003). Efficacy of an integrated group treatment program for depressed assisted living elders. Research on 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., & De Coster, V. A. (2003). Predictors of MSW Employment in Gerontological Practice. Journal of Educational Gerontology, 29, 295-312.

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. (2002). Predictors of graduate social work students' interest in aging-related work. Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 39, 77-94.

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

Cummings, S. M. & De Coster, V. A (2003). The Status of Specialized Gerontological Training in Graduate Social Work Education. Journal of Educational Gerontology, 29,235-259.

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

Cummings, S. M. & Jackson, D.(2000). Discharge Planning. In R. L. Schneider, N. P. Kropf, & A. Kisor (eds.). Gerontological social work: Knowledge, skills, and special populations (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 pp269-282. Washington, D.C: NASW Press.

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

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

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.

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, 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. (1996). Spousal caregivers of early Alzheimer's patients: A psychoeducational support group model. Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 26, 83-98.

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.

#### Publications - Under Review

Cummings, S. (Under Review). A Specialized Interdisciplinary Geriatric Mental Health Team Approach to Treat Older Persons with Severe Mental Illness

Davis, C. , Cummings, S. M., MacMaster, S. (Under Review). Responding to the War with Iraq among Social Work Faculty in the USA, UK, and Australia.

#### Publications – Books

Cummings, S. M. & Kropf, N. P. (In press). Psychosocial Evidenced Based Interventions for Older Adults. New York: Haworth Press.

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

#### 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**

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

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

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. \$50,000/per year to support growth in development as a researcher, leader, and educator in gerontology and to support the study "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, 2002-200 - \$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 Health Needs and Facility Response". Principal Investigator

Faculty 1<sup>st</sup> Award, 2001 - \$6,000 to purchase computer and software; support from UT Innovative Technology Center to develop web-supported and web-based courses

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### *NATIONAL CONFERENCES*

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

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

Cummings, S. & MacNeil, G. Burdens and Rewards Among Caregivers of Older Clients with Severe Mental Illness. Gerontological Society of America, 2005. Orlando, Fla.

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

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

Davis, C., Cummings, S., MacMaster, S. Political Activism Among Social Work Faculty in Three

Countries. CSWE, NYC, 2005.

Cummings, S., Adler, G, & DeCoster, V. Graduate Social Work Students' Attitudes Toward And Interest In Working With Elders., CSWE, NYC, 2005

Davis, C., Cummings, S., MacMaster, S. 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, 2004

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

Davis, C., Cummings, S., MacMaster, S. 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, 2004.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cummings, S. Predictors 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, 2001

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

Cummings, S., Neff, J.A., Husaini, B. 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., 2001

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cummings, S.& Peterson-Hazan, S.Harrison, J., & Van Tyl, L. Early Alzheimer's, Early Grief: Working with Self-Aware Dementia Patients and their Caregivers, American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Chicago, Ill., March 1993.

#### *STATE / REGIONAL CONFERENCES*

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

Cummings, S.& Moran, M. Mental health & aging: Current status and existing treatment strategies. Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare State Conference. Nashville, TN. 2003

Galambos, C., Wilson, B., & Cummings, S. Responding to a graying society: Answers from the community. Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare State Conference. Nashville, TN. 2003

Cummings, S., Neff, J.A., Husaini, B. Functional impairment as a predictor of depressive symptomatology (Invited). Tennessee State University Center for Health Research, Research Series. Nashville, TN. 2003

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cummings, S. Stage-Based Caregiving: Emotional and Practical Challenges of Alzheimer's Caregiving (Invited). SeniorLinks, Nashville, TN., 2001

Living With Grief - Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses. ( Respondent). National Bereavement Teleconference, Nashville, TN., 2001.

Cummings, S., Moran, M., Sylakowski, P. Advocacy Issues: Mental Health and Aging (Invited). Middle Tennessee Mental Health Advocacy Conference, Nashville, TN. 2000

Cummings, S. & Galambos, C. Elder Issues, Research and Service Delivery (Invited). Tennessee Conference for Social Welfare for East Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. 2000

- Cummings, S. Aging and Mental Health (Invited). State-wide MHMR Planning Council. Nashville, TN. 2000
- Cummings, S. Mental Health of Assisted Living Residents (Invited). Aging Advocacy Committee. Nashville, TN. 2000.
- Galambos, C. & Cummings, S. The Development and Implementation of Effective Support Caregiver Groups: Responding to Specialized Needs. Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare Annual State Conference, Nashville, TN. 2000.
- Galambos, C. & Cummings, S. Integration of Case Management Functions by Nursing Home Social Services (Invited). Tennessee Health Care Association. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Nashville, TN. 2000.
- Cummings, S. & Davey, T. Conducting Groups in a Managed Care Environment. University of Tennessee College of Social Work, Professional Continuing Education Workshop, Nashville, TN., 2000
- Cummings, S.& Peterson-Hazan, S. Discharge Planning Adequacy and the Development of a Post-Discharge Follow-Up Program. Southern Gerontological Society, annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. 1999
- Cummings, S. Social Work in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The role of Geriatric Social Work. Alvin C. York VA Medical Center, Annual Conference, Murfreesboro, TN. 1999
- Cummings, S.& Peterson-Hazan, S. Case Consultation on the Difficult Client, (Invited), Mosaics of Eldercare Symposium, Atlanta, GA. 1997.
- Cummings, S.& Peterson-Hazan, S. Doing Ethics: Resolving Ethical Dilemmas in Work with the Elderly, half-day intensive, Georgia Gerontology Society, 41st Annual Meeting, Macon, GA., 1996
- Cummings, S.& Peterson-Hazan, S. Early Stage Alzheimer's Disease, (Invited) half-day intensive, American Society on Aging Summer Series on Aging, Atlanta. GA., 1995
- Cummings, S.& Peterson-Hazan, S. Cognitive Assessment: Essential Skills for Social Work with the Elderly, 7th Annual NASW-GA Conference, Savannah, GA., 1995
- Cummings, S.& Kropf, N. Life-Long Struggles: What Happens as the Chronically Mentally Ill and the Developmentally Disables Age?, 7th Annual NASW-GA Conference, Savannah, GA., 1995
- Cummings, S.& Peterson-Hazan, S. Cognitive Assessment of Elderly Clients, (Invited) A Workshop for the Georgia Gerontology Society, Atlanta, GA., 1995
- Cummings, S.& Peterson-Hazan, S. Stage-Based Caregiving for Alzheimer's Patients, 6th Annual NASW-GA Conference, Atlanta, GA., 1994
- Cummings, S. M., Kelly, T., Holland, T., & Peterson-Hazan, S. 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, 1994.

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

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

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

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Psychiatric Social Worker**, Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital, Atlanta, GA. (1990 - 1996)

Provided individual, family and group therapy for geriatric clients within a psychiatric in-patient setting and in an out-patient clinic. Coordinated discharge planning process. Led psycho-educational spousal caregiver groups. Facilitated and coordinated the conceptualization, development and implementation of social service research projects.

**Psychotherapist**, Community Psychiatric Clinic, Bethesda, MD. (Intern, 1988 - 1989)

Provided therapy for geriatric clients and their families through the Counseling for Seniors Program. Co-led psycho-educational groups for caregivers of functionally impaired elders and support groups for caregivers of elders with Alzheimer's Disease.

**Executive Director**, Sarah's Circle, Washington, D.C. (1986 - 1989)

Led social service agency providing housing, services and programs for low-income elderly. Directed the establishment and management of programming, social services, apartment building management and rehabilitation. Developed and monitored annual and long-range plans. Supervised fund raising program, budget development, and program expenditures. Hired and supervised staff. Represented agency in the community.

**Executive Director**, D.C. Hotline, Washington, D.C. (1982 - 1985)

Directed services of crisis intervention and information/referral hotline. Coordinated work of Board, staff and volunteers. Developed new programming strategies and oversaw management of on-going services. Wrote grants, oversaw fund-raising program, and maintained on-going funding relationships. Conducted community education and training programs. Represented agency in the community.

**Administrator**, D.C. Hotline, Washington, D.C. (1979 - 1980)

Administered day-to-day operations of a crisis intervention, listening and referral service. Recruited, coordinated and maintained a corps of 70 volunteers. Organized and conducted intensive training programs for all Hotline counselors. Conceived and managed development of information and referral program.

## **Professional and Community Service**

The Journal of Health & Social Work

- Practice Forum Editor – 2006 -
- Consulting editor, 2002-2005

Journal on Social Service Research – Editorial Board, member

Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment - guest editor for special issues on Diversity & Aging

Research on Social Work Practice - guest reviewer, 2002, 2005, 2006

Social Science & Medicine - guest reviewer, 2003

The Gerontologist - guest reviewer, 2004

Clinical Gerontologist - guest reviewer, 2004

National Gerontological Social Work Conference - abstract reviewer, 2002,2003, 2004, 2005

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

Association for Gerontological Education in Social Work

Board member - 2003-2006

Awards Committee Chair 1999-2006

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

Center for Mental Health & Aging, University of Alabama - Center Affiliate

Center for Health Research, Tennessee State University - Center Affiliate

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

Georgia Gerontological Society - Annual Conference Planning Committee member, 1998

### **Professional Associations**

Council on Social Work Education

Gerontological Society of America

National Association of Social Workers

Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare

### **Certification**

Licensed Master Social Worker - State of Tennessee