

Vita  
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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Social Work University of Pittsburgh Dissertation Research: <i>The Social Work Role on Hospital Ethics Committees</i>	1995
M.P.H. Public Health University of Pittsburgh Public Health Essay - <i>Policy Analysis of the Patient Self-Determination Act</i>	1994
M.S.W. Social Work University of Pittsburgh	1986
B.A. Social Work University of Pittsburgh	1984

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### Professor

School of Social Work, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
August, 2010-present

Teaching responsibilities primarily in the MSW and PhD programs. Teach introductory direct practice courses and also health, gerontology and end-of-life and palliative care practice courses as well as research methods. Research includes work around decision making issues regarding end-of-life care.

Faculty Associate and Executive Committee member - UA Alabama Research Institute on Aging

Faculty Affiliate, UA Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program

### Associate Professor

School of Social Work, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
August, 2003-August, 2010 –Tenure granted/received April 2006

Teaching responsibilities primarily in the MSW program. Teach introductory direct practice courses and health care practice in the Health Concentration, including social work practice with the dying and bereaved.

Faculty Associate and Executive Committee member of Center for Mental Health and Aging (UA)

### Assistant Professor

School of Social Work, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX  
June, 1997-July, 2003 –Tenure granted May, 2003

Interim MSW Program Director - May, 2002 to July, 2003

Teach introductory and advanced direct practice courses, including health care practice, gerontological social work practice, and research methods, measurement/statistics courses at the Masters level. Assisted in development of Masters program which received initial accreditation Spring, 2001.

Also taught a freshman seminar for honors students each fall to assist student in adapting to the university environment -3 years.

As MSW program director, responsible for oversight of the program including admissions, retention, recruitment, allocation of financial and faculty resources, and activities necessary for continued accreditation of the School.

Assistant Professor

School of Social Work, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

January, 1997 to May, 1997

Teach introductory and advanced direct practice courses at the Masters level and interviewing/recording skills at undergraduate level.

Part-time Faculty

School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

August, 1995 to December, 1996

Instruction of students in generalist social work practice methods courses at the Masters level.

Part-time Faculty

Social Work Program, Seton Hill College, Greensburg, PA

August, 1996 to December, 1996

Instruction of Human Behavior in the Social Environment course at the undergraduate level.

Graduate Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

January, 1995 to April, 1995

Assisted in self-study of School in preparation for CSWE Re-accreditation in 1996.

Teaching Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

August to December, 1994

Assisted in the instruction of undergraduate students in a beginning social welfare course. Solely responsible for leading three weekly recitation sessions. Also assisted in the instruction of graduate students in a generalist practice methods course.

Research Assistant

Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh

May to August, 1994

Involved in the design, implementation, data collection, and analysis of an evaluation of a high-risk family drug & alcohol counseling program.

Graduate Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

September, 1993 to April, 1994

Reviewed and analyzed a statewide study of rural social workers and assisted in preparation of research manuscript for publication; also other research duties as assigned.

## HONORS/AWARDS

2018: *PDIA Career Achievement Award* from Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network; announced at annual assembly in Boston, MA March 11-13, 2018.

2017: Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network Annual Assembly: *Best Poster Research Category*, “A systematic review of psychosocial elements that define a good death”. Maynard, Q.R. & Csikai, E.L.

2013: American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine/Hospice and Palliative Nurse’s Association Annual Assembly: *Best Poster Award (Clinical Trials)*. Poster titled, “The Evidence of Efficacy in the Translation of the Legacy Intervention Family Enactment (LIFE)”, E.L. Csikai, R.S. Allen, & P. Parmelee.

2008: National Academies of Practice: selected as a Distinguished Scholar in Social Work (NAP is an organization that represents health care practitioners in the fields of: Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry, Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatric Medicine, Psychology, Social Work, and Veterinary Medicine).

2007: Selected as a *Fulbright Faculty Scholar* by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for 5-month lecturing position at the University of Debrecen, College of Health Faculty, Nyiregyhaza, Hungary, Spring 2008.

2007: Dean’s Award for Teaching, Research and Scholarship  
University of Alabama, School of Social Work

## PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC MENTORING

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Minority Health Research Center, Health Disparities Research Training Award Program (2013-2015). Served as primary mentor for University of Alabama, School of Social Work faculty member: Hyunjin Noh, Ph.D (2012). This program’s goal is to develop independent researchers in health disparities.

American Cancer Society, Doctoral Training Program in Oncology Social Work. Serve as mentor/preceptor for Crystal Broussard, MSW, doctoral student, University of Alabama, School of Social Work (July 2011-2013). Program provides training in oncology research and a grant stipend to student for two-year period to support program completion.

## RESEARCH AND GRANT FUNDING

*Cross-cultural perceptions and attitudes influencing communication about serious illness and quality of life among older adults in Cuba and U.S.* Funded by UA Research Committee Grant program (\$6000 – awarded 4-8-16). Role as PI. (June 2016-May 2018; extension through December 2019). Primary aims: 1-Explore the cultural nuances and complex psychosocial factors that may influence end-of-life communication processes; 2-Identify preferences

for the involvement of family and health professionals in sharing of truthful information about diagnosis, prognosis, treatment options, including palliative care. (Funded)

*Definitions of a Good Death* – Systematic review of literature to determine a common definition of a ‘good death’. Role as PI. Initial review Fall 2016-Spring 2017; investigation extended to older adults and important psychosocial factors. (conducted with doctoral student, Quentin Maynard).

*Experiences of Hungarian Older Adults and Families with Communication about Serious Illness and Provision of Care at Home.* January 2017 – ongoing. Extension of ongoing international research with colleagues in Hungary see below. Additional data being collected from formal care providers (hospice and social care agencies) to understand processes of communication and treatment decisions about serious illness between patients, families, and health professionals. (unfunded)

*Older Adults' Preferences for Communication and Decision Making about Serious Illness.* Role as PI; co-investigator Dr. Margarita Chacón (INOR, La Habana, Cuba. Project entails exploratory focus group meetings with two groups of Cuban older adults to explore view on communication with health professionals and information desired in the case of serious illness (January-December 2016).

*A National Consensus Project to Establish Core Competencies and an Educational Curriculum for Generalist-Level Palliative Social Work;* PI: Myra Glajchen, DSW, Director of Medical Education, MJHS Institute for Innovation in Palliative Care; funded by U.S. Cancer Pain Relief Committee; (April 1, 2016-August 30, 2017); serve as Advisory Board Member. This project will close a significant gap in the relationship between social work and the interdisciplinary practice of palliative care by creating and disseminating evidence-based, consensus-derived core competencies for generalist-level palliative social work in varied practice settings and a curriculum to guide education and training in support of these competencies. The process by which these work products will be developed will ensure that they are national in scope, broad enough to apply to varied types of social work practice, and able to address the needs for both graduate training and continuing education. (Funded, consultant)

*Social Work Outcomes Assessment in Hospice and Palliative Care* (co-PI). Summer 2013-ongoing. Co-PI: Dona Reese, PhD, University of Illinois, Carbondale. The purpose of this study is to investigate the extent of usage of standardized measures, such as the Social Work Assessment Tool, are used in hospice and palliative care to measure outcomes of social work intervention. It involves a national online survey of hospice and palliative care social workers. (no funding source)

*Experiences of Hungarian Patients and Families with Treatment of Serious Illness* (PI). Spring 2012 – Fall 2016 -International research in collaboration with co-investigator/liaison: Patyan László, Social Work Department, College of Health Faculty, University of Debrecen, Nyíregyháza, Hungary. The purpose of this study is to examine how communication occurs and information is learned about serious illness and to understand treatment experiences of patients and families. Qualitative interviews conducted with patients with advanced cancer and their family members in 4 different recruitment sites in Hungary. (sabbatical research; un-funded).

*Hospice Social Workers' Views of the Feasibility of Formal Life Review Programs.* Fall 2012. Project involved a focus group held at the NHPKO Clinical Team Conference. Primary aims were to discuss how life review/legacy interventions were carried out by practitioners and solicit

recommendations for the design of formal life review programs in hospice.

*Hospice Social Worker's Involvement in Life Review Interventions* (PI). Fall, 2011. A survey administered online to document hospice social workers' involvement in life review/reminiscence/legacy interventions in their current practice and the knowledge of volunteer involvement in these activities. A preliminary study in preparation for grant proposal submission to test legacy intervention translation using hospice volunteers as interventionists. (no funding source).

*A National Social Work Survey of Educational Needs in End-of-Life and Palliative Care* (with co-PI Sherri Weisenfluh) supported by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. 2010. This was an unfunded project that involved administration of an online survey regarding educational needs of hospice and palliative care social workers.

*Family Involvement in Breast Cancer Treatment Decisions (Older African Americans)* (\$25,000) (NIH # 5U01CA114619-05. Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (UAB). 7/1/09-6/30/11. Co-PI with Dr. Shadi S. Martin. This study has the aim of understanding the lived experiences of the decision making processes for individuals with breast cancer and their families.

*Transitioning to Hospice and Decisional Change Over Time: Communication with Health Professionals as a Factor in Differential Access to Hospice* (\$6000). The University of Alabama, Center for Mental Health and Aging. 9/1/09-8/31/10. This project involves qualitative interviews with patients and caregivers around their decisions to choose or not choose hospice care at the end of life.

*Legacy Intervention Family Enactment (LIFE). An Effectiveness Trial.* (\$391,915) – (R21) National Institute of Nursing Research. Co-investigator with PI, Dr. Rebecca Allen, co-PIs: Dr. Linda Dunn, Dr. Karl Hamner, Dr. Patricia Parmelee, & Dr. Jaime DeCoster. This project involves training community volunteers to deliver a legacy intervention to seriously ill older adults. 7/1/08-6/30/10.

*Fulbright Faculty Scholar Award.* Funding provided by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for a 5 month lecturing position at the University of Debrecen, College of Health Faculty, Nyiregyhaza, Hungary, Spring 2008.

*“Aging Parents of Children with Serious Mental Illness* (\$299,199) (1 R21 AG026287-01– National Institute on Aging. Co-investigator with PI, Dr. Allan Kaufman, co-PIs: Dr. Forest Scoggin and Dr. Gordon MacNeil. This 2-year project tests a multidimensional intervention to improve the emotional well-being and life satisfaction of aging parents who provide care to adult children with serious mental illness. 8/15/06-7/31/08

*Institute on Aging and Social Work* –special training for social work faculty in the development of federal grant proposals– sponsored by NIA –co-directors: Barbara Berkman (Columbia University) and Chandra Mehrotra (St. Scholastica College). July 2004-July 2005—competitive selection.

*“Communication Toward Transition to Hospice: An Examination of Families Experiences”* funded by The University of Alabama, Center for Mental Health and Aging, \$5000, in 2004-2005.

*“Examination of Adult Protective Services Workers' Educational Needs Regarding End-of-Life Care*

*Issues*” funded by The University of Alabama (Research Advisory Committee), \$5000, in 2004-2005.

“*Examination of Child Protective Services Workers’ Educational Needs Regarding End-of-Life Care Issues*”, in 2004-2005.

“*The Social Work End-of-Life Care Educational Program: A National Initiative*” with Mary Raymer, NHPCO Social Work Section Leader. Funded by The Social Work Leadership Development Awards Program, sponsored by the Project on Death in America, Soros Foundation, Open Society Institute. Funded Grant for \$73,494 over 2 years beginning July 2001, ending April 2004.

*Hospital Social Workers’ Perceptions of the Need for Practice Guidelines in End-of-Life Care*, Qualitative study - Spring/Fall, 2000-2001 (supported by a faculty research mini-grant from university). With colleagues: Crystal Moore, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA & Sheila Roth, Carlow College, Pittsburgh, PA

*End-of-Life Decisions in Practice* - surveys in conjunction with NASW Texas Chapter conference (Fall, 1999), Texas Adult Protective Services Conference (Fall, 1999) and Ethics/Health Care Decisions Seminar with Northeast Texas Practitioners (Spring, 2000).

*Ethics Committees in Hospice Care: The Social Work Role*, 1998-99 (supported by a faculty research mini-grant from university)

*Client Self-Determination and End-of-Life Issues*- survey in conjunction with NASW Texas Chapter conference presentation.

*Social Workers’ Attitudes Toward Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*, 1997-98 (supported by a faculty mini-grant from university)

*Student Interest in Various Fields of Practice*, 1997 - with SFASU- School of Social Work’s Title-IVE program.

*Training Needs of Rural Foster Parents*, 1997-98 - with SFASU -School of Social Work’s Title-IVE program.

#### RESEARCH SUPPORT AND TRAINING:

2016 Research Committee Grant program (\$6000 – awarded 4-8-16). Role as PI. (June 2016-May 2018; extension through December 2019). See above: *Cross-cultural perceptions and attitudes influencing communication about serious illness and quality of life among older adults in Cuba and U.S.*

2018 Cuba Center for Collaboration and Scholarship. Selected Participant. Travel to Cuba 4/1/18-4/8/18. Focus on continuing data analysis and planning for grant proposal to further expand the project and include intervention. RGC project: *Cross-cultural perceptions and attitudes influencing communication about serious illness and quality of life among older adults in Cuba and U.S.* Also to continue development of relationships with Cuban colleagues at Institute of Cancer and local level health and geriatric clinics.

- 2017 Cuba Center for Collaboration and Scholarship. Selected Participant. Travel to Cuba 4/2/17-4/8/17. Extension of previous project with RGC grant funded project: *Cross-cultural perceptions and attitudes influencing communication about serious illness and quality of life among older adults in Cuba and U.S.* Also to continue development of relationships with Cuban colleagues at Institute of Cancer and local level health and geriatric clinics.
- 2016 Cuba Center for Collaboration and Scholarship. Selected Participant. Travel to Cuba 2/28/16-3/5/16. Continue development of relationships with Cuban colleagues at Institute of Cancer and local level health clinics. Collaborated on research regarding older adults' perceptions of communication with health professionals through two focus groups and begin to plan further research.
- 2015 Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group (funded by NINR): Selected member. Organization formed to: To develop scientifically-based methods that lead to meaningful evidence for improving quality of life of patients with advanced and/or potentially life-limiting illnesses, and their caregivers including family members and providers of care
- 2013 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute in Qualitative Research: Qualitative Analysis (32 hours of instruction): Margarete Sandelowski, Professor, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, School of Nursing Center for LifeLong Learning
- 2014 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute in Qualitative Research: Mixed-Methods Research (32 hours of instruction): Margarete Sandelowski, Professor, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, School of Nursing Center for LifeLong Learning

## PUBLICATIONS

\**The Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, first published by Haworth Press, Inc., founding editor (2003) and now published by Taylor & Francis; serve as continuing editor-in-chief publishing.

### Books:

- Csikai, E. L. and Jones, B. (2007). *Teaching resources for end-of-life and palliative care*. Chicago: Lyceum Books, Inc.
- Csikai, E. L. & Chaitin, E. (2005). *Ethics and End-of-Life Decisions in Social Work Practice*. Chicago: Lyceum Books, Inc.

### Journal Articles:

- Reese D.J., & Csikai E.L. (2018). Social Work Assessment and Outcomes Measurement in Hospice and Palliative Care. *Am J Hosp Palliat Care*, 35(12), 1553-1564. [Published online first July 2018]. doi: 10.1177/1049909118788342.
- Glajchen, M., Berkman, C., Otis-Green, S., Stein, G. L., Sedjwick, T., Bern-Klug, M., Christ, G, Csikai, E.L., Downes, D. Gerbino, S., Head, B., Parker Oliver, D., Waldrop, D., Portenoy, R. (2018). Defining Core Competencies for Generalist-Level Palliative Social Work. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*. 56(6) 886-892. [Published online: September 7, 2018]

- Allen, R. S., Azuero, C.B., Csikai, E.L., Parmelee, P.A., Shin, H.J., Kvale, E., Durkin, D.W., & Burgio, L.D. (2016). "It was very rewarding for me ...": Senior volunteers' experiences with implementing a reminiscence and creative activity intervention. *The Gerontologist*, 56(2), 357-367. (CIF = 2.772). Published online first October 2015.
- Black, K. & Csikai, E.L. (2015). Dying in an age of choice. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 11(1), 27-49. (invited)
- Reese, D. & Csikai, E.L. (2015). Measuring Social Work Outcomes with the Social Work Assessment Tool (SWAT). National Association of Social Workers: Health Section Newsletter. Fall, 2015.
- Allen, R. S., Harris, G.M., Burgio, L.D., Azuero, C.B., Miller, L. A., Shin, H., Eichorst, M.K., Csikai, E.L., DeCoster, J., Dunn, L.L., Kvale, E.A., & Parmelee, P. (2014). Can senior volunteers deliver reminiscence and creative activity interventions? Results of the Legacy Intervention Family Enactment randomized controlled trial. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 48(4), 590-601. doi: 10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2013.11.012 (CIF = 2.737).
- Csikai, E.L., & Weisenfluh, S. (2013). Hospice and palliative social workers' engagement in life review interventions. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*, 30(3), 257-263. doi: 10.1177/1049909112449067 [published online first Fall 2012].
- Weisenfluh, S., & Csikai, E. L. (2013). Professional and educational needs of hospice and palliative care social workers. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*. 9(1), 58-73.
- Csikai, E. L. (2011). Developing the science of end-of-life and palliative care research: National Institute of Nursing Research summit. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 7(4), 291-299. (invited)
- Arriaza, P., Martin, S., & Csikai, E. L. (2011). An assessment of hospice bereavement programs for Hispanics. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 7(2/3), 121-138.
- Csikai, E. L., Whalen, M., Otto, J., & Durkin, D. (2011). Adult protective services workers' experiences with serious illness and death. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*. 23(2), 1-21.
- Csikai, E. L., & Martin, S. (2010). Bereaved hospice caregivers' views of the transition to hospice. *Social Work in Health Care*. 49(5), 387-400.
- Dégi, C., Balog, P., Kopp, M., Kallay, E., Thayer, J. F., & Csikai, E. L. (2010). Depressive symptoms, negative life events and incidence of lifetime treatment of cancer in the Hungarian population. *Journal of Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences*. 10(1), 39-57.
- Csikai, E. L., Walsh, K., Walsh, K., Allen, F., & Patyán, L.(2009). The U.S. and Hungary: An exchange of best practices in psychosocial oncology. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*. 5(3), 126-143. (invited)
- Csikai, E. L. & Black, K. (2009). Advance care planning in adult protection. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 35(4), 311-321



- Csikai, E. L. & Durkin, D. (2009). Perceived educational needs and preparation of adult protective services workers for practice with end-of-life issues. *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*, 30(2), 146-163.
- Csikai, E. L. (2008). Opportunities for International Social Work: A Fulbright Experience. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 4(3), 173-188. (invited)
- Csikai, E. L., Herrin, C., Tang, M. & Church, W. (2008). Serious Illness, Injury, and Death in Child Protection and Preparation for End-of-Life Situations among Child Protective Services Workers. *Child Welfare*, 81(6), 49-70.
- Csikai, E. L. (2006). Bereaved hospice caregivers' perceptions of the end-of-life care communication process and the involvement of health care professionals. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 9(6), 300-309.
- Walsh-Burke, K. and Csikai, E. L. (2005). Professional social work education in end-of-life care: Contribution of the Project on Death in America's social work leadership development program. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 1(2), 11-26.
- Csikai, E. L., & Raymer, M. (2005). Health care social workers' educational needs in end-of-life care. *Social Work in Health Care*, 41(1), 53-72.
- Gwyther, L. P., Altilio, T., Blacker, S., Christ, G., Csikai, E. L., Hooyman, N. Kramer, B., Linton, L. M., Raymer, M., & Howe, J. (2005). Social work competencies in palliative and end-of-life care. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 1(1), 87-120.
- Csikai, E. L., & Raymer, M. (2004). Evaluation of a social work continuing education curriculum in end-of-life care. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 7(2), 4-11.
- Csikai, E. L. (2004). Social workers' participation in the resolution of ethical dilemmas in hospice care. *Health & Social Work*, 29(1), 67-76.
- Csikai, E. L., Roth, S., & Moore, C. (2004). Ethical dilemmas faced in end-of-life care decision making by oncology social workers and the need for practice guidelines. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 22(1), 1-18.
- Randall, H. & Csikai, E. L. (2003). Issues affecting utilization of hospice services by rural Hispanics. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 79-94.
- Csikai, E. L. & Manetta, A. (2003). Preventing unnecessary deaths among older adults: A call to action for social workers. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 38(3), 85-97.
- Csikai, E. L. (2002). The state of ethics committees in hospice and the social work role. *Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying*, 45(3), 261-275.
- Csikai, E. L. & Belanger, K. (2002). Fields of social work practice: students' attitudes and interests. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*, 8(1), 33-49.
- Csikai, E. L. & Bass, K. (2001). Health care social workers' views of ethical issues, practice, and policy in end-of-life care. *Social Work in Health Care*, 32(2), 1-22.

- Csikai, E. L. (1999). Hospital social workers' attitudes toward euthanasia and assisted suicide. *Social Work in Health Care*, 30(1), 51-73.
- Csikai, E. L. (1999). The role of values and experience in determining social workers' attitudes toward euthanasia and assisted suicide. *Social Work in Health Care*, 30(1), 75-95.
- Csikai, E. L. (1999). Euthanasia and assisted suicide: issues for social work practice. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*. 31(3/4), 49-63.
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- Csikai, E. L. (1998). The status of hospital ethics committees in Pennsylvania. *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*. 7(1), 104-107.
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#### Book Chapters:

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- Csikai, E.L. (2011). Professional connections for palliative social workers. In Altilio, T. & Otis Green, S. (Eds.), *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Social Work*, (pp. 703-707). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
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- Csikai, E. L. (2009). Hospice and End-of-Life Care, pp. 263-284 in S. F. Allen & E. M. Tracy (Eds.), *Delivering Home-Based Services: A Social Work Perspective*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Csikai, E. L. (2009). Transitioning to end-of-life care: The social worker's role, pp.86-103. In T.R. Lawson & G. Fabian (eds.) *Social Work in Health Care (Szocialis munka az egeszegugyben)*. Louisville, KY: University of Louisville/Debrecen, Hungary: Debreceni Egyetem.
- Csikai, E. L. (2009). Communication Related to End-of-Life Care and Decisions. In D. Blevins & J. Werth (eds.), *Decision-making Near the End of Life: Recent Developments and Future Directions*. Routledge: New York.
- Csikai, E. L. (2009). Care for the dying through hospice and palliative care. pp. 472-481. In Semsei, Imre (ed.) *Social Gerontology in Hungary*. University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary.

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#### Reference Book Entries:

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Csikai, E. L. (2008). End-of-life decisions. In T. Mizrahi & L.E. Davis (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Social Work*, (20<sup>th</sup> ed., vol. 4, pp. 126-132). Washington DC: NASW Press/Oxford University Press.

#### Book Reviews:

Csikai, E. L. (2008). Book Review: *For one more day* by Mitch Albom. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 4(3), 252-254.

#### Reports:

Walsh, K., Csikai, E. L., Patyán, L., Allen, F., & Walsh, K. (2009). Best Practices in Psychosocial Oncology Exchange Between Hungary and the United States of America. NASW report to funder: Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation.

#### Newsletter Articles:

Csikai, E. L. & Weisenfluh, S. (2011). A national social work survey. National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization NCHPP Newsletter

Csikai, E. L. (2006). Practicing social work ethics in health care settings. *NASW Health Section Newsletter*.

Csikai, E. L. (2006). Illness, injury, death, and grief in Adult Protective Services. *Victimization of the Elderly and Disabled*.

Csikai, E. L. & Raymer, M. (2003). Toward a continuing education end-of-life curriculum for social workers: An assessment of educational needs. *NASW Health Section Newsletter*.

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Csikai, E. L. (2000). Adult protective services workers' views on end-of-life care issues: Survey results. *The APS News*, 3.3, 3-4.

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## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Webinar Presentation:

“Professionalism” in “The Expert Series – Foundations of Hospice and Palliative Social Work” webinar series sponsored by SWHPN in preparation for social work certification exam for the Advanced Palliative Hospice Social Work certification (APHSW-C). Delivered by Bullock, K. & Csikai, E.L. on November 12, 2018.

### Conference Oral and Poster Presentations:

Csikai, E.L., Bullock, K., Washington, K. & M. & Maynard, Q.R. “Practice to Research to Publication” Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network conference in Orlando, FL March 2019.

Csikai, E.L. & Bullock, K. “Professionalism” in “The Expert Series – Foundations of Hospice and Palliative Social Work” pre-conference seminar. Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network conference in Orlando, FL March 2019.

Broussard, C. & Csikai, E.L. “End-of-life care transitions in outpatient cancer centers: Processes and social work roles” poster presentation at the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network conference in Boston, MA, March 11-13, 2018.

Csikai, E.L., Martin, S.S., Broussard, C. “Relationships of Older African American Women and Family Caregivers in the Breast Cancer Experience”. International Gerontology and Geriatrics Conference, San Francisco, CA; July 23-27, 2017.

Trask, J., & Csikai, E.L. “Entering Older Age as Long-term Survivors of End Stage Renal Disease: Lessons from Experience. International Gerontology and Geriatrics Conference, San Francisco, CA; July 23-27, 2017.

Cooper, K. & Csikai, E.L. “‘Good Care’ and Justice for All: Afro-Caribbean Immigrant Women Living with HIV”. Presentation at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Atlanta, GA, May 25-28, 2017

Maynard, Q. & Csikai, E.L. “A systematic review of psychosocial elements that define a ‘good death’”. Presented the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network Annual Assembly, February 2017 in Phoenix, AZ. (with student)

Csikai, E.L. & Chacon, M. Perspectiva Cultural de una “buena muerte”: Cuba y los Estados Unidos Poster presentation at the VIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Cuidados Paliativos, Mexico City, April 13-16, 2016.

Reese, D. & Csikai, E.L. "Social Work Assessment and Outcomes Measurement in Hospice and Palliative Care". Oral Presentation at the Annual Assembly of the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network, Chicago, IL, March 6-8, 2015.

Csikai, E.L. Panel presentation; Berg Weger, M. as moderator. "Research Tour in Cuba: Observations and Lessons Learned"; Panel Presentation at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO, October 2015.

Csikai, E.L., & Black, K. "Política de Salud y Práctica del Trabajo Social en Apoyo de Elección Personal en el Logro de una Buena Experiencia de la Muerte", Oral presentation (in Spanish) at the VII Congreso Internacional de Trabajo Social; el IX Congreso Nacional de Trabajadores Sociales de la Salud y el III Congreso Nacional e Internacional de Rehabilitación Social y Ocupacional, (bilateral conference), La Habana, Cuba, May 26-30, 2015.

Broussard, C., Csikai, E.L., & Martin, S. S. "Management of the Breast Cancer Experience by Older African American Women: The Role of Personal Self-advocacy." Poster presentation at the Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, May 2015.

Berkman, C., Csikai, E.L., Stein, G & Blacker, S. "Integrating Palliative and End-of-Life Care into the MSW Curriculum: A Review of Innovative Approaches". Oral Presentation at the Annual Assembly of the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network, Philadelphia, PA, February, 2015.

Csikai, E.L., Martin, S.S., & Broussard, C. "Family members of older African American women with breast cancer: Witness to a life-altering event. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual conference, Washington, DC; November 5-8, 2014.

"The Experiences of Family Members of Older African American Women with Breast Cancer throughout the Diagnosis and Treatment Process", Csikai, E.L., Martin, S. S., & Broussard, C. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX; January 17-20, 2014.

"Recruitment Challenges in Qualitative Breast Cancer Research with Older African-American Women" Batey, D.S., Harmon, D.K., Csikai, E.L., Broussard, C. & Martin, S.S.. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX; January 17-20, 2013.

"Diagnosis and Treatment Experiences of Family Members of Older African American Women with Breast Cancer", Csikai, E.L., Martin, S.S., Batey, D.S., & Broussard, C.; Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 66th Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA; November 20-24, 2013.

"Old Age support to parents-in-law in contemporary China"; Li, X. & Csikai, E.L. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 66th Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA; November 20-24, 2013.

"Understanding Decisions Not to Volunteer among Korean Older Adults", Shin, H. J., Csikai, E. L., Park, N. S., & Roff, L. L.; International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics; Seoul, South Korea, June 23-27, 2013.

Csikai, E. L., Allen, R. S., & Parmelee, P. "The Evidence of Efficacy in the Translation of the Legacy Intervention Family Enactment (LIFE)." American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Annual Meeting [Conference]. New Orleans 13-16 March, 2013. Winner: best poster clinical trial category.

“Delivery of Life Review Interventions in Hospice”; presented at the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Social Workers’ first annual conference; held in New Orleans, LA, March 11-12, 2013.

“Retired Senior Volunteer (RSVP) perceptions of community-based intervention implementation with a chronically-ill population and their caregivers”, Azuero, C., Csikai, E.L., Kvale, E., Parmelee, P., & Allen, R.S.; Gerontological Society of America conference; held in San Diego, CA, November 14-18, 2012.

“Preliminary Evidence of Efficacy: The Legacy Intervention Family Enactment (LIFE) Translation Trial. Allen, R.S., Csikai, E.L. & Parmelee, P.; Gerontological Society of America conference held in San Diego, CA, November 14-18, 2012.

“Decision-making about Breast Cancer Treatment among Older African American Women”, Martin, S., Csikai, E. L., Batey, D. S., Peterson, T., Harmon, D., Broussard, C., & Taylor, J. K.; Gerontological Society of America held in San Diego, November 14-18, 2012.

“Hospice Social Workers and Life Review Interventions: Results of a National Survey”, Csikai, E. L., & Weisenfluh, S.; The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Clinical Team Conference; held in Orlando, FL, November 5-7, 2012.

“Communication about serious illness and future care among individuals, families and health care professionals, Csikai, E. L. presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Transylvanian Students’ Scientific Conference, Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, May 12, 2012. (Invited)

“Differences in Perceptions about Volunteering among Older Adults in Korea”. Shin, H. J., Csikai, E. L., Lee, E. J. & Park, N. S. presented at the Korean Gerontological Society Conference. Seoul, South Korea, June 1, 2012.

Communication in the family about treatment and future care” („Hogyan beszéljünk a beteg gyógykezeléséről, a jövőbeni teendőkről a családban”) Csikai, E. L., Közösen az egészségért, az európai orvoslás és a komplementer medicina: Fókuszban a daganatos megbetegedések. University of Debrecen, Faculty of Health Community Cancer Conference held in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary, June 9, 2012. (Invited).

“Qualitative Research with Older African American Women about Treatment for Breast Cancer: Recruitment and Interviewing Challenges”, Batey, D. S., Harmon, D. K., Csikai, E. L., Broussard, C., & Martin, S. S. at UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium, April 10, 2012, Poster Presentation.

“Exploring Communication of Medical Professionals with Seriously Ill Patients and their Family Members in Hungary”, Csikai, E.L., Horvath, A., Kocsis I., & Patyan László at Hungarian Hospice-Palliative Care Association Jubilee Congress, March 31, 2012, Budapest, Hungary.

“Perceptions of Volunteerism and Decisions to Volunteer among Korean Older Adults”, Shin, H.J., Csikai, E.L., Park, N.S. \* Roff, L.L., at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, November 2011, Boston, MA.

“Korean Older Adults’ Perceptions about Volunteering with Older Adults in Health Care Settings”, Shin, H.J., Csikai, E.L., Lee, E.J., & Jung, B.J., at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, November 2011, Boston, MA.

“Results of a National Social Work Survey”, Weisenfluh, S. & Csikai, E.L. at the National

Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Clinical Team Conference; October 7, 2011, San Diego, CA.

“Allen, R.S., Shin, H.J., Azuero, C., Worley, C.B., Miller, L.A., Dunn, L.L., & Csikai, E.L., Life Intervention Family Enactment: Recruitment and Retention of Families with Advanced Illness in Dissemination Trials”; Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association conference, August 2011, Washington, DC.

“It’s All in the Presentation: Attention to Culture, Practice, and Policy in Preparation for Decisions about End-of-Life Care” at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, January 2011, Tampa, FL; Role: Moderator.

“Predicting Volunteer Participation in Health Care Settings among Senior Volunteers in Korea, Shin, H. J. & Csikai, E. L. at the Gerontological Society of America Annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 22, 2010.

“End-of-Life Decisions in Practice with Older Adults”, Csikai, E. L., Miller, P. J., & Broussard, C. at the Social Work Education-Annual Program Meeting, October 15, 2010, Portland, OR.

“The Role of Perceived Community Solidarity in Volunteer Participation among Community-dwelling Older Adults in Korea”, Shin, H. J., Csikai, E. L., Park, N. S., & Jung, B. J. at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, January 2010, San Francisco, CA.

“An International Academic-Practitioner Partnership to Promote Best Practices in Psychosocial Oncology” Council on Social Work Education-Annual Program Meeting, November 6-9, 2009, San Antonio, Texas. (primary with K. Walsh, E. Clark).

“Senior Volunteers as Interventionists in a Legacy Intervention” at the Gerontological Society of America Annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2009. (primary with H.J. Shin).

“Best Practices and Challenges in Psychosocial Oncology in Hungary: Outcomes of a Professional Exchange Summit, poster presentation. IPOS-World Psycho-oncology Meeting, Vienna, Austria, June 24, 2009. (Accepted, not presented)

The Fulbright Scholars Program: Opportunities for Social Work Researchers” (pre-conference session) at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, held January 15, 2009, New Orleans, LA.

“Best Practices in End-of-Life Care” presented at Best Practices in Psychosocial Oncology in Hungary –organized by the National Association of Social Workers (with funding from Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation) - conference held November 9-10, 2008 in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary.

“The Integration of Grief and Loss Issues into the Social Work Curriculum” presented as a Faculty Development Institute at the Council on Social Work Education – APM, October 30, 2008 in Philadelphia, PA (with B. Jones, E. Pomeroy, & D. Green).

“Bereaved Hospice Caregivers’ Communication with Health Care Professionals in the Transition to Hospice Care” presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Research Forum of the European Association for Palliative Care, May 29-31, 2008, Trondheim, Norway.

“Bereaved Hospice Caregivers’ Views of the Transition to Hospice” with Shadi Martin presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual conference –January 14, 2008, Washington, DC.

“Delivering Home Based Services: Preparation for Practice Across the Life Span”, panel discussion (with Elizabeth Tracy, Susan Allen, Cynthia Franklin, & Kristine Nelson), CSWE-APM, October 27-30, 2007, San Francisco, CA.

“Serious Illness, Injury, and Death in Adult Protective Services”, Ellen L. Csikai, Joanne Otto, Marilyn Whalen, and Dan Durkin for National Adult Protective Services Association – conference in Atlanta, GA, September 5-7, 2007

“Transitioning to End-of-Life Care: The Social Worker’s Role”, Joint Hungarian-American Conference on Social Work in Health Care, held September 13, 2007, Louisville, KY. (invited)

“End-of-life care educational needs of Adult Protective Services workers” to be presented at the Annual Assembly of the Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine in Salt Lake City, UT, February 14-17, 2007.

“Preparedness to Work with Serious Illness, Injury, and Death in Adult Protective Services” with Dan Durkin, presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 10-14, 2007.

“Adult Protective Services Workers’ Encounters with End-of-Life Issues”, poster presentation with Dan Durkin, presented at Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, November 16-20, 2006.

“Preparedness to work with serious illness, injury, and death in child protective services,” Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, January 12-15, 2006.

“Prominence of the social work role in end-of-life care communication and the transition to hospice,” Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, January 12-15, 2006.

“Social work roles in end-of-life care across practice settings”, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program meeting, February 16-19, 2006.

“Communication with healthcare professionals and the transition to hospice: Views of bereaved hospice caregivers” part of a symposium titled “Individual and family responses to hospice care: Windows of opportunity”, Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 18-22, 2005.

“The Liaison Role in End-of-Life Care Decisions Among Hospital Social Workers”, CSWE-APM (health care symposium) held February 2005 in New York with colleagues, Crystal Moore and Sheila Roth.

“Bereaved Hospice Caregivers’ Perceptions of End-of-Life Communication and Decisions” paper presentation at the University of South Florida “Quality and Meaning at the End of Life: Practice, Research, and Policy” held March 4, 2005, Tampa, FL.

“Preparation of Social Workers For End-of-Life Care Practice in an Aging Society” poster presentation at the Gerontological Society of America conference held November 2004 in Washington, DC.



In conjunction with PDIA grant project - presentation of end-of-life care curriculum “The Social Work End-of-Life Care Educational Project” at the National Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Joint Clinical Conference with Mary Raymer. Two-day pre-conference session March 21-22, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. Other faculty involved include: Terry Altilio, Susan Blacker, Amanda Sutton.

“Evaluation of a Social Work Continuing Education Curriculum in End-of-Life Care” paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education - APM in Anaheim CA, February 27-March 1, 2004.

“End-of-Life Care Curricula for Social Work Programs and Continuing Social Work Education”, curriculum workshop presented at the Council on Social Work Education - APM in Anaheim CA, February 27-March 1, 2004 (with Susan Murty, University of Iowa)

“Continuing education in end-of-life care for social workers: from an educational needs assessment to curriculum delivery and evaluation” poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, January 15-18, 2004, New Orleans, LA.

“The Social Work End-of-Life Care Educational Project” at the National Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Joint Clinical Conference with Mary Raymer, April, 2003.

“Development of End-of-Life Care Curricula for Social Work: An Assessment of Educational Needs” at the Council on Social Work Education - Annual Program Meeting held in Atlanta, GA, February 27-March 2, 2003.

“Using Crisis Intervention Skills to Assist the Elderly in Coping with Loss” Baccalaureate Program Directors Meeting, held in Pittsburgh, PA October 23-26, 2002. (With Sheila Roth, BSW director, Carlow College.

“Social Workers and Resolution of Ethical Dilemmas in Hospice Care: New Opportunities and Challenges” at the Council on Social Work Education - Annual Program Meeting held in Nashville, TN, February 24-27, 2002.

“The Need for Practice Guidelines for Social Workers Facing Ethical Dilemmas in End-of-Life Care” at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, held in San Diego, CA, January 17-20, 2002.

“Preserving Social Work Values and Ethics in Determining Who Should Decide” at Mission Possible IV sponsored by SFASU, School of Social Work, Burke Center (Nacogdoches, TX), NAMI Lufkin, TX, NAMI Nacogdoches, TX, held April 20, 2001, Nacogdoches, TX.

“The Prevalence of Hospice Ethics Committees and Social Workers’ Participation: Opportunities and Challenges” to CSWE-APM -March 8-11, 2001 in Dallas TX. Theme: 2001:A Social Work Odyssey.

“Challenges and Changes in Ethics Education for Undergraduate in the Next Century,” at the Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference held in Destin, FL, October 18-22, 2000; with Dr. Lula King, Baccalaureate Director at Grambling State University.

“Are Social Work Practice Guidelines in End-of-Life Care Needed? At CSWE-APM, February 26-29, 2000, in New York, NY.

“Social Workers’ Attitudes Toward End-of-Life Care Issues: The Role of Values and

Experience” -Society for Social Work Research, Fourth Annual Conference held January 29-31, 2000 in Charleston, SC.

“Ethical Decision Making in End-of-Life Care: Staying True to Our Values”- NASW - Texas Chapter conference - “Igniting Our Spirit - Remembering Our Purpose” held November 3-7, 1999 in Houston, TX (with Kelli Bass, LMSW-ACP).

“A Comparison of Professional Attitudes Toward Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide,” at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, October 28-31, 1999 in Philadelphia, PA. (Poster presentation).

“Hospital Social Workers’ Attitudes Toward Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide” at CSWE-APM, March, 1999, in San Francisco, CA.

“Multidisciplinary Collaboration on Hospital Ethics Committees: An Examination of the Social Work Role” (Poster Presentation) at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, November 1998.

“Examining Self-Determination and End-of-Life Issues” (with K. Bass) at NASW Texas State Conference, November 1998.

“Strengthening Communities by Preserving Families: Educating Rural Foster Parents” (with K. Belanger) at 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, July 1998.

#### Webinars:

“From Practice to Publication” (December 2011) and “Sharing our knowledge: Writing for publication in professional journals” (February 2010). These were presented on behalf of the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network. Attendees were social work practitioners (organization members and non-members) who wished to learn how to translate their practice and research into scholarly manuscripts for publication. CEUs were available for these webinars.

#### OTHER/COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Nelson-Gardell, D., Csikai, E.L., & MacNeil, G. “International Social Work in Practice and Education”, Oral presentation at the NASW West Alabama, April, 2013.

“Opportunities in International Social Work”, presented at the NASW Coosa Valley Unit annual conference on March 12, 2009.

“Talking About End-of-Life Care”, presented as one in a series of lectures of The University of Alabama, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on September 29, 2008.

“Disaster Mental Health” NASW West Alabama Unit Social Work Day, presentation with M. Cain on March 2, 2006.

“Communication Toward Transition to Hospice to Hospice: An Examination of Families’ Experiences”, Scientific Seminar Series, Center for Mental Health and Aging, The University of

Alabama, November 14, 2005.

“Understanding Personal Reactions to Serious and Terminal Illness” – in-service for social work staff at Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility, Tuscaloosa, AL, September 19, 2005.

“Bereaved Hospice Caregivers Perceptions of Communication Regarding End-of-Life Care Options” to the Association of Oncology Social Work Group in Birmingham, AL in February, 2005.

“Ethics in the Workplace: Health Care Decisions in Social Work Practice” sponsored by Buckner Eldercare Services in Longview, TX, March 30, 2000.

“End-of-Life Issues and Decisions in Social Work Practice” at the NASW/Texas Spring Ethics Symposium, March 24, 2000 (with Kelli Bass, LMSW-ACP).

“Ethical Issues in End-of-Life Care Decision Making” at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Protective Service Conference, sponsored by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, and the T.E.A.M Institute of Baylor School of Medicine; held November 1-5 1999 in San Antonio, TX.

Seminar presentation to SFASU School of Social Work Agency Field Instructors during Fall 1999 Training: “Ethical and Legal Issues in Field: Challenges of Educational Supervision” with Rebecca Peel.

Ethics Seminar: “Ethics and Ethical Decision Making in Social Work Practice” sponsored by NASW/East Texas Unit - April 13, 1999, 2:00-5:00 - held at the Nacogdoches Medical Center.

Presentation to Ethics Committee at University of Texas Health Center - Tyler: “The Multidisciplinary Nature and Values and Ethics Committees” - April 14, 1999.

## INVITED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2010 Social Work Leadership Congress – invited participant among a group of 400 invited social work practitioners/academics. Meeting in Washington, DC, April 22-23, 2010.

Best Practices in Psychosocial Oncology in Romania –2009 - grant proposal submitted to Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation – to serve as a consultant --program organized by Csaba Degi of Babeş Bolyai University, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Cluj Napoca, Romania and the National Association of Social Workers (with CancerCare) funded by Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation. The program was aimed at identifying and disseminating information about best practices in psychosocial oncology in Romania.

Best Practices in Psychosocial Oncology in Hungary – 2008 -consultant; program organized by the National Association of Social Workers (with CancerCare) funded by Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation. The program was aimed at identifying and disseminating information about best practices in psychosocial oncology in Hungary.

The Second Social Work Summit on End-of-Life and Palliative Care held in Washington, DC, June, 2005; sponsored by the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life and The Project on Death in America.

Invited consultant - meeting at NASW National Office, May 2004 to provide expert input for content and design of web-based end-of-life care course for social workers. The course is part of the NASW's WebEd and is titled, "Understanding End-of-Life Care: The Social Worker's Role".

Barriers to Translating Oncology Research to Social Work Practice held at NASW National Office, May, 2003. This was a meeting of social work oncology experts to plan strategy to increase the grant proposals submitted by social workers to federal oncology funding sources and private foundations.

The Social Work Summit on End-of-Life and Palliative Care held at Duke University, March 2002; sponsored by the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and The Project on Death in America.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught: (all graduate level unless indicated)

*The University of Alabama (UA)*

SW 100 Introduction to Social Work (undergraduate)

SW 212 Death, Dying, and Bereavement

SW 425 Research Methods for Social Work Practice – Honors (undergraduate)

SW 520 Research Methods in Social Work Practice

SW 513 Models and Methods of Social Work Practice in Health Care

SW 533 Models and Methods of Gerontological Social Work Practice

SW 540 Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families

SW 548 Social Work Practice in Health Care

SW 549 Crisis Intervention

SW 550 Professional Seminar in Social Work Practice

SW 570 Research in Social Work Practice

SW 576 Intermediate Social Work Research

SW 589 Social Work Practice in End-of-Life and Palliative Care

SW 605 Social Work Education (PhD)

SW 628 Research Practicum (PhD)

SW 648 Issues in International Research (PhD)

SW 648 Systematic Review (PhD)

\*SW 457-557 Social Services in Mexico – interim Study Abroad course (undergraduate & graduate) offered biennially.

\*Field Instructor/clinical supervision for students completing international field placement in Mexico agency (VAMOS)

Brittany Alex Morgan (BSW)–Fall 2017

Aaron Hanlin (MSW) -Spring 2018

Amber Underwood (MSW) –Spring 2019

*Stephen F. Austin State University*

Generalist Practice

Advanced Generalist Practice

Research Methods

Measurement and Statistics

Research Practicum  
Social Work in Health Care  
Gerontological Social Work Practice

*Grambling State University*  
Interviewing Skills (undergraduate)  
Fields of Social Work Practice

*University of Pittsburgh*  
Generalist Social Work Practice

*Seton Hill College*  
Human Behavior in the Social Environment (undergraduate)

#### PhD Dissertation Committees

##### *Current:*

Quentin Maynard (chair): Perceptions of Psychosocial Factors of a Good Death  
Shanae Shaw (chair): Maintaining Couple Relationships in Long-term Care Facilities  
Kelli Godfrey (member): Cancer issues among military populations

##### *Completed:*

Maggie Tang (co-chair): Cultural Values, Informal Support, and Caregiving Outcomes Among Chinese Americans (2008)  
Pablo Arriza (co-chair): Bereavement Services for Hispanics: An Exploratory Study of Florida Hospices (2009)  
Kristen Payne (psychology, member): A Grounded Theory of the Body-Self Relationship in Older Women with Advanced Cancer (2009)  
Laurel Hitchcock (member) – The Creation of Federal Services for Crippled Children 1925-1945 (2009)  
Hae Jung Shin (chair): Exploring Korean Older Adults' Perceptions of and Decisions to Volunteer (March 2011)  
Allison Xiao Li (chair): Old Age Support to Parents and Parents-in-law in Contemporary China (May 2013)  
Jacqueline Trask (chair): Factors that Influence Long-term Survival Among Individuals Diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease (August, 2014)  
Krista Cooper (chair): Exploring the Experiences of Afro-Caribbean Immigrant Women Living with HIV/AIDS: A Phenomenological Investigation (June, 2015)  
Crystal Broussard: (chair): Care Transitions in Outpatient Oncology Settings: Processes and Social Work Roles (May 2016).

#### PhD Area of Concentration Committees

##### *Completed:*

Quentin Maynard: (chair): Planning for the End of Life Among Older Adults  
Crystal Broussard: (chair) Exploring Transitions from Curative Treatment to Hospice Care  
Jackie Trask: (chair): Biopsychosocial-spiritual Factors Contributing to Differential Outcomes for Individuals with End-Stage Renal Disease

Allison Xiao Li (chair): Caregiving for older adults in China  
Pablo Arriaza: (chair): Palliative Care Among Spanish-Speaking People  
Laurel Hitchcock: Maternal & Child Health Services from 1921-1946  
Maggie Tang: Family Caregiving to Older Persons of Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups  
Jennifer Patterson: Childhood Experiences related to Obesity and Overweight among Females (member 2009-2011)

PhD Independent Study:

Crystal Broussard, Spring, 2011; Summer 2011; Summer 2012  
Michelle Piper, Spring 2011  
Mathew Knapp, Spring 2008  
Heidi Helmer, Spring, 2008  
Pablo Arriaza, Summer, 2005: The Palliative Care System in Chile  
Pablo Arriaza, Spring, Summer, 2006  
Tina Peterson Spring, 2006  
Jackie Trask: Spring, 2006 & 2007  
Jennifer Patterson: Spring, 2007

BSW Independent Study:

Matthew Cuellar, Spring 2011

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

*Professional/Community Service:*

Alabama Advance Planning Coalition, member (2015-present)  
Coalition with goal of improving ability of Alabama residents to document wishes at the end of life through practice, utilizing a POLST-life form, in health systems and in legislation.  
Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition, member (2010-present)  
Statewide coalition facilitated by the Alabama Department of Public Health

*Editorial and Other Review Activities:*

*Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, Editorial Advisory Board, member (Fall 2015-present)  
*Geriatrics and Gerontology Education*, Editorial Board, member (Spring 2015-present)  
Kontakt, Editorial Board member (Fall 2015-present)

Ad hoc journal reviewer:

*The Journal of Gerontological Social Work*  
*The Journal of Palliative Medicine*  
*The Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*

*Past reviews:*

*Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, ad hoc reviewer, 2008  
*Social Work in Health Care*, ad hoc reviewer, 2005-present  
*Journal of Social Work Education*, guest reviewer – 2005  
Ad hoc grant reviewer: Israel Science Foundation, 2005  
Ad hoc grant reviewer: Commonwealth of Virginia, Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund, 2004  
Reviewed abstracts for CSWE-APM, Health Care Symposium -2003-2004  
Reviewed abstracts for 1998, 1999, 2000 NASW Texas Chapter State Conferences.

*Professional Service:*

Board of Directors Member, Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network, October 2011-present

*Past service:*

Co-convener, End-of-Life Special Interest Group – Gerontological Society of America, Fall 2012- Fall 2015.

Coordinator, End-of-Life Care Special Interest Group, Society for Social Work and Research 2008-Fall 2015.

Member, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Research Committee, 2011-2015

Member, Steering Committee, Social Work Section of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization/NCHHP, 2000-2011, 2012-2016.

Advisory Board Member, University of Texas –Austin, School of Social Work -Institute for Grief, Loss, and Family Survival, 2008-2010.

Co-chair, Health Care Symposium for CSWE - APM, 1999-2002 and 2004 -2006.

Member, CSWE Council on Social Work Practice Methods and Specializations (formerly Commission on Social Work Practice), Fall 2005-2009.

Member, committee on health care issues: NASW - Texas Chapter, 1998-2002

*University and School Service:*

UA Alabama Research Institute on Aging - Executive committee member - 2008- present

Rank, Tenure, Promotion committee – ongoing and chair, Fall 2010-Spring 2011; Spring 2013; Fall 2015 -Spring 2016; Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Graduate Faculty Committee – ongoing and chair, Fall 2010-Spring 2011 Spring 2013; Fall 2015-Spring 2016; Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

School International Committee – Fall 2015- present

PhD Program Committee, Fall 2003-2008, Fall 2009-present

Research Ad Hoc Committee – Fall 2016- Spring 2017

*Past service:*

School Diversity Committee – chair (1 yr.) Fall 2014-Spring 2016

University International Education Committee, Fall 2009-2012

School Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2009-Spring, 2010

Continuing Education and Certification Advisory Committee, Chair, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

Curriculum EPAS review committee, (Identity, ethics and critical thinking), chair, Fall 2009-Fall 2010

Adults and Families concentration committee, Fall 2006- present

Faculty Senate representative, Fall 2006-2008, Spring, 2009

MSW Program Committee, Fall 2003-Spring 2009

Health Concentration Committee, Fall 2003-Spring 2006

Executive Committee, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

Alternate Faculty Senate Representative, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

*Community Service:*

Volunteer, Hospice of West Alabama – 2007-present

Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Volunteer, Tuscaloosa, AL -July, 2003 to present.  
(previously also in Lufkin, TX: October, 2001 to July, 2003)

Board Member - Caring Hands Hospice, Tuscaloosa, AL, as of July 2003. Serving as president, November, 2003-December 2007.

National Theta Phi Alpha, Bay Village, OH – Founders' Foundation Board, director of Philanthropy Development -August, 1994 to June, 2004

Board Member - Community RX Help – Nacogdoches, TX : local agency that assists individuals in

obtaining medications from pharmaceutical companies, August, 2002 -July, 2003  
Ex-officio board member - East Texas Rural Access Program, Galveston/Nacogdoches, TX - focused on increasing access to health services in rural areas, August, 2002 -July, 2003

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

Alabama State Health Department Training: “Bioterrorism: Health Care Personnel on the Firing Line”, Birmingham, AL May 2, 2004.

On-line Instructor Certification Program - Stephen F. Austin State University, Fall 2001.

Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Training - completed October 2001.

Summer Seminar in Health Care Ethics, sponsored by the University of Washington, Seattle, WA completed July 31-August 4, 2000.

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Training - completed October 1995.

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

### Medical Social Worker

UPMC - Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA

January, 1994 to December, 1996

Part-time - completed psychosocial assessments and developed discharge plans with patients and their families in a 280 bed community hospital.

### Medical Social Worker

HospiceCare of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

July, 1995 to September, 1996

Full-time - provided individual and family counseling to terminally ill patients in all settings, i.e. home, hospital, nursing home.

### Medical Social Worker

Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

August, 1989 to July, 1995

Part-time (2 ½ years); full-time (3 ½ years). Responsible for crisis intervention, supportive counseling, psychosocial assessments, and discharge planning with patients and their families in various areas, including emergency, intensive care, medical and surgical units of a 520 bed, urban, level one Trauma center

### Foster Care Worker

Family Services of Western PA, Pittsburgh, PA

January, 1987 to June, 1990

Clientele consisted of abused/neglect children 0-6 years of age in emergency foster care. Completed psychosocial assessments of family situations and made recommendations, as part of team evaluation. Reported progress to the County Children and Youth agency and to Juvenile Court. Monitored child's foster home placement and coordinated services to the child, family, and foster family.

### Caseworker



Children and Youth Services of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA  
December, 1984 to January, 1987

Coordinated and monitored services to abused/neglected children in residential treatment settings, including extensive work with teen mothers. Also reported progress and made recommendations to Juvenile Court.

Graduate Social Work Internship

Forbes Metropolitan Health Center, Pittsburgh, PA  
May to December, 1985

Responsible for psychosocial assessments, discharge planning, and crisis intervention in the emergency room.

Graduate Social Work Internship

Rehabilitation Institute of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
September to December, 1984

Responsible for individual counseling and play therapy with children.

Undergraduate Social Work Internship

Pittsburgh Blind Association, Pittsburgh, PA  
September, 1983 to April, 1984

Duties consisted of handling intake, providing information, referrals and counseling.

## LICENSING CREDENTIALS

LCSW - Alabama –effective Fall, 2004

Licensed MSW - Texas - effective 2001 (inactive status)

Licensed Social Worker - Pennsylvania - effective 1990 (inactive status)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Asociación Latinoamericana de Cuidados Paliativos

Association of Oncology Social Workers

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work

Gerontological Society of America

International Psycho-Oncology Society

International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care

National Association of Social Workers

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Social Work in Hospice and Palliative Care Network