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EDUCATION

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work
Denver, Colorado.
PhD Dissertation: Physician/elder communication: Voices not heard.
June 2002

Adelphi University, Garden City, New York
M.S.W.
May 1974

Adelphi University, Garden City, New York
B.S. Social Welfare
May 1973

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching and Consultation:

09/05-present
University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work. Adjunct Faculty.
Teaching history of social welfare policy, policy analysis, community practice and organizational studies, adult development and aging, leadership, foundation and advance standing seminar classes, and social work supervision. Developed syllabi for online professional development courses in aging.

07/07-05/2010
University of Denver, University College.
Developed and teach policy courses to the students in the Bachelor of Arts Completion Program using eCollege. Responsible for posting weekly content in a timely manner, responding to online discussions on a regular basis, and providing feedback and grades for student assignments according to the College's timetable.

9/05-06/07
University of Denver, College of Education. Social Work consultant, Sliver Grant.
Providing training via educational technology in Transdisciplinary Play-based Assessment to service providers in rural counties of Colorado. Developed modules for online content.

9/03-8/05

Binghamton University, State University of New York, School of Education and Human Development, Division of Social Work. Assistant Professor.

Tenure-track faculty position involving teaching graduate social work courses, academic and field advising, thesis advising, MSW program development, committee responsibilities, service to the community, research, and publication. Courses taught include research, history of social welfare policy, policy analysis, practice with organizations and communities including supervision and management, and aging.

9/02-8/03

Binghamton University, State University of New York, School of Education and Human Development, Division of Human Development.

Tenure-track faculty position involving teaching undergraduate and graduate human development courses, academic and field advising, thesis advising, MSW program development, committee responsibilities, research, and scholarship. Developed and taught courses in aging, including women and aging, for undergraduate students.

10/02-5/03

Trust in the Lives of Older Women, Corning, New York. Research Consultant.

9/99-6/02

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work. Adjunct Faculty.

Teaching history of social welfare policy, community practice, foundation seminar, social work practice, and assisting in social work supervision in the MSW curriculum.

9/99-6/01

University of Colorado at Denver Health Science Center School of Nursing.

Participated as a co-instructor in a hybrid interdisciplinary online course on aging.

9/98-5/02

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work. Research Assistant.

Responsible for coordination of Stroke Intervention – Empowerment Based Research Project.

9/92-12/97

Syracuse University, School of Social Work. Adjunct Faculty.

Teaching practice with the elderly.

Direct Practice and Clinical Supervision:

12/08-present

Executive Director, Washington Park Cares. Denver, Colorado.

Responsible for coordinating the activities of the organization including preparing volunteer and member handbooks, writing policies and procedures, participating in

committee meetings including Board of Directors meetings, prepare agenda for Board of Directors monthly meetings, community outreach, grant writing, fundraising, and, supervision of social work students.

12/08-06/09

Field Instructor - for the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver. Provide supervision to MSW student completing an internship with the National Research Center, Inc. Responsibilities include weekly supervision with student, regular contact with task supervisor and with the graduate school's field liaison, and completion of regular assessments of student's progress in meeting established competencies.

09/07-06/08

Field Instructor - for the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver. Provide supervision to MSW student completing an internship with 9to5: National Association of Working Women. Responsibilities include weekly supervision with student, regular contact with 9to5 staff and with the graduate school's field liaison, and completion of regular assessments of student's progress in meeting established competencies.

11/05-06/07

University of Denver, College of Education Fisher Early Learning Center. Social Worker on the Transdisciplinary Play-based Assessment Team. Responsibilities include meeting with parents to gather information related to child's developmental history. Participate in play-based assessment and prepare related reports.

1/91-5/98

Loretto. Assistant Administrator, Cunningham Resident Health Care Facility. Responsible for administrative supervision and support to various departments, administrative liaison to residents and families, consultant to residents, families and staff regarding ethical dilemmas, Chairperson Intercompany Ethics Committee, coordination of special projects, policy analysis, fund raising for specific events.

9/89-1/94

Loretto. Director of Social Work, Cunningham Resident Health Care Facility. Responsible for supervision and support of social work department, committee memberships and chairperson responsibilities, administrative liaison to residents and families, supervision of social work students, policy analysis, and coordination of special interdisciplinary projects.

1/87-9/89

Broome Developmental Services. Developmental Disabilities Program Specialist. Responsible for assisting voluntary agencies in securing state funding and in report preparation, recruitment of individuals for family care program, and training and development of state and voluntary agency staff.

1/82-1/87

Broome Developmental Services. Team Leader.

Responsible for managing and supervising activities of interdisciplinary team in community setting and analysis of policies affecting the services provided. Coordination of special projects, liaison to county community services office and nonprofit community agencies.

1/76-1/82

Broome Developmental Services. Social Worker.

Responsible for providing case management services to adults who have a developmental disability, assisting families in securing services, direct service to clients of a sheltered workshop, liaison to nonprofit community agencies.

11/74-1/76

Willard Psychiatric Center. Psychiatric Social Worker.

Responsible for providing clinical services to adult patients and their families through group, individual, and family therapy, support and supervision to family care homes in the community, discharge planning.

9/73-5/74

Karen Horney Clinic. Graduate Internship.

9/72-5/73

Young Adult Institute and Workshop. Graduate Internship.

FUNDED PROJECTS

Washington Park Cares (2010). Awarded \$5,834 from JVA Consulting for a web page redesign, updated marketing materials, and software for financial records. Grant manager.

Washington Park Cares (2010). Awarded \$5000.00 from the Anschutz Family Foundation for general operating expenses. Grant manager.

Washington Park Cares (2010). Awarded \$2000.00 from the Adolph Coors Foundation for general operating expenses. Grant manager.

Washington Park Cares (2009). Awarded \$3,750 from JVA Consulting to conduct needs assessments and gather demographic information about organization and community members. Grant manager.

Washington Park Cares (2009). Awarded \$3,000 from the Cherry Creek Rotary Club to provide financial support for a Wellness Clinic coordinated by the Dominican Sisters. The Clinic is open and free to anyone age 55 and over. Grant manager.

Partners in Care (1994-1996). \$75,000 awarded to Loretto from the N.Y.S. Department of Health Bureau of Long Term Care Dementia Grants program. The project goals were to ease the transition during admission to a dementia unit in a long-term care facility for residents and their families and to create an environment that would encourage families to increase their involvement on the unit. Principal Investigator.

Supportive Housing Services, Inc. (1977-1978). \$25,000 awarded through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program as start-up funds to support the provisions of services to recently discharged patients of a state operated mental health facility. Chair, Board of Directors.

PUBLICATION AND RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Articles in Refereed Journals:

Kelchner, E. S. (2004.). Amy Ross: Body story or person story? *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 10 (4), 68-74.

Kelchner, E. S. (2004). Constructing a gerontologist: Intersections of personal and professional experience. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 10 (2), 22-25.

Kelchner, E. S. (1999). Ageism's impact and effect on society. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 32, 85-100.

Edited Journal:

Cox, E. O., Kelchner, E. S., & Chapin, R. (2001). Co-editors, Special Edition, *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 36 (3/4).

Edited Books:

Cox, E. O., Kelchner, E. S., & Chapin, R. (Eds.). (2002). *Gerontological social work practice: Issues, challenges, and potential*. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

Book Chapters:

Kelchner, E. S. (2002). Social work with older adults in health care and residential settings in the new millennium: A return to the past. In E. O. Cox, E. S. Kelchner, & R. Chapin (Eds.), *Gerontological social work practice: Issues, challenges, and potential* (pp. 115-125). Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

Articles in Progress:

Kelchner, E. S. & Rosenwald, M. Involving the community in kinship care. (Submitted to *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*).

Technical Reports and Published Conference Proceedings:

Kelchner, E. S., Lane, W., & Lange, C. (1996). *Partners in Care Final Report*. Albany, NY: NYS Department of Health 1994 Dementia Grants.

Munda-Tay, M. E., and Kelchner, E. S. (1990). Orientation of families of new residents in a nursing facility: A process to improve communication and transition to institutional care. *Best Practices Conferences Proceedings Book: Communication in the Nursing Home: Resident, Family and Facility Interaction*. State of New York Department of Health Bureau of Long Term Care Services and Hunter/Mount Sinai Geriatric Education Center, Albany, N.Y.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Keeping Elders Safe. This research project is ongoing. Via an online survey, social workers and social work students are queried as to their opinion about what constitutes elder abuse. The long-range goal is to provide educational programs regarding elder abuse to increase awareness and to inform social workers of their ethical responsibilities regarding reporting. As the project progresses other disciplines will be included. Principal investigator.

Intergenerational Families: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. This research study was conducted with the support of several community agencies as well as grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Combining interviews with survey data the intended outcome was the development of community-based programs to fill gaps in service. Principle investigator.

SELECTED NATIONAL AND LOCAL PRESENTATIONS

Kelchner, E. S. (2007). *Elder Abuse: What do Social Workers Know?* Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. San Francisco, CA. *Peer Reviewed*.

Kelchner, E. S., Chayet, M., & Kuberski, R. (2007). *Keeping elders safe*. National Association of Social Workers, Colorado Chapter Conference. Colorado Springs, CO. *Peer Reviewed*.

Kelchner, E. S., & Rosenwald, M. (2006). *It takes a village: Involving the community when grandparents raise grandchildren*. National Gerontological Social Work Conference. Chicago, IL. *Peer Reviewed*.

Kelchner, E. S. (2005). *Lessons learned: Infusing aging content in research courses via service-learning projects*. National Gerontological Social Work Conference. New York, New York. *Peer Reviewed*.

Kelchner, E. S. (2004). *Physician/elder communication: Voices not heard*. National Gerontological Social Work Conference. Anaheim, California. *Peer Reviewed*.

Kelchner, E. S., & Bronstein, L. (2004). Aging and Social Work: Multigenerational Implications. Social Work Month Celebration. Binghamton, New York. *Invited.*

Kelchner, E. S. (2003). *Women and Aging: Personal and Professional Issues*. Southern Tier Division, New York State Chapter, NASW. *Invited.*

Kelchner, E. S. (2002). *Physician/elder communication: Voices not heard*. Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference. Boston, Massachusetts. *Peer Reviewed.*

Cox, E., Kelchner, E. S., & Morozova, I. (2001). *As the years go by*. The University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Center for Community Enrichment Luncheon Series. Denver, CO. *Invited.*

Cox, E., Kelchner, E. S., & Morozova, I. (2001). *Eldercare: Challenges in providing care for older relatives*. Denver Federal Center. Lakewood, CO. *Invited.*

Cox, E. O., & Kelchner, E. S. (2000). *Empowerment and strengths based interventions with the elderly*. Institute of Gerontology, University of Denver. Denver, CO. *Invited.*

Kelchner, E. S. (2000). *Empowerment and the older adult: Developing expertise to meet late life challenges*. Senior Law Day 2000. Denver, CO. *Invited.*

PROFESSIONAL/SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

University Service:

University of Denver

1/08-3/09 Member, Graduate School of Social Work Professional Development Committee

9/00-5/02 Coordinator, Graduate School of Social Work Doctoral Student Association

9/00-5/02 Student Member Graduate School of Social Work Ph.D. Committee

Binghamton University

9/04-8/05 Social Work Division Representative, University Faculty Senate

9/04-8/05 Advisor, Division of Social Work Student Organization

1/03-8/05 Member, School of Education, and Human Development Scholarship Committee

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9/03-8/05 Chair, Division of Social Work Program Committee
9/03-8/05 Member, Division of Social Work Search Committee
9/03-9/04 Member, Division of Social Work Admissions Committee
9/02-8/05 Member, MSW Division Committee
9/02-5/03 Chair, Division of Social Work Admissions Committee

Syracuse University

9/96-5/97 Member, School of Social Work Field Advisory Committee
9/92-5/97 Member, School of Social Work Gerontology Concentration Curriculum Committee

Professional and Community Service:

12/07-01/09 Member, PACE Committee, CO Chapter NASW
09/06-03/09 Volunteer Ombudsman, DRCOG
7/06-07/09 Chairperson, Committee on Aging, CO Chapter NASW
7/06-04/07 Member, Conference Committee, CO Chapter NASW
9/04-8/05 Member, Grandparents Advisory Council
6/04-8/05 Member, Social Connectivity Work Group, Aging Futures
5/04-8/05 NASW-NYS PAC Trustee
4/03-6/04 Member, Caregiver Work Group, Aging Futures
2/03-8/05 Member, Advisory Committee, Center City Coordination Project
2/03-8/05 Member, Community Organizing, Planning and Development Task Team, Center City Coordination Project
1/03-8/05 Member, Partnership Committee, Aging Futures
10/02-5/03 Research Consultant, Trust in the Lives of Older Women.
9/99-5/02 Community Advisory Board Member, Sunrise Assisted Living at Cherry Creek

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- 1/96-6/97 Member, Board of Directors, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse
- 1/95-6/97 Coordinator, Fellowship Committee, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse
- 10/93-6/95 Member, Onondaga County Democratic Committee
- 6/93-8/98 Member, Alliance Inc. Advisory Board
- 1/93-12/92 Chair, Central New York Directors of Social Work Council
- 1/90-5-98 Chair, Intercorporate Ethics Committee, Loretto
- 9/88-5/89 Co-Director, Aging-Out Fair
- 9/79-6/81 Chairperson, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day
- 10/76-12/78 Chairperson, Supportive Housing Services, Inc. Board of Directors

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Institute for Student Centered Learning Fellow, Binghamton University Center for Learning and Teaching – 2004.

Grantmakers in Aging Fellow – 2001.

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, 1998-2001.

Award Recipient: N.Y.S. Department of Health and Hunter/Mount Sinai Geriatric Education Center – Best Practices, with Maria Elisa Munda-Tay – 1990.

ONGOING PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Academy of Certified Social Workers

American Society on Aging

Association for Community Organization and Social Administration

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work

Council on Social Work Education

National Association of Social Workers

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Social Welfare Action Alliance

The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education