





## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES

**Brewer, L.** "Ancestors, Elders, and the Role of Spirituality in Late Life," *International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*, (In-press).

**Brewer, L.** "Elder Care Practices in Okinawa: Tradition in Transition," *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, Sept. 2008, 3:3, 117-124.

**Brewer, L.** and Chu, D. "Caregivers at Risk: the implications of health disparities," *Journal of Loss and Trauma: international perspectives on stress and coping*, March 2008, 13:2-3, 205-221.

**Brewer, L.** "Families that Care: a qualitative study of families engaged in the provision of elder care," *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 2002, 39:3, 41-56.

**Brewer, L.** "Gender Socialization and the Cultural Construction of Elder Caregivers," *Journal of Aging Studies*, Nov. 2001.

### INVITED PARTICIPANT

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) task group to develop *National Statement on Research Integrity in Social Work*, June 2006.

Research colloquium hosted by the Social Work Research Center at the University of Arkansas, April 18, 2005, addressing the topic of Family Caregiving in the Mississippi Delta Region.

### GRANTS

#### FUNDED

ASU Faculty Research grant, FY04 AND FY07  
 University of Arkansas, Social Work Research Center, Research Fellowship, 2005-2006  
 Vollman Family Faculty Enhancement Fund, 2007  
 Eleanor Lane Faculty Endowment Fund, 2007

#### OTHER GRANTS

HRSA Grant: Health Disparities and Family Caregiving in Rural Areas, 4/28/04.  
 NIH Grant: Mississippi Delta Regional Partnership for Health Disparities Reduction, 4/14/05.  
 Kays Foundation, 2007  
 Japan Studies Program, Social Sciences Research Council, 2007

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

#### PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

8/98 – 6/01	Omega Counseling and Consultations Watervliet, Michigan	President/Clinician
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9/88 – 8/97	Van Buren Mental Health Services Paw Paw, Michigan	Supervisor/Clinician
4/86 –9/88	Home Care Bangor, Michigan	Medical Social Worker
6/82 – 8/85	Region IV Area Agency on Aging St. Joseph, Michigan	Social Services Coordinator
9/80 – 6/82	Tri-County Head Start Paw Paw, Michigan	Home Visitor

### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

1994-1996	Senior Nutrition Services Policy Board, Benton Harbor, MI
1996-2000	Community Rehabilitation Center Advisory Board, Watervliet, MI
1996-1999	Geriatric Assessments Plus planning committee, VanBuren Co., MI
2010-present	Schmieding Home Caregiver Training Program, Advisory Board, Jonesboro, AR

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **PEER-REVIEWED Oral PRESENTATIONS**

“Gerotranscendence and the role of spirituality in late life,” International Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, June 26, 2013. Seoul, Korea.

“Ancestors, Elders, and the Role of Spirituality in Late Life,” International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, February, 15-17, 2011, Chicago, Illinois.

“Application of Qualitative Inquiry in Dissimilar Cultures”, Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 23, 2009.

“Building Social Work Relationships in Rural Settings: Challenges and Rewards”, Arkansas Chapter, National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference, North Little Rock, AR, April 10, 2009.

“A Qualitative study of Late Life Family Dynamics in an Asian Culture,” Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, October 31, 2008.

“Elder Care Practices in Okinawa: Tradition in Transition,” International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Prato, Italy, July 22, 2008.

“What every social worker needs to know about aging and older adults,” National Association of Social Workers/Arkansas Chapter Annual Conference, Hot Springs, AR, March 8, 2007.

“Research endeavors in the social work community” (*panel participant*), National Association of Social Workers/Arkansas Chapter Annual Conference, Hot Springs, AR, March 8, 2007.

“Assessing Caregiver Risk: the implications of health disparities,” presented at Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 18, 2006.

“Empowering Family Caregivers: the implications of health disparities,” presented at the Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference (expanded this year to include Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee). Tunica, MS, October 6, 2005.

“A Qualitative Study of Family Caregiving in the Mississippi Delta Region: implications for policy and practice,” presented at the Southwest Social Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 27, 2005

“Family Caregiving in the Mississippi Delta Region: preliminary findings of a pilot study”, at Improving Chronic Care Quality: a national conference on transferring geriatric research into practice, Columbia, MO, Sept. 10, 2004.

“Older Adults: disempowerment to empowerment,” at Arkansas Chapter of NASW Conference, Fort Smith, AR, March 5, 2004.

“Families that Care,” at Gerontological Society of America conference, Nov., 2001.

### **PEER-REVIEWED PROFESSIONAL Poster PRESENTATIONS**

“Health Disparities and Family Caregiving Capacity: preliminary findings of a pilot study,” presented at International Network: Towards Unity for Health (TUFH) conference, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 10, 2004.

“Gender Socialization and the Cultural Construction of Elder Caregivers,” National Conference on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 2000.

### **TRAINING PRESENTATIONS**

“Population Aging, Workforce Shortages, and the Challenge to Develop Geriatric Competencies,” Arkansas Aging Conference, October 28, 2010.

“Major life transitions of older adults,” Center on Aging Northeast, Jonesboro, AR, March 22, 2007.

“Geriatric Mental Health on the Move,” a continuing education opportunity for health care professionals, sponsored by AGECE, Spring, 2004, at four sites in Northern Arkansas.

“Understanding Empowerment” in-service training for Arkansas State Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, Jonesboro, AR, June 11, 2004.

“Caregivers: Needs and Resources”, a continuing education workshop, presented at Northeast Arkansas Health Education Conference, August 2, 2004.

Developed and implemented a series of health promotion events for elders in Van Buren County, MI, 1996-97

Presented a number of workshops and in-service trainings on Mental Health and Aging, including 1995 Michigan NASW Conference workshop, "Elders at Risk: A Collaborative Community Response" and 1997 Michigan Developmental Disabilities Focus Conference workshop, "Aging Caregivers of Disabled Adults: Implications for Practice"

Facilitated Elder Abuse Public Forums in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties, 1992

### **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

Reviewed manuscript for *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 2013

Reviewed manuscript for *Journal of Social Service Research*, 2013

Content reviewer, *Health*, Boston, MA: Prentice Hall, 2007.

Reviewed manuscript for *Canadian Journal on Aging*, July 2004.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

#### **UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

Promotion, Tenure and Retention Committee	2009 - 2011
Undergraduate Enrollment & Academic Policy	2006 - 2012
Financial Aid & Scholarships	2005 - 2012
Student Discipline Committee	2005
Who's Who committee	2005

#### **COLLEGE LEVEL**

Promotion, Tenure and Retention Committee	2009 - 2011
Infection Control	2006 - 2011
Promotion, Retention, and Tenure	2006 - 2011
Interdisciplinary Activities	2006 - present
Technology	2005 -2006
Constitution and Bylaws	2005

#### **DEPARTMENT LEVEL**

MSW Program Director	5/2013 - present
Interim Department Chair	2/2011 - 8/2012
Promotion, Retention, and Tenure	9/2013 - present
Admissions	2006 - 2010

Curriculum	2006 - 2010
Search Committee	2003*, 2005, and 2007* (*Chaired)
Field Advisory Committee	2005

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

National Association of Social Workers  
International Association of Schools of Social Work

### **LICENSURE and CERTIFICATION**

Arkansas LMSW (#1206-M)  
Academy of Certified Social Workers (NASW)

### **HONORS, AWARDS and ACHIEVEMENTS**

Social Worker of the Year Award, NASW/AR, 2013  
College of Nursing and Health Professions Teaching Award, 2009  
“You Made a Difference Award”, Fall, 2007, nominated by student  
College of Nursing and Health Professions Research and Scholarship Award, 2004  
Beta Chapter, Phi Alpha Honor Society