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EDUCATION

University of Denver

Ph.D. in Social Work, June 2015

Dissertation: Aging in place: Perceptions of older adults on low income housing waitlists

University of Wyoming

Master of Social Work, May 2005

The Pennsylvania State University

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies, December 1994

CURRENT POSITIONS

West Chester University

Associate Professor – August 2020 to Present

Graduate Coordinator: Graduate Certificate in Gerontology - Spring 2017 to Present

Assistant Professor - Fall 2015 to July 2020

TEACHING

West Chester University, Graduate Social Work, 2015 to Present

- Social Work and End of Life Care
- Social Work with Older Adults
- Specialized Social Work Practice I
- Specialized Social Work Practice II: Integrative Seminar
- Mental Health: A Recovery Approach

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work. Adjunct Faculty – 2013 to 2015

- Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan. MSW Course
- Clinical Social Work Skills. MSW Course
- Social Work with the Chronically and Terminally Ill. MSW Course
- Social Work Skills Lab. MSW Course
- Assessments & Interventions in Aging. MSW Course–Teaching Assistant to L. Hasche 2012
- Theories of Leadership. MSW Course – Teaching Assistant to S. Manning 2011

SCHOLARSHIP

Conversation Project Workshop Evaluation

- Co-Principal Investigator, July 2019 – Present
- Co-Investigators include: Drs. Stacie Metz and Pablo Arriaza and MSW Alumni Kai Macdonald
- Facilitate research project

- Use a one-group pretest-posttest mixed methods design to evaluate the Conversation Project (end of life) workshops that are conducted with WCU BSW and MSW students and alumni
- IRB approval received August 2019

Older Adults' Equine Activities & Interactions

- Principal Investigator, May 2021 – Present
- Facilitate research project
- Qualitative research project utilizing digital story telling with student interaction and facilitation.
- IRB approval received August 2021

Graduate Student Distance Education Intergenerational Service Learning Project

- Co-Principal Investigator, Fall 2021 – Application Under Review with the IRB
- Facilitate service learning research project
- Mixed Methods research project

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver

Research Assistant, September 2012 – May 2014

Assisted the principal investigators with a research project that assessed risk factors for and consequences of elder maltreatment, along with exploration of the service needs of older adults at risk for maltreatment. The variety of tasks for this project included assisting with the development of a training manual for the interviewers, securing licensing for the use of all the assessment tools and measures used throughout the study and the ordering of those assessment tools and measures. Assisted with the training of interviewers. Coordinated the scheduling of participant interviews. Conducted interviews with participants and provided weekly update reports to primary investigators.

Wyoming Geriatric Education Center, University of Wyoming

Assistant Director & Project Coordinator, May 2008 – August 2010

Assisted in the development of evaluation forms for all courses, workshops and conferences organized by the Wyoming Geriatric Education Center (WyGEC). Met with faculty team members to assist with evaluation committee meetings. Completed tasks to evaluate primary, secondary and tertiary outcomes of the WyGEC educational goals and objectives.

Fay Whitney School of Nursing, University of Wyoming

Research Assistant, May 2005 – September 2005

Assisted faculty with various research projects, including preparing sample packets (saliva collection vials, and paperwork) for study participants.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Lavery, A. L., Hasche, L. K., DePrince, A. P., Gagnon, K., Srinivas, T. & Boyce, E. (2020). Mental health consequences and service utilization among older adults at risk for financial exploitation. *Social Work Research*, 44(4), 257-265.

- Bowen, M.E., Gaynor, B., Phillips, L. Orsega-Smith, E., Lavery, A., Mitchell, A., & Basehore, H. (2020). Factors associated with health service utilization among older adults in a Mobile Veterans Program. *The Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 46(5), 15-22.
- Buck, P. & Lavery, A. (2020). Animal-assisted activities for children on the autism spectrum: Parent insights. *Human Animal Interaction Bulletin*, 8(1), 78-89.
- Kattari, S., Lavery, A. & Hasche, L. (2017). Applying a social model of disability across the lifespan. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 27(8), 865-880.
- Hasche, L.K. & Lavery A. (2015). As needed: Case management across aging services in response to depression. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 58(3), 272-288.

OTHER – PUBLICATIONS

- Lavery A. (2021). COVID-19: A Reminder that Addressing Ageism is Essential. *Mental Health: NASW Practice Specialty Practice Section: Spring/Summer 2021*, 5-6.
- Lavery-Benson, A. (2010). Transitions in Care. *AGHE Exchange: A Newsletter of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education*, 34(1), 14-15.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PEER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

- Lavery, A. (in preparation for submission). Loss within liminality: Older adults waiting for affordable housing.
- Lavery, A., Chiarelli-Helminiak, C., & Myers, W. (in preparation for submission). Utilizing photos for deeper learning: Human rights and specialized practice MSW education.
- Lavery, A. (in preparation for submission). Drama, politics and cliques: Experiences of older adults waiting for low-income housing.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Thomas Steward, A., Lavery, A. & Moody, H. (October, 2019). Approaches to Infusing Critical Gerontology Across Social Work Curricula. Workshop presented at the annual conference of the *Council on Social Work Education*, Denver, CO.
- Lavery, A., Chiarelli-Helminiak, C. & Myers, W. (November, 2018). Utilizing Photos for Deeper Learning: Human Rights and Specialized Practice. Presented at the annual conference for the *Council on Social Work Education*, Orlando, FL.
- Hasche, L. & Lavery, A. (November, 2018). Service Needs Among Older Adults at Risk for Financial Elder Abuse. Presented at the annual conference for the *Gerontology Society of America*, Boston, MA.

Lavery, A., Kattari, S., Hasche, L. & McQueen, J. (October, 2017). Using a Social Model of Disability in Social Work and Gerontology Education. Panel presented at the annual conference of the *Council on Social Work Education*, Dallas, TX.

Lavery, A. (November, 2016). Liminality and Loss: Waiting for Affordable Housing. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *Council on Social Work Education* in Atlanta, GA.

Lavery, A. (November, 2015). A Place with a Patio: Using Qualitative Interviews and Photos to Expand Views of Aging. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *Gerontological Society of America*, Orlando, FL.

Lavery, A. (November, 2015). Need to Move but Cannot: Older Adults Waiting for Low Income Housing or Assistance. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *Gerontological Society of America*, Orlando, FL.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

West Chester University

FY 2021, College of Education and Social Work Research Funding Grant. \$3,000

Role: Author (submitted March 2021– Awarded funding May 2021)

Summer 2016 AWA Support – pilot study

Older Adults' Equine Activities & Interactions

West Chester University

FY 2017, University Research Funding Grant. \$6,928

Role: Co-Author (submitted December 18, 2015) – Did not receive funding

College of Business and Public Affairs Research Award.

Summer 2016 AWA Support – pilot study

Animal Assisted Interventions in Dementia Care Settings – Did not receive funding

Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver

2013, Dissertation Support Award. \$3,000

Role: Writer and Administrator

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)

2010 Geriatric Education Center Funding. Five-year period, continuation grant. \$2.1 million.

Role: Assisted Primary Wyoming Geriatric Education Center director and grant writing committee members with writing and administration.

University of Wyoming Kaiser Ethics Project Grant

2010 Supplemental Grant for Wyoming Geriatric Education Center, \$1,000.

Role: Writer and Administrator.

SERVICE

West Chester University

Department

Chair, Gerontology Certificate Program Curriculum Committee, Fall 2016- Present

Graduate Coordinator, Gerontology Certificate Program, Fall 2016- Present

Chair, Faculty Search Committee – Academic Year 2020-2021

Lead Instructor

- SWG 561 Specialized Practice I: Individuals
- SWG 563 Specialized Practice II: Integrative Seminar, Spring 2019 – Summer 2019
- SWG 560 Mental Health- A Recovery Approach
- SWG 571 Social Work with Older Adults, Fall 2016 – Present
- SWG 580 Social Work Practice and End of Life Care, Fall 2016 – Present
- SWG 598 Field Practicum III, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018, Summer 2019 - Fall 2019
- SWG 599 Field Practicum IV, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018, Summer 2019 -- Fall 2019

Member, MSW Curriculum Committee, Fall 2016-Present

Teaching Observer (Adjunct), Fall 2019 and Spring 2017

Advisor, Graduate Social Work Student Association, 2016-2017, Co-Advisor 2015-2016

Reviewer and Interviewer, MSW Program Admissions Committee,
Fall 2016 to present

University

Advisory Council Member: Resource Pantry, January 2018 – Present

Faculty Senate Proxy Spring 2017 – Present

Member, WCU Graduate Council, Spring 2017 – Present

Community

Board Member: Barclay Friends, April 2018 – Present
Additional Duties: Care and Compliance Committee and Governance Committee

Professional

NASW – PA Aging Committee Member January 2021 - Present

Invited Article Reviewer, *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, Spring 2019, Fall 2018 and Spring 2017

Task Force Member: Development of Gero Curricular Guide for the Council on Social Work Education, 2016

Membership Committee, Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW), 2014-2016

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

Licensed Clinical Social Worker
State of Pennsylvania

Fellow in Thanatology (FT) Since January 2015 – Present
Association of Death Education and Counseling (ADEC)

Certified Thanatologist (CT) January 2009 – December 2014
Association of Death Education and Counseling (ADEC)