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EDUCATION

- 2013 Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal
International Masters in Mental Health Policy & Services; World Health Organization
Thesis: *Help-seeking for memory loss in urban India: Perspectives of patients, caregivers and primary health providers*. Chair, Dr. Manuel Gonçalves Pereira
- 1991 University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D., Social Welfare (Social Gerontology)
Dissertation: *The management of chronic illness by older persons who live alone: A mixed-method investigation*. [Distinction] Chair, Dr. Lorraine M. Midanik
- 1984 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Completed coursework for M.S.N.
- 1980 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
M.S.S.W., Accelerated program, Specialization: Clinical Practice (Dean's Distinction)
- 1973 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
B.A., Psychology *Summa Cum Laude*
B.S., Philosophy *Summa Cum Laude*

LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2004 Harvard University
Management Development Program for College and University Administrators (Cert.)
- 2006 Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), New York State
- 1980 Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1984-1986 Home Health Care & Hospice of East Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
M.S.W. Supervisor; Consultant

- 1979-1986 East Tennessee Baptist Medical Center, Knoxville, TN
 Social Worker (1979-83)
 Senior Social Worker/Supervisor (1984-86)
 Specializations: Geriatric Psychiatry, Oncology, Hospice
- 1973-1976 Eastern State Psychiatric Hospital, Knoxville, TN
 Psychiatric Practical Nurse
 Specialization: Geriatrics; Pharmacology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present Virginia Commonwealth University
 Samuel S. Wurtzel Endowed Professor of Social Work
 International Social Work Administrative Lead
- 1990-2015 Columbia University School of Social Work
 Assistant Professor (1990-1995)
 Associate Professor (1995-2000)
 Professor (2000-2016)
 Associate Dean (2003-2006)
- 1987-90 University of California, Berkeley
 Lecturer, School of Public Health
 Graduate Instructor I, II, School of Social Welfare
- 1983-86 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Social Work
 Lecturer, Social Work in Health Care
 Field Instructor: East Tennessee Baptist Regional Medical Center
 Supervised students in geriatric psychiatry, oncology and hospice

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2026 Faculty Award for Educational Leadership in Social Work Doctoral Education. Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education (GADE)
- 2025 International Conference, Seoul Seniors Forum on Quality of Later Life, Gochang, Korea, June 20, 2025. Keynote: *The Role of Meaning in Post-Retirement Well-being.*

2024	International Consortium on Social Development. <i>Pragati: A sustainable university – community model for promoting long-term engagement, empowerment, and efficacy</i> . With A.B. Soletti, S.S. Nair, P. Yadav & D. Rawte. Kerala, India, January 10.
2024	Dean's Speaker Series, George Mason University College of Public Health. <i>More than One Plus One: Syndemics in an Aging and Unequal World</i> , September 17.
2023	Career Achievement Award, Association of Gerontology in Social Work Education (AGE-SW), Gerontological Society of America
2023	Fellow, Society for Social Work & Research
2023	Visiting Scholar, School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Practice. Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand
2023	Fulbright Specialist, Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences
2018	University of Richmond Faculty Seminar, South Africa
2018	VCU Interdisciplinary Faculty Delegation, Santiago University, Cali, Colombia
2017	<i>Hombre</i> and Richmond Global Health Alliance, Interdisciplinary Medical Services, Peru.
2017	Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society
2016-present	Samuel S. Wurtzel Endowed Faculty Chair in Social Work
2013	American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, Elected Fellow
2012-13	Senior Fulbright Scholar, Center for the Study of HIV and AIDS, University of Botswana, Gaborone
2008-15	International Scholar, Soros Open Society Foundations Academic Fellowship Program. Social Work Regional Coordinator for Central Asia/Caucasus/Balkans
2006-07	Senior Fulbright Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India
2003-	New York Academy of Medicine, Elected Fellow
2001	Nathan Cummings Lecturer, University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration

1999	Association of Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW), Gerontological Society of America, Faculty Achievement Award
1999	New York State Office for Aging/State Society on Aging, NYS Aging Scholar (elected)
1999-2001	National Hartford Faculty Scholar in Aging, John A. Hartford Foundation and Gerontological Society of America (Cohort 1)
1998	Gerontological Society of America, Fellow; Social Research, Policy & Practice
1998	Lydia Rapoport Distinguished Visiting Professor, Smith College School for Social Work
1990	Sigma Phi Omega, National Academic Honor and Professional Society, Gerontology
1989	University of California, Berkeley, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor
1972	Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS (* student / mentee at time of publication; ‡ Burnette PI)

Peer Reviewed

Under review:

Burnette, D. Sense of meaning in post-retirement well-being.

‡ Kim, S., **Burnette, D.**, & Kim, K. Gendered and layered vulnerability: Cumulative risk and psychological distress among older adults In Puerto Rico during COVID-19.

*Otgon, S., **Burnette, D.**, Munkhtar, Y., Lkhamsuren, Z., Casati F. & Myagmarjav, S. Gender differences in affect-balance in Mongolian older adults.

Lou, Y., Gantumur, Z., **Burnette, D.**, Suo X., Ching, I., Monin, J., When dyadic recruitment fails: Lessons from a Chinese American older parent-adult child study of end-of-life care decision-making. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*

Lou, Y., **Burnette, D.**, Gantumur, Z., Sudore, R., Li, L., Vo, J., Wu, B., Intergenerational discordance in end-of-life care planning and decision-making among Chinese American parent-child dyads. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*

Published / In Press:

- ‡ Kim, K., **Burnette, D.**, & Kim, S. (2026). Multidimensional losses and mental health of older adults in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane María. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 45(10), 1885-1893. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648261426731>
- *Saleh, M., Im, H., Kim, K. & **Burnette, D.** (2025). Determinants of healthcare utilization by older refugees in the United States: A modified Andersen Behavioral Model approach. *Journal of Ethnicity and Health*, 30(8):881-897. doi: 10.1080/13557858.2025.2573919
- Camacho, D., Aranda, M., Moxley, J., **Burnette, D.**, Lukens, E., Reid, C. & Wethington, E. (2025). Differences in pain presence and intensity among Black, Latino, and White community-dwelling midlife and older adults in the U.S. *Research on Aging*, 47 (9-10), 497-510. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01640275251344940>
- Kim, K. **Burnette, D.**, Baik, S., & Kim, S. (2025). A typology of livable communities and older adults' health in the U.S. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 22(5), 676. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph22050676>
- ‡ Camacho, D., *Morgan, M., *Vazquez, J., Moxley, J., & **Burnette, D.** (2025). Psychological distress in older adults living in Puerto Rico during COVID-19. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*. doi: 10.1007/s10823-025-09539-8
- ‡*Kim, S., *Morgan M., **Burnette, D.** & *Becker, T. (2024). COVID-19 attitudes and quality of life in older adults in Puerto Rico: The mediating role of Psychological Sense of Community. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 1–10, doi: 10.1177/07334648241301482
- Burnette, D.** (2024) (Guest Editor). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on older women's health and well-being. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health*. <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/54354/the-impact-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-on-older-womens-health-and-well-being>
- ‡Camacho, D., *Morgan, M., **Burnette, D.**, *Vazquez, J., & Moxley, J. (2024). Loneliness in older adults living in Puerto Rico during the COVID-19 pandemic: An underexamined public health concern. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 46 (2), 79-98. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07399863241292097>
- ‡ **Burnette, D.**, Kim, K. & Kim, S. (2024). Gender-related measurement invariance on the Self Reporting Questionnaire (SRQ-20) for global mental distress with older adults in Puerto Rico. *Archives of Public Health*, 82, 163. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13690-024-01396-0>

Camacho, D., **Burnette, D.**, Aranda, M.P., Moxley, J., Lukens, E.P., & Reid, M.C. & Wethington, E. (2024). Loneliness and pain in community-dwelling White, African American and Latino Medicare recipients. *Frontiers in Public Health: Aging & Public Health*, Vol. 12, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1429739>

*Otgon, S., Myagmarjav, S., **Burnette, D.**, Lkhagvasuren, K. & Casati, F. (2023). Sociodemographic predictors of flourishing among older adults in rural and urban Mongolia. *Scientific Reports*, 13, 1756. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-023-28791-x>

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‡ Buckley, T.D., *Becker, T.D. & **Burnette, D.** (2022). Validation of the abbreviated Lubben Social Network Scale (LSNS-6) and its relationship with self-rated health amongst older adults in Puerto Rico. *Health and Social Care in the Community*, 30:e5527–e5538. doi: [10.1111/hsc.13977](https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13977).

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- Burnette, D.** & Mui, A.C. (1996). In-home and community-based service use by three groups of elderly Hispanics: A national perspective. In P. Ewalt, E. Freeman, S. Kirk, & D.D. Poole (Eds.), *Multicultural issues in social work* (pp. 505-22). Washington, DC: NASW. [Reprint]
- Burnette, D.** & Weiner, A. (1995). Intersecting the parallel worlds of practice and research: An agency practitioner-academic researcher team. In P.M. Hess & E.J. Mullen (Eds.), *Practitioner-researcher partnerships: Building knowledge from, in, and for practice* (pp. 138-50). Washington, DC: NASW.

Working Papers

Model Districts Education Project – Columbia University Earth Institute *student

- *Sharma, S., **Burnette, D.**, *Bhattacharya, A. & *Nath, S. Community participation in primary education in India, 2015.
- *Nath, S., *Sharma, S. & **Burnette, D.** Knowledge, attitudes and practices of key stakeholders on Multi-Grade, Multi-Level (MGML) education in two district-wide probability samples of primary schools in Morigaon (Assam) and Medak (Telangana), 2015
- Burnette, D.**, *Rao, S. & *Nath, S. Knowledge, attitudes and practices of key stakeholders about Multi-Grade, Multi-Level primary education models in representative samples of two rural districts of India, 2014.

Model Districts Education Project – Columbia University Earth Institute (authors alphabetic):
Bajaj, M., Bajpai, N., **Burnette, D.**, Jayanthi, S., *Kidwai, H., *Rao, S. & *Shin, H., 2013.

1. Summary and critique of Multi Grade-Multi-Level primary education models in rural India.
2. Perceptions, attitudes and practices about local, state and national curriculum policies and teacher training in 2 model district primary education sites in India (Assam and Andhra Pradesh)
3. Cross-national comparisons of public primary education policies and practices in rural districts of India, Brazil, China, Indonesia and Mexico.

Proceedings, Reviews, and Teaching Resources

- Burnette, D.** (2025). Significance, coherence, and purpose: The role of meaning in retirement well-being. *Seoul Seniors Forum*, Gochang, Korea. Conference proceedings.
- Burnette, D.** (2008). Life narrative approaches to understanding the ageing experience. Proceedings of international CADENZA symposium: *Preparing for an Elder-Friendly Hong Kong*.
- Burnette, D.,** Shibusawa, T., Chen, L., Kang, S., & McCann-Oakley, A. (2003). *Case-based teaching video archive in geriatric social work*. Digital case studies with teaching guides. New York: New York Academy of Medicine. (1000+ copies circulated)
- Burnette, D.** (2000). Issues and trends in grandparent caregiving in New York State. *Project 2015: The future of aging in New York State*. Albany, NY: New York State Office for the Aging and New York State Society on Aging.
- Burnette, D.** (2000). Review, H. Litwin (Ed.) (1996). The social networks of older people: A cross-national analysis. Westport, CT: Praeger. In *Journal of Social Service Research*, 26 (4), 92-94.
- Burnette, D.** (Ed.) (1998). *Teaching qualitative research: A compendium of model syllabi*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.
- Burnette, D.** (1997). Past as prologue: The legacy of a scholar and a gentleman. *Qualitative Family Research* (memorial issue for Anselm Strauss by former students).
- Burnette, D.** (1995). Review of A.S. Barusch (1994), *Older women in poverty: Private lives and public policies*. New York: Springer. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 10 (3), 347-48.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Doctoral Funding

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 1990-91 | NASW, National Center for Social Policy & Practice
Jane B. Aron Memorial Fellowship (One award nationally) |
| 1988-90 | University of California, San Francisco, Institute for Health & Aging
Graduate Research Assistant I, II |

1988-89	University of California, Berkeley, University Regents Fellowship
1987-88	American Cancer Society, Graduate Fellowship
1986-87	University of California, Berkeley, Kaiser Fellowship

NIH Training and Development

2007-09	Institute for Research in Social Work and Aging, National Institute on Aging
1999	Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Mental Health. National Institute of Mental Health
1991	Summer Institute on Research in Aging, National Institute on Aging and Brookdale Foundation, Washington DC

Research

2022-2024	Co-Investigator, 'Died peacefully': Developing a model of peaceful death in New Zealand. PI: Dr. Tosin Popoola, University of Newcastle, Australia. Government of New Zealand.
2020-2023	Principal Investigator. COVID-19 Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) of older adults in Puerto Rico: Assessment and association with physical, mental, and social health. \$10,000
2019-2021	Faculty Mentor, VCU Presidential Research Quest Fund. Effects of residential segregation on older adults' use of mental health services. PI: K. Kim
2019-2020	Principal Investigator. Mental health status and needs of older adults in Puerto Rico two years after Hurricane María. \$15,000
2017-2018	Principal Investigator. Explanatory Models of Common Mental Disorders among older adults in a remote community of the Peruvian Andes. Richmond Global Health Alliance. \$10,000
2015-2016	Co-Principal Investigator. Multi-sectoral technical assistance to develop improved methodology and practical guidelines and manuals for targeted community-based social welfare services in Mongolia. With S. Witte, Columbia University. Funded by World Bank. \$75,000
2014-2015	Co-Investigator. <i>Multiple Family Groups: Treatment adherence and HIV prevention among persons with depression in India</i> . NIMH and Indian Council for Medical Research. R21AI079586-01. \$275,000

- 2013-2014 Principal Investigator. *Changes in living arrangements of older adults in Botswana: Analysis of three waves of the Botswana Census*. With K. Bainame, Population Demography Department. Botswana Census Bureau and the University of Botswana. In-kind; Fulbright
- 2013-2016 Principal Investigator. *HIV-AIDS-related knowledge, attitudes and practices of adults aged 50 + in the social ecology of Botswana*. With S. Shaibu & N.O. Ama, University of Botswana. Government of Botswana, Ministry of Health. \$50,000
- 2012-2014 Principal Investigator. *Multiple Family Group Psychoeducation with grandmothers and co-resident young adolescent kin affected by HIV/AIDS: A feasibility study*. Centre for Research on HIV/AIDS, University of Botswana. Peter D. and Julie Fischer Cummings Family Foundation. \$10,000
- 2012-2017 Co-principal Investigator. *Improving the quality of primary education in rural India: A multi-site family and community-based model*. Columbia University Global Center of South Asia. With N. Bajpai, Columbia University Earth Institute. IKEA Foundation. \$250,000
- 2010-2012 Principal Investigator. *Dementia-related stigma in urban India. Patient, caregiver and health care provide perspectives*. Columbia University Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy. \$100,000
- 2009-2011 Principal Investigator. *Partnership program for aging education*. New York Academy of Medicine Social Work Leadership Institute. John A. Hartford Foundation. \$75,000
- 2009-2011 Principal Investigator. *The global classroom in social work education*. With the Columbia University Center for New Media Teaching and Learning. Funded by International Association of Schools of Social Work. \$10,000
- 2008-2010 Co-Principal Investigator. *Reducing adolescent HIV-infection in Maharashtra, India: A family-based approach*. Bilateral Funding: National Institute of Mental Health/Indian Medical Research council. Parent Grant: R34 MH078719-01A1. PI V. Guilamo-Ramos. \$275,000
- 2001-2003 Principal Investigator. *New media in geriatric social work education: Development of a case-based digital video archive*. New York Academy of Medicine. \$50,000
- 2000-2002 Co-Principal Investigator. *Setting national research priorities for geriatric social work: A Delphi study*. With N. Morrow-Howell, Hartford Social Work Faculty Scholars Program and Gerontological Society of America. \$5,000

- 2001-2003 Principal Investigator. *Self-health care: Symptom management by African American older adults in New York City*. New York Community Trust. \$150,000
- 1999-2001 Principal Investigator. *Latino grandparent caregivers in New York City: A four-year follow-up*. New York Community Trust, \$75,000.
- 1999-2001 Faculty Scholar. Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar Program. *Self-health care by African American Older Adults*. John A. Hartford Foundation. \$100,000
- 1999-2000 Principal Investigator. *Strengthening geriatric social work practice: Geriatric Field Practicum Development Program*. John A. Hartford Foundation. \$50,000
- 1994-1996 Principal Investigator. *Assessing the strengths and needs of grandparent caregivers in inner-city Latino families*. American Association of Retired Persons, Andrus Foundation. \$75,000
- 1993-1994 Principal Investigator. *Development and evaluation of a school-based, small group Intervention for grandparent caregivers*. Center for the Study of Social Work Practice, Columbia University. \$20,000

TEACHING

International

- 2023 Social Work in Health Care: Practice, Programming and Policy, Mongolia National University of Medical Science.
- 2019 Population Aging in Asia; Photovoice Methodology. Department of Social Welfare, National Chung Cheng University. Jiayi Shi, Taiwan.
- 2015 Health and Mental Health Services for Low-Income Populations; Research methods (Focus group methodology; Framework analysis). Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences, Ulaanbaatar.
- 2009 Mental Health and Quality of Life for Older Adults. Mongolia State University of Education, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- 2014 Social Science Research Methods, Faculty/Doctoral Course, Ion Creangă Pedagogical State University Chisinau, Moldova.
- 2012-2013 Aging Populations in Sub-Saharan Africa. University of Botswana.
- 2010-2014 Qualitative Research Methods; Quantitative Research Methods; Seminar in Secondary Data Analysis, University of Tirana, Albania.

2006-2007 Qualitative Research Methods (PhD); Community Mental Health Practice and Programming (MSW). PhD Student Seminar on Applied Research. Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

2003 Social Work as a Profession, Baku State University, Baku, Azerbaijan.

Virginia Commonwealth University

PhD Courses

SWKD 704 Qualitative Research Methods
SWKD 706 Prosem in Research and Professional Development (I)
SWKD 707 Prosem in Research and Professional Development (II)
SWKD 711 Social & Behavioral Science Theory for Social Work Research & Practice
SWKD 798 Integrative Seminar

MSW Courses

SWKD 770 Global Aging (interdisciplinary course, developed and taught)
SWKD 779 Study Abroad, University of Córdoba, Córdoba, Spain

BSW Course

SLWK 391 Study Abroad, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kerala, India

IPEC

IPEC 501 Interdisciplinary Professional Education Collaborative (Global Health)

Columbia University

1998-2000 Preceptor, School of Dental and Oral Surgery. Project Age-Link, L.M. Tepper, PI (5R25AG016375-04)

M.S. Courses

T7100 Foundations of Social Work Practice
T7102 Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups
T7113 Advanced Clinical Practice in Gerontology
T7114 Advanced Clinical Practice: Populations, Problems, Modalities (4 different topics)
T660A Human Behavior and Social Environment (mid-life development)
T660B Human Behavior and Social Environment (late-life development)
T6501 Introduction to Social Work Research

T7501	Advanced Applications in Social Work Research (narrative & translational research)
T7504	Research Projects (developed individualized year-long seminar for MS students)

Ph.D. Courses

T8002	Seminar in Social Work Research (Quantitative Methods)
T8003	Interdisciplinary Seminar in Qualitative Data Management and Analysis Schools of Social Work, Nursing and Public Health
T8003	Seminar in Global Mental Health and Psychosocial Problems
T8004	Tutorials (Qualitative Research Methods; Advanced Quantitative Methods; Social Gerontology; Survey Methods; Case Study Methods; Global Social Work Education; International Social Work/ Social Welfare/Social Development; Global Mental Health
T8505	Dissertation Seminar
T8509	Qualitative Research Methods
T8510	Qualitative Data Management and Analysis
-----	Supervised 1-2 required research practicum(s) each academic year

Dissertation Chair

Virginia Commonwealth University

Morgan, M.R. End-of-life care and older adults: The role of community health workers. 2026.

Cho, S. Acculturative stress and quality of life among older Korean immigrants: Do religiosity and resilience matter? 2023

Buckley, T.D. Psychological sense of community among older adults in Puerto Rico two years after Hurricane María, 2021.

Columbia University

Kimberly, L.L. Older adult kidney transplant recipients: Adaptation and integration, 2020. (Co-sponsor E. Lukens)

Camacho, D. Racial/ethnic differences in the association of loneliness and pain in later life, 2019 (Co-sponsor E. Lukens)

Sharma, S. Social development through primary education in India: A community-based approach to improving access and quality, 2019 (Co-sponsor B. Simon).

Gomes, A. Management of cardiovascular disease by Latino older adults with co-morbid mental disorders, 2015 (Co-sponsor L. Cabassa)

Burnes, D. Candidate risk factors for abuse severity and health and mental health outcomes in cognitively intact older adults, 2014.

Nowell, B. Human, social and cultural determinants of formal volunteering activity among Early Baby Boomers: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Survey, 2014.

Carlson, C. Interpersonal violence against women in displaced populations in Uganda, 2013.

Kaplan, D. Home care of persons with dementia: A national study of quality and costs, 2013.

McGinn, C. Psychosocial impact of displacement on evicted slum-dwellers in Cambodia, 2013.

Ogden, L. Aging with schizophrenia: A longitudinal phenomenological investigation, 2012.

VanAlst, D. Experiences of participation in care decisions by youth aging out of foster care, 2011.

Gardner, D. Relationships of older couples when one partner has advanced cancer, 2004.

Johnson, Y.M. The effects of a social work pre-admission interview on the completion of advance directives by elderly orthopedic patients, 2003.

Zodikoff, B. Community service use: Attitudes of older spousal caregiver-care recipient dyads, 2003.

Maramaldi, P. Diagnostic delays after abnormal mammography: A comparison of Latina and White women, 2001.

Nossel, M.L. Time as an object in social work practice, 2001, awarded with distinction.

Tompkins, W. Emotional well-being and educational performance of children in standard foster care, formal kinship care and informal care, 2000.

Charvat, B.J. The coming out process of gay male college students: A confirmatory analysis of the "Rites of Passage" model, 1999.

Roth, A. To decide or not to decide: Advance directives by elders with life-threatening illness, 1996.

Worden, B. Defining sexual harassment in the workplace: A factorial survey approach, 1995.

Member of 29 other Columbia Social Work dissertations and external reader in 6 other disciplines.

External member of 2 committees at New York University School of Social Work and 3 committees at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Mumbai).

SELECTED UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Virginia Commonwealth University

University

2025-present Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC)

2025-present University Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee

2025-present Global Education Office Work Group, School of Social Work representative

2023-2024 Provost's Repositioning Taskforce

2023-present Vice President for Research and Innovation Proposal Reviewer

2021-2023 University Council, School of Social Work representative

2020-2021 Promotion and Tenure Committee (External Member)

2018-2021 Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI)

2019 School of Medicine Interdisciplinary Brigade to Puerto Rico

2017 School of Medicine Interdisciplinary Brigade, Pampas Grande, Peru

2017-2019 Richmond Global Health Alliance

2016-2017 iCubed: Inclusion, Inquiry and Innovation
Health & Wellness in Aging Populations Core Member and Search Committee

2016-present Qualitative Research Interest Group (Q-RIG)

2016-present Fulbright Advisory and Review Committee

2016-2018 Liaison, Certificate in Aging Studies (Department of Gerontology)

2016-present Virginia Center on Aging, Plenary Member

School of Social Work

2025-2027 Promotion and Tenure Committee (*Ad hoc* member)

2024-2025	Search Committee Associate Dean for Research, Co-Chair
2024-2025	Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair
2022-2024	Promotion and Tenure Committee (<i>Ad hoc</i> member)
2021-2022	Search Committee, Director of Development
2019-2021	Search Committee, Associate Dean for Research, Chair
2019- 2020	Educational Technology Advisory Committee
2017-present	Research Advisory Committee
2017-2020	Promotion and Tenure Committee
2016-2017	Faculty Search Committee
2016-2017	Mentor, 3 student scholars from Peking University
2016-present	Mentor, pre-tenured faculty (article preparation; research; grant writing)
2016-2023	Director, PhD Program
2016-present	Educational Programs Committee
2016-present	Guest Lecturer, Aging and International Social Work (BSW/MSW) classes

Columbia University

University

2010-2016	Global Center in South Asia Steering Committee and subcommittees
2008- 2016	Institute for the Study of Human Rights (School of Social Work Representative)
2006- 2016	Institute for Social, Economic and Political Research, Faculty Affiliate
2005- 2014	Institute for South Asia Studies, Faculty Affiliate
2005- 2016	Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Faculty Affiliate
2005-2006	University Ad hoc Tenure Review Committee
2005-2008	School Dental and Oral Surgery, External advisory committee. life-long learning curriculum. Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education

- 2003-2016 University Seminar: *Aging and Health: Policy, Practice and Research*, Convener
- 2003-2010 Columbia University Press, Publication Review Board
- 2002-2005 Columbia University Sexual Misconduct Panel
- 2000-2002 Dean Search Committee, Office of the Provost
- 1999-2001 Geriatric Social Work Teaching & Learning Exchange, Columbia University Center for New Media Teaching and Learning
- 1995-2004 Geriatric Education Center
College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University and Division of Nursing & Geriatric Medicine, New York University Director, Social Work Module, 1998-2005.
- 1991-1998 Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology
College of Physicians & Surgeons, Faculty affiliate
- 1991-1994 Interdisciplinary Training in Geriatric Assessment, Health Promotion and Rehabilitation. Occupational Therapy, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Funded by DHHS, Advisory Committee

School of Social Work

Ph.D. Program

- 2000-2003 Director
- 1996-1998 Research Practicum Coordinator
- 1997-1999 Director of Admissions
- 2008-2016 Admissions Committee
- 1994-2016 Committee for the Doctoral Program

M.S. Program

Curriculum Committee (4 terms); Foundation Practice; Advanced Clinical Practice; Practice Area (Chair, 2007-2010); Research Area (Chair, 1995-2001); Human Behavior and the Social Environment Capstone Project; Field Education Policy; Dual Degree Coordinator for Union and Jewish Theological Seminaries; Fields of Practice; Educational Technology; Faculty Search (4 terms); International; Professors Professional Practice (Chair 2009-2010); School Coordinating Committee; Educational Outcomes Assessment Committee; Committee on Academic Appointments and Tenure (ex-officio)

Faculty Sponsor: Social Work Film Society; Aging Student Caucus; South Asia Student Caucus

Professional Service

Ongoing	Promotion and Tenure, External Referee (average 1 - 2 per year)
2023	U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice, <i>Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults</i> , Review committee.
2022-2025	Grand Challenges in Social Work Leadership Board
2021-present	American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare National Mentor
2022-2024	Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education, President.
2016-present	Society for Social Work and Research: Junior Faculty Mentoring Program
2019	Re-imagining Social Work Research. University of Denver School of Social Work, Core Planning Committee.
2014-present	Research Council of Hong Kong, Grants Reviewer (6-8 proposals annually)
2016-present	Society for Social Work and Research, Coffee with a Scholar mentoring program
2016	National Academies of Science, Institute of Medicine, <i>Informing Social Security Process for Financial Capability Determination</i> . Expert Reviewer.
2014-	Social Work Grand Challenges: Productive Aging Working Group
2014	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ), Special Emphasis Panel, Reviewer
2013-2017	Gulbenkian Mental Health Platform, Department of Health and Human Development and Faculty of Medical Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal.
2013	Planning Committee, Movement for Global Mental Health, Third Summit, Bangkok
2013-2018	Snehanjali: Assisted Living Dementia Care Home, Mumbai. International Advisory Board.
2012	Third Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing, UN General Assembly to strengthen human rights protection of older persons. With S. Mishra (India).

2012	Planning Committee, Movement for Global Mental Health, 2 nd Summit, Cape Town, South Africa.
2010-2016	NGO Committee on Ageing, United Nations, New York City
2008-2010	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Grant Reviewer
2007	Japan Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology Global Centers of Excellence Grant Reviewer
2007	Fulbright Teaching Excellence & Achievement Program, National Selection Committee January 24-25, Mumbai Research Foundation, Grant Reviewer
2005	White House Conference on Aging leader, "Kinship Care" February 27 th New York, NY
2001	Boston College School of Social Work Doctoral Program, Review Panel.
2001-2006	John A. Hartford Foundation Geriatric Social Work Doctoral Fellows Program National Selection Committee
2001-2002	Aging of the Baby Boom Generation: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Working Group.
2001-2011	John A. Hartford Foundation Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholars Program, National Research Mentor and National Institutional Mentor
2000	Strengthening Aging and Gerontology Education for Social Work (SAGE-SW) July 24-25, Alexandria, VA. Technical Advisory Committee
1997-2000	Grandparent Caregivers Special Interest Group, Gerontological Society of America, Convener
1996-2000	Qualitative Research Methods Symposium. Society for Social Work & Research, Founder and Convener
1996-1997	U.N. in Global Social Development: A Report on Recent World Summits, Aging Liaison (appointed)
1992-1997	Center for the Study of Social Work Practice, Faculty Affiliate
1991-1994	Interdisciplinary training in geriatric assessment, health promotion and rehabilitation. Program in Occupational Therapy, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, Department of Health and Human Services.

Selected Advisory Committee and Task Force Service

2017-2020	Committee on Ethical Research. Older adults' perspectives on time and quality of life in Costa Rica, Italy, Mongolia, and Paraguay. PI, F. Casati, University of Trento, Italy.
2014-2016	Nayi Dishaa: Education Development in South Asia and Africa. Advisory Board
2013	World Mental Health Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, Program Committee
2011	World Mental Health Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, Program Committee
2008-2016	Silver Innings Foundation: Advocating for the Rights of Older Adults in India; Board 2009-UN Global Alliance on the Rights of Older People
2007-	NGO Committee on Ageing, United Nations, New York
2007-	International Federation on Aging (Subcommittees)
2001-2005	RAICES: Spanish-Speaking Elderly Council, Brooklyn, New York. Board Member
2000-2001	Grandparents caring for children with developmental delays or diagnosed disabilities. American Association of Retired Persons, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation and School of Social Welfare, University of Albany, Advisory Panel.
2000-2001	Grandparents raising grandchildren. National satellite video conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Advisory Committee
2000	Strengthening aging and Gerontology Education for Social Work (SAGE-SW) Technical Advisory Committee, Alexandria, VA, July 24-25
1999-2002	Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs): Research evaluation project. School of Social Work, New York University, Advisory group.
1999-2001	Linkage House. [Federal model senior housing East Harlem], Board member
1998-2000	Project 2015: Issues and trends in aging in New York State. New York State Office for the Aging & New York State Society on Aging. Advisory Board.
1998-2000	East Harlem Health Committee, Subcommittee on Older Adults, Co-director
1996-1999	Evaluating quality of out-of-home care in kinship foster families Research Triangle Institute, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, and Child Welfare League of America, Advisory Panel

- 1996 Grandparents as caregivers interest group, Post-White House Conference on Aging, Washington DC, Presenter and rapporteur
- 1995-1998 Grandparent Caregiver Law Center & Brookdale Center on Aging, Institute on Law & Rights of Older Adults, Advisory Board
- 1992-1994 Empowerment Zone Initiative, New York City, Chair, Task Force on Aging

Journal Reviewer Service

Age & Ageing; Ageing & Society; American Journal of Public Health; Developmental Psychology; Egyptian Journal of Social Work (Editorial Board); Families in Society; Family Issues; Frontiers in Global Women's Health (Associate Editor, 2022-2024) The Gerontologist (research articles, book reviews; Practice Concepts, audiovisual); Journals of Gerontology (Series B: Social Sciences); Indian Journal of Gerontology; International Psychogeriatrics; Journal of Gerontological Social Work; International Journal of Aging & Human Development; Journal of Aging and Health; Journal of American Women's Medical Association; Journal of Journal of Marriage & Family; Journal of Social Work Education (Consulting Editor, 2000-05); Journal of Social Work & Long-term Care (Editorial Board, 1999-2003); Journal of Society of Social Work & Research; Medical Care; PLoS ONE; Research on Aging; Research on Social Work Practice; Social Science & Medicine; Social Service Review; Social Work (Consulting editor 1999-2005); Social Work Research (Consulting Editor); Lancet: Regional Health Western Pacific

Book Prospectuses and Manuscripts: Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Oxford University Press; Springer Publications; Sage Publications; Springer Publishing; University of Chicago Press.

Abstracts: American Public Health Association; American Psychological Association; American Sociological Association; Gerontological Society of America; Council on Social Work Education; Society for Social Work & Research

SELECTED REFEREED AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2027 Kim, K., **Burnette, D.**, & Kim, S. (January 20-24). Gendered and Layered Vulnerability: Cumulative Risk and Psychological Distress Among Older Adults In Puerto Rico during COVID-19. Society for Social Work & Research, San Francisco. <https://sswr.org/page/annual-conference>
- 2026 Gantamur, Z., & Lou, Y. & **Burnette, D.** (November 5-8). Prevalence of Non-Communicable Diseases and Behavioral Risks Among Older Adults in Mongolia International Association of Geriatrics & Gerontology. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, <https://www.iagg2026.org/>

- 2026 Lou, Y, Gantamur, Z. & **Burnette, D.** (November 5-8). When Dyadic Recruitment Fails: Lessons from a Chinese American Older Parent - Adult Child Study of End-of-Life Care Decision-making. International Association of Geriatrics & Gerontology. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, <https://www.iagg2026.org/>
- 2026 **Burnette, D.**, Marrs, S., Fabelo, H., Rich Ruiz, M., Franklin, V., Rodriguez Saucedo, P., & Mann, M. (November 4-7) *The WHO Decade of Healthy Ageing: An Interprofessional Immersive Case Study of Spain's National Strategy for Aging*. (Conference presentation). Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, National Harbor, MD, United States. <https://www.gsa2026.org/>
- 2025 The politics of redistribution and recognition in the wake of natural disaster: A testimonio of late-life grief and loss. 12th International Digital Storytelling Conference, São Paulo, Brazil. Nov. 6-8 **[Invited]** <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/2025/02/11/12th-international-digital-storytelling-conference-2025lives-voices-and-knowledge-in-a-world-on-fire/>
- 2025 Significance, coherence, and purpose: The role of meaning in late-life well-being. Seoul Seniors Forum, Gochang, Korea, June 19 **[Invited Plenary Speaker]**.
- 2025 Pragati: A sustainable university – community model for promoting long-term engagement, empowerment and efficacy. With A.B. Soletti, S., Nair, P. Yadav & D. Rawte, International Consortium of Social Development, Kerala, India. January 4. **[Invited]**
- 2024 Burnette, D. The role of stigma in help-seeking for “memory loss’ by older adults and their carers in India. World Psychiatric Association, Reykjavik, Iceland, June.
- 2024 Otgon, S., Burnette, D., Lkhamsuren, Z., Casati, F., Mukhtar, Y. & Myagmarjav, S. Determinants of Affect-Balance in Mongolian Older Adults. Gerontological Society of America. Seattle, WA. November.
- 2024 Burnette, D., Fabelo, H., Becker, T., & Vázquez, J. The politics of redistribution and recognition in the wake of natural disaster: A testimonio of late-life grief and loss. Society for Social Work & Research, Washington, DC, January.
- 2024 Kim, K. & Burnette, D. Types of livable communities and older adults’ health. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC. January
- 2024 Kim, K. & Burnette, D. Longitudinal relationships among social, mental, and physical factors in later life. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January
- 2023 Kim, K., Burnette, D. & Suen, I. Residential segregation and mental health service use by older Blacks. Society for Social Work & Research, Phoenix, AZ, January.

- 2023 Burnette, D., Nelson, K., Morgan, M., Taylor, D., Havea, E., Kiwi Kiwi, J., & Poopola, T. Older adults' perspectives of peaceful death in Aotearoa New Zealand. International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology, June 12 - 14, 2023. Yokohama, Japan.
- 2023 Camacho, D., Morgan, M. & Burnette, D. Loneliness in older adults Living in Puerto Rico during the COVID-19 pandemic; An under examined public health concern. Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, November.
- 2023 Burnette, D. Global Population Ageing: Reasons, Roles and Responsibilities of the Social Work Profession. Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (Macedonia) Faculty of Philosophy, Institute of Social Work and Social Policy 65th Anniversary (Invited)
- 2023 Burnette, D. Doctoral Education in Social Work. Society for Social Work & Research. GADE Special Interest Group. Convener
- 2023 Burnette, D. Aging Services and Gerontology: Long Term and Palliative Care Society for Social Work & Research (Symposium Moderator)
- 2023 Morgan, M. & Burnette, D. Hospice care during the COVID-19 pandemic: A case study of an urban non-profit agency. Social Work Hospice and Palliative Network Conference, Denver, CO. April 23-25.
- 2022 Kim, K., Burnette, D., Buckley, T., Kim, S., & Cho, S. Age-friendly environments and the well-being of older adults. Society for Social Work & Research, Washington DC, January
- 2022 Burnette, D., Buckley, T., Kim, K., Kim, S. & Cho, S. Gender-based measurement invariance in the self-reporting questionnaire 20 (SRQ-20) among older adults in Puerto Rico. With Society for Social Work & Research, Washington, DC, January (virtual)
- 2022 Kim, K., Buckley, T., Burnette, D & Kim, S. Age-Friendly communities and the well-being of older adults. Gerontological Society of America. With.
- 2022 Burnette, D. The experience of COVID-19 among older adults in Puerto Rico. Gerontological Society of America. Symposium Convener (5 papers) November 2-6.
- 2021 Burnette, D. & Buckley, T. Social isolation and sense of community among older adults in Puerto Rico Gerontological Society of America. Virtual, November. With T.D. Buckley
- 2021 Camacho, D. & Burnette, D. Coping with COVID-19: The experience of older adults in Puerto Rico. Gerontological Society of America. Virtual, November.
- 2021 Kim, K. & Burnette, D. Racial segregation and mental health service use by older adults. Gerontological Society of America. Virtual, November. With K. Kim

- 2021 Burnette, D., Buckley, T., & Becker, T.D. Validation of the 6-Item Lubben Social Network Scale with Spanish-speaking older adults in Puerto Rico. Society for Social Work & Research. Virtual. January.
- 2021 Burnette, D. Social suffering among older adults in Puerto Rico: The association of loneliness and social isolation with mental health two years after Hurricane María. Society for Social Work & Research, Virtual. January.
- 2020- Burnette, D. New doctoral directors' orientation and information session. Group for the
2021 Advancement of Doctoral Education. Webinar, July.
- 2020 Ryan, M., Flores, S. & Burnette, D. Learning the hard way: Important lessons for establishing successful global health partnerships. American Academy of Family Physicians Annual Meeting. October (Virtual).
- 2020 Bhatta, T. & Burnette, D. Later-life health disparities in Nepal: Intersection of gender and socioeconomic status. Gerontological Society of America. November (Virtual)
- 2020 Kim, K., Buckley, T., Burnette, D. & Cho, S. Measurement indicators of age-friendly communities: Findings from the AARP Age Friendly Community Survey. Gerontological Society of America. (poster) November (Virtual)
- 2020 Burnette, D. Buckley, T., Fabelo, H. & Yabar, M. Sense of community and quality of life among older adults in Puerto Rico two years after Hurricane María. Gerontological Society of America. November (virtual)
- 2020 Buckley, T., Kim, K., & Burnette, D. A confirmatory factor analysis of the Brief Sense of Community Scale for Spanish-speaking older adults in Puerto Rico. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November (virtual)
- 2020 Cho, S., Buckley, T., & Kim, K. Moderating effect of race and ethnicity between technology use and social isolation. Annual Scientific meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November (virtual)
- 2020 Kim, K., Burnette, D., An, S., & Lee, M. Geographic proximity to support services and psychological distress of older adults in South Korea. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC., January (virtual)
- 2020 Kim, K. & Burnette, D. Aging in place and residential segregation: An analysis of health and well-being inequities. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

- 2020 Burnette, D. Going Glo-Cal: Intersecting mental health and violence research in low-resource settings across North America, Asia and Africa. Symposium Discussant. Society for Social Work & Research. Washington D.C., January.
- 2019 Burnette, D., Martí, Y., Buckley, T. & Lukens, E. Aging, disasters, and the environment: Role of climate change in disaster preparedness and response. Symposium. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX, November.
- 2019 Camacho, D., Burnette, D. et al. The effects of chronic pain and loneliness on functioning among Latino and white older adults. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX, November.
- 2019 Camacho, D., Burnette, D. et al. The association of loneliness and chronic clinically significant pain among African American and White older adults. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX, November.
- 2019 Burnette, D., J. Henly, C. Logie, & M. Hurlburt Implications of the Social Work Grand Challenges initiative for PhD programs. Society for Social Work & Research. Roundtable convener with. San Francisco, January 17.
- 2019 Travel to primary care, healthcare utilization, and primary care visit satisfaction among older adults in China: Extending the Andersen Behavior Model. Transportation Research Board. 98th Annual Meeting, National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine. Washington D.C., January 13–17.
- 2018 Direct and indirect effects of climate change on older adults' livelihood and mental health in the Peruvian Andes. Keynote, New York University, May. **[Invited]**
- 2018 Common Mental Disorders in a remote community of the Peruvian Andes: Environment as context and cause. International Conference Social Work & Social Development, Dublin, July 6.
- 2018 Climate change and transnational / internal migration: Effects on older adults' lives and livelihoods. Gerontological Society of America, Boston, November 15.
- 2018 Social cohesion and quality of life among older adults who live alone in China: A conditional process analysis. Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC, January 14.
- 2017 Help-seeking for Mild Cognitive Impairment in Mumbai, India. International Qualitative Health Research Conference. Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. October 19.

- 2017 Global aging and rural-to-urban migration. City University of Hong Kong. June 5-9. Hong Kong. **[Invited]**
- 2017 Community-based social welfare services in Mongolia: Interdisciplinary collaborative assessment. Society for Social Work & Research, New Orleans, January 14.
- 2016 Developing gerontological social work workforce capacity in China. Peking University, Beijing. June 20-24 **[Invited]**
- 2016 Mental illness and mental health in later life: Testing the two-continua model in India. Society for Social Work & Research. January 15. Washington DC.
- 2016 Social Work education in China: Developing and implementing innovative models of models of teaching and learning. Tsing Hua University, Beijing. With A.C. Mui and colleagues. January 2-9. **[Invited]**
- 2016 Mental distress and quality of life among cancer caregivers in Albania. With V. Duci & E. Dhembo. Gerontological Society of America and Session Chair. Issues affecting family caregivers across the long-term care continuum. November.
- 2016 Varying appraisals of elder mistreatment among victims: Findings from a population-based study. Gerontological Society of America. With *D. Burnes. November.
- 2015 Population aging in the 21st century: Critical citizenship and quality of life in low- and middle-income countries. Center Stage, Tennessee Technological University. **[Invited]** Center Stage of Fine Arts and World Cultures.
- 2015 Cross-cultural perspectives on longevity: Global aging. Society for Social Work & Research, Plenary Panel, January 16. **[Invited]**
- 2015 Gender disparities in prevalence and correlates of depression, cognitive impairment and their cooccurrence among older adults in India: Evidence from SAGE (Wave 1). Society for Social Work & Research. With *L. Kimberley & *C. McCullagh, January 17.
- 2015 New epidemics of old age and the aging of old epidemics. Keynote, New York University School of Social Work, May 7. **[Invited]**
- 2014 Grandparents as primary and co-caregivers in India: Evidence from WHO-SAGE (Wave 1). Gerontological Society of America, November. With L. Kimberley.

- 2014 Access to Achievement: Improving the quality of primary education in India. Joint World Congress on Social Work, Social Development & Education. Melbourne, July.
- 2013 Theoretical and methodological considerations in integrating the perspectives of multiple stakeholders in the dementia process. British Society of Gerontology, Oxford University.
- 2013 Academic career development in the social work profession. Open Society. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, March.
- 2012 Dementia-related stigma in urban India: Perspectives of patients, caregivers and health care providers. Social Work & Social Development: Action and Impact. Stockholm, July.
- 2012 Developing and maintaining Institutional Review Boards in developing countries. Open Society Foundations, Istanbul, Turkey, November.
- 2012 Dementia-related stigma in urban India: Perspectives of patients, caregivers and health care providers. Stockholm. Joint World Conference on Social Work & Social Development, July 10.
- 2012 Prioritizing Social Problems in Post-Soviet Societies: A World Café Approach. Open Society Academic Fellowship Program. Budapest, Hungary, April 14.
- 2011 Post-traumatic stress and Alzheimer's Disease: Toward an integrating model for theory and practice. With D. Burnes. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 24.
- 2011 Supporting grandparent care of left-behind children in rural China. National Conference on Productive Aging. With F. Sun and J. Sun, Beijing, August 9 **[Invited]**
- 2011 Psychometric and cultural assessment of the Lubben Social Network Scale with older adults in Mongolia. The 21st World Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine, Seoul, Korea, With S. Myagmarjav, August 25.
- 2011 Grandparents as family caregivers: The evolution, strengths, and needs of a post-modern family form. University of Arizona, Center on Aging. May 4 **[Invited]**
- 2011 Life stress, social supports and psychological well-being of older adults in Mumbai, India. Society for Social Work & Research, Tampa, FL., January 15
- 2010 Case-based and problem-based teaching and learning: Merits and challenges of current Western models of professional education in developing countries. Open Society Institute. Ismir, Turkey, April 14

- 2010 Social care and social inclusion: Competing or complementary goals for global social work? Open Society Institute, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, April 9
- 2009 Models and methods for improving older adults' access to mental health care. Mongolia State University of Education. Ulaanbaatar, May 24 **[Invited]**
- 2009 Older Indians living alone: Evidence from three waves of the National Family Health Survey. International Congress Geriatrics & Gerontology, Paris, With A. Soletti & N. Patel, July 8.
- 2008 Pedagogy to praxis: Professional education and social development. Open Society Institute. Istanbul, Turkey, April 3, 2009 **[Invited]**
- 2008 Globalization and aging populations in developing countries. Columbia University Seminar on Aging and Health, March 13
- 2007 Implications of globalization for personal, family and community lives of older adults in LMIC: The case of India. Fifth International Workshop on Preparing for Ageing Societies. UN Population Fund /Mailman School Public Health. Columbia University, August 6 **[Invited]**
- 2007 New media for teaching and learning in professional education and practice. Workshop, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, March 9-10
- 2007 Patient-professional barriers to communication in palliative care. XIV International Conference of Indian Association of Palliative Care, Mumbai, February 7
- 2007 A narrative approach to understanding the aging process. Cadenza conference on preparing for an elder-friendly Hong Kong. Hong Kong, January 7 **[Invited]**
- 2006 The promise and challenge of rapid population aging in India. Sponsored by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. November 30, West Bengal, December 18 **[Invited]**
- 2006 Self-care for chronic health conditions: A health diary study. Third International Conference on Healthy Ageing & Longevity, Melbourne, October 14
- 2003 Building capacity in the Social Work profession in the post-Soviet era. Baku, Azerbaijan, Open Society Institute. Summer School Program August 2-16 **[Invited]**
- 2003 Proposed guidelines for doctoral program reviews. GADE. St. Louis, October 17
- 2003 Developing national research priorities for gerontological social work. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC. January 14

- 2002 Problem-based learning: Theory and practice. Faculty Development Institute. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 22
- 2002 Developing research priorities for gerontological social work: Researcher and practitioner perspectives. Annual Scientific Meeting Gerontological Society of America, November 22
- 2002 Self-care for chronic health conditions: Findings from a prospective health diary. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America November 23
- 2002 Enhancing professional education with case-based teaching and learning: Prospects for new media. Annual Scientific Meeting Gerontological Society of America November 24.
- 2002 Plenary Speaker. Grandparents as family caregivers: Lessons for inter-generational professional education. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, March 3. **[Invited]**
- 2002 Gerontological social work research: Current status and future directions. Society for Social Work and Research, January 18.
- 2001 The art and science of interviewing. Interdisciplinary Quantitative Methods in Social Science Program, Columbia University, October 1.
- 2001 A four-year follow-up of 60 Latino grandparent-maintained households: The importance of change in theory development. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 18.
- 2001 Setting national research priorities for gerontological social work. Society for Social Work and Research, Atlanta, GA. January 21.
- 2000 Self-health care by urban African American elders. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Washington, DC, November 17.
- 2000 Self-health care: Ideology, function, and praxis. Life-Long Learners Program, Columbia University Retired Faculty Initiative. November 3.
- 2000 Life history narratives of influential women in late twentieth century social work practice. Biography and Society Conference: Biographical Methods and Professional Practice. Tavistock Centre, London. June 5.
- 1999 Innovations in intervention research with grandparent caregivers. Symposium Convener Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, November 20.
- 1999 Service needs and barriers to service use for urban, ethnic minority grandparent caregivers. Child Welfare League of America. Brooklyn, NY, Jul 10.

- 1997 Grandparent caregivers: Current issues and advances in theory-based research. 50th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, Nov 17
- 1996 Assessing the strengths and needs of grandparent caregivers in inner-city skipped-generation families. Joint World Congress of the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work. Hong Kong, Jul 3
- 1995 Grandparent caregiving in Latino families. Empowering minority elders: Securing our economic future. National 10th Anniversary AARP Minority Affairs. Buffalo, NY, With D. Colón, November 2

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare [Elected Fellow]

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work

Council on Social Work Education

Gerontological Society of America [Elected Fellow]

Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education [President (elect, president, and immediate past, 2020-25)]

International Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics

International Association of Schools of Social Work

International Federation on Ageing

International Federation of Social Workers

Movement for Global Mental Health (conference planning committee)

New York Academy of Medicine

Society for Social Work & Research [Elected Fellow]

