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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Student, Aging Studies** 2020- Present
 University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Research Interests: Long-term care utilization, staffing, and policies. Advance care planning, hospice and palliative care utilization, quality of life and end of life.
 Advisor: Dr. Debra Dobbs, Ph.D.
- M.G.S., Masters of Gerontological Studies** 2020
 Miami University, Oxford, OH
Thesis Title: *Planning for Long-Term Care*
 Chair: Dr. Robert Applebaum, Ph.D.
 Committee: Dr. Sara McLaughlin, Ph.D. & Dr. Jane Straker, Ph.D.
- B.S., Sociology**
 College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 2017

RESEARCH

- Research Assistant** 2020- Present
Supervisor: Dr. Debra Dobbs, Ph.D.
Palliative Care Education in Assisted Living (PCEAL); University of South Florida, School of Aging Studies
- Assisted in data management, analysis, and writing the manuscript focusing on outcomes related to PCEAL education; advance care planning documentation, hospice use, and pain.
- Research Assistant**
Supervisor: Dr. Jane Straker, Ph.D.
 Miami University, Department of Sociology and Gerontology 2019-2020
 Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project
- Assisted in data analysis and management for Ohio's long-term care facilities' biennial survey. Responsibilities included literature review, synthesis, and report writing.
- Research Assistant**
Supervisor: Dr. Phyllis Cummins, Ph.D.
 Miami University Department of Sociology and Gerontology 2018- 2019

- Conducted primary and secondary research for the Mixed-Methods Study of Middle-Aged and Older Adults: Lifelong learning, Skill, Proficiencies, and Employment in the U.S. and Selected OECD Countries (Grant No. R305A170183).

Senior Research Project

Supervisor: Brenda Sanders, M.S.

2017

The College of Charleston, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- Conducted primary research (qualitative and quantitative) through participatory observation at a local funeral home. Logged, reviewed, and analyzed informal interviews. Presented findings in a final research paper and presentation.

PUBLICATIONS

Young, A. M., and **Yauk, J.**, Straker, J., Nelson, M., and Applebaum, R. (2021). *Residential Care: An emerging sector of the Ohio system of long-term care services*. Scripps Gerontology Center, Miami University. Retrieved from Scripps.MiamiOH.edu/publications.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Yauk, J., Meng, H., and Dobbs, D. (2022, November). Assessing Racial and Ethnic Differences in Advance Care Planning: Does cognition moderate the relationship? Symposium paper to be presented at The Gerontology Society of America (GSA) 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting. Indianapolis, IN.

Dobbs, D., **Yauk, J.**, Fanfan, D., Vogel, C., Buck, L., Haley, B., and Meng, H. (2022, November). Effectiveness of a PC Education Program in Assisted Living in Improving Discussions with Dementia Family Caregivers. Symposium paper to be presented at The Gerontology Society of America (GSA) 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting. Indianapolis, IN.

Veal, B., **Yauk, J.**, Meng, H. (2022, November). Are Caregivers Healthier? Assessing caregivers' episodic memory in a matched and unmatched sample. Poster to be presented at The Gerontology Society of America (GSA) 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting. Indianapolis, IN.

Yauk, J., Cummins, P. A., & Harrington, A.K. (2019, April). Employment Type and Literacy Skills Among U.S. Older Adult Workers. Poster presented at the 43rd Annual Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education. Oxford, OH.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Advance care planning and the effect on caregivers' perceptions of end-of-life care and bereavement outcomes using NHATS data.
- Retirement timing and risk of cognitive decline and dementia- systematic review under preparation.
- Assessing caregivers' episodic memory and moderating effect of personality and self-rated beliefs- manuscript under preparation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Instructor

University of South Florida, School of Aging Studies

The Life Span (DEP 2004)

Summer 2022

The Life Span (DEP 2004)

Spring 2022

The Life Span (DEP 2004)

Fall 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of South Florida, School of Aging Studies

- Psychology of Aging (GEY 4612)

Fall 2020

Instructor: Dr. William Haley

- Psychology of Aging (GEY 4612)

Fall 2020

Instructor: Dr. Nasreen Sadeq

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Miami University, Department of Sociology and Gerontology

- Issues and Controversies in Aging (GTY 354)

Spring 2019

Instructor: Dr. Jessie Leek

- Aging and Health (GTY 456/556)

Fall 2019

Instructor: Dr. Sara McLaughlin

- Global Aging (GTY 260)

Spring 2018

Instructor: Dr. Sara McLaughlin

HONORS & AWARDS

Colonial Services Long-Term Care Research Award

2020

Department of Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University

School of Humanities and Social Science (HSS) Scholar

2017

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The College of Charleston

Center for Creative Retirement Gerontology Award Scholarship

2017

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The College of Charleston

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Gerontological Society of America (GSA)	Since 2018
American Society on Aging (ASA)	Since 2018
Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE)	2018-2020
Alpha Kappa Delta the International Sociology Honor Society	Since 2017
Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society	2017-2020

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Walk to End Alzheimer's	2019
Volunteer , Respite Care Charleston, Charleston, SC	2016-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided companionship and assistance to individuals with dementia. Assisted staff and participated in group activities including painting, music, exercise, and serving/eating lunch together. 	
Volunteer , More. Good. Days. Art Gala and Silent Auction. Charleston, SC	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served guests and helped in the set-up and clean-up for the annual silent auction to support people with dementia and their caregivers. 	
Volunteer , Annual Candlelight Memorial Ceremony, Charleston, SC	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in the planning and coordination of the yearly fundraiser. Duties included confirming attendance, creating and posting flyers, and online marketing. 	
Volunteer/Buddy , Shannon's Hope Camp, Charleston, SC	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was a buddy, on a weekend long camp offering support and companionship to children who had lost a loved one. 	
Direct Patient Care Volunteer , Franke at Seaside, Charleston, SC	2015-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer in the memory care unit assisting the volunteer coordinator in planning and implementing activities for residents with dementia. • Coordinated with staff to get residents to and from activities. • Attended activities such as bingo, karaoke, trivia night, happy hour, art and music therapy. 	

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dementia Program Coordinator Intern	2019
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Ebenezer Senior Living Operator, Minneapolis, MN

- Designed and delivered a Care Partner Support Group leader training to staff in both nursing homes and assisted living facilities around the Twin Cities area.
- Created Hot Topic trainings on dementia, sent out weekly.
- Observed sites and interviewed staff to assess their implementation of the Dimensions best practices checklist.

Service Coordinator Intern

2018

Family Eldercare, Austin, TX

- Worked onsite coordinating services for seniors and people with disabilities at an independent living apartment building.
- Carried a caseload of 2-5 clients.
- Created action plans and found residents resources including home management, meal service, transportation, healthcare service information.

Marketing Director Intern

2016

McAlister-Smith Funeral & Cremation, Charleston, SC

- Helped with the transfer to a new software system and achieved the goal of end of January implementation.
- Assisted in filing monthly state reports.
- Co-facilitated weekly grief groups at a local senior center.
- Completed setup of online marketing through Facebook, and Twitter.

Social Work Intern

2016

Bridges for End-of-Life, Charleston, SC

- Co-facilitator of Rainbows for all Children grief groups in schools for at-risk youth.
- Attended caregiver and senior expos to provide information and resources.
- Collected literature about grief in childhood used in writing grant proposals.
- Organized and updated volunteer, attendee, and donor information using Salesforce.

Administrative Assistant

2008-2015

Yada Systems, St. Paul, MN

- Screened calls, managed calendars, and made travel plans for employees.
- Responsible for completing invoices in a timely manner while ensuring accuracy.
- Assisted with inventory management.