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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### UNDERGRADUATE:

1998-2002	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	B.S. (2002) magna cum laude B.A. (2002) magna cum laude	Psychology Minority Studies
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### GRADUATE:

2002-2008	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	M.S.W. (2004) M.P.H. (2006) Ph.D. (2008) with distinction	Social Work Health Sciences Social Work
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### POSTGRADUATE:

2008- 2010 Postdoctoral Training Fellow, Clinical Training in Geriatric Psychiatry Program T32 (MH19986), Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC), Program Director: Dr. Charles F. Reynolds III; Research Mentor: Dr. Charlotte Brown.

### TRAINING PROGRAMS:

03/2019	Advanced Research Institute in Geriatric Psychiatry, Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY
09/2016	NIH Grant Development Training (GUMSHOE) Detroit, MI
03/2016	Diversity Education Training, Tampa, FL
10/2014	Mental Health First Aid Certification/Instructor Certification, DC
9/2012	Minority Faculty Career Development Seminar, Chicago, IL
7/2011	Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development, Washington, DC
9/2009	American Society on Aging New Ventures in Leadership Training Program, Philadelphia, PA
7/2009	Summer Research Institute for Geriatric Psychiatry, University of Michigan, MI
3/2009	Career Development Institute for Psychiatry, Stanford University, CA
3/2009	American Society on Aging New Ventures in Leadership Training, Las Vegas,
6/2007	MCUAAAR Training in Older African American Mental Health

## **APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS**

### **ACADEMIC:**

- 8/15-current Faculty Affiliate, Lois De La Parte Florida Mental Health Institute
- 8/13-current Assistant Professor of Mental Health Law and Policy, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida
- 6/10-8/13 Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
- 9/06-8/13 Adjunct Faculty, School of Social Work MSW Program, University of Pittsburgh
- 9/06-12/06 Adjunct Faculty, School of Social Work BSW Program, University of Pittsburgh
- 9/04-4/06 Graduate Research Assistant, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh
- 5/98-8/99 Undergraduate Research Assistant, School of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh

### **NON-ACADEMIC:**

- 9/05- 8/13 Individual EAP Therapist, PERSOMA Psychiatric Services, Pittsburgh, PA
- 4/04-9/04 Psychiatric Specialty Counselor and Clinical Supervisor, Kidstep Residential Treatment Program, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA
- 8/03-4/04 Individual Child and Family Therapy Intern, A Second Chance Incorporated, Community Mental Health Clinic and Non-profit Kinship Care Agency, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 1/03- 7/03 Casework Intern, A Second Chance Incorporated, Community Mental Health Clinic and Non-profit Kinship Care Agency, Pittsburgh, PA.

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## **CERTIFICATION and LICENSURE**

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| <b>SPECIALITY CERTIFICATION:</b> | Certificate of Child Welfare                             | 2004 |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:</b>   | Licensed Social Worker<br>State of Pennsylvania SW125195 | 2004 |
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## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Articles

(\* Indicates mentee)

1. \*Johnson, A., & **Conner, K.O.** (In Press). It Gets Better with Time: The Perception of Stigma Among Older Adults with Chronic Physical Illness and in Recovery from Mental Health Condition. *American Journal of Undergraduate Research*.
2. Xiaxia, S., Meng, H., Ye, Z., **Conner, K.**, Duan, Z. & Liu, D. (In Press). Factors associated with the choice of primary care facilities for initial treatment among rural and urban residents in Southwestern China. *Social Science and Medicine*.
3. Gavin, A., Grote, N., & **Conner, K.O.** (In Press). Preterm birth weights among African American women: The important role of PTSD. *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*.
4. Meng, H., **Conner, K.O.**, Marino, V.R., Sharma, D., Davis, W.S., & Glueckauf, R.L. (In Press). Tele-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for African-American Dementia Caregivers with Depression: Cost Analysis. *Ethnicity and Health*.
5. **Conner, K.O.**, Gum, A., Schonfeld, L., Baker-Douglin, J., Meng, H., Beckstead, J., Brown, C., & Reynolds, C. (2018). Peer support as a strategy for reducing hospital readmissions among older adults with chronic medical illness and depression. *Journal of Mental Health and Aging*.
6. **Conner, K.O.**, Cadet, M., Brown, M., & \*Barnett, J. (2018). The impact of peer support on risk of future hospital readmissions among older adults with a medical illness and co-occurring depression. *Social Sciences*.
7. **Conner, K.O.**, Yu, L., Pilkonis, P., Rigg, K., Meng, H. & Brown, C. (2018). Examination of the Attitudes Toward Seeking Mental Health Treatment Scale: Reliability, Validity and Item Response Theory Analysis. *Journal of Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.
8. Liu D, Meng H, Dobbs D, **Conner K.O.**, Hyer K, Li N, Ren X, Gao B (2017). Cross-sectional study of factors associated with community health centre use in a recently urbanised community in Chengdu, China. *BMJ Open*. Jun 8;7(6):e014510.
9. **Conner, K.O.**, \*Johnson, A. Cadet, T., C. & Brown, C. (2017). Giving Back to Their Communities: Serving as a Peer Educator Increases Productive Engagement for African American Elders in Recovery. *The Gerontologist*.

10. \*McKinnon, S., **Conner, K.O.**, \*Roker, R., Ward, C., & Brown, C. (2017). The reduction of public and internalized stigma in late-life depression: A pilot study. *Journal of Applied Gerontology, 1-10*.
11. **Conner, K.O.**, \*McKinnon, S., \*Roker, R., Ward, C. & Brown, C. (2016). Mitigating the stigma of mental illness among older adults with depression: The Benefit of Contact with a Peer Educator. *Stigma and Health*.
12. **Conner, K.O.**, \*McKinnon, S., Ward, C., Reynolds, C.F. & Brown, C. (2015). Peer education as a strategy for reducing stigma among depressed older adults. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal, 38(2):186-93*.
13. Kasckow, J., Ingram, E., Brown, C., Tew, J., **Conner, K.O.**, Morse, J., Haas, G., Reynolds, C., Oslin, D. (2011). Differences in treatment attitudes between African American and Caucasian veterans in primary care. *Psychiatric Services, 62(4), 426-429*.
14. **Conner, K.O.**, Carr Copeland, V., Grote, N., Koeske, G., Rosen, D., Reynolds, C., Albert, S., & Brown, C. (2010). Barriers to treatment and culturally endorsed coping strategies among depressed African American elders. *Journal of Aging and Mental Health, 14(8), 971-983*.
15. Brown, C., **Conner, K.O.**, Carr Copeland, V., Grote, N., Beach, S., Schlarb, J., & Reynolds, C.F. (2010). Depression stigma, race and treatment seeking behavior and attitudes. *Journal of Community Psychology, 38(3), 350-368*.
16. **Conner, K.O.**, Carr Copeland, V., Grote, N., Koeske, G., Rosen, D., Reynolds, C., & Brown, C. (2010). Mental health treatment seeking among older adults with depression: The impact of stigma and race. *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, 18(6), 531-543*.
17. **Conner, K.O.**, Rosen, D., Wexler, S., & Brown, C. (2010). "It's like night and day. He's Black. I'm White": Shared stigmas between counselors and older adult methadone clients. *Best Practices in Mental Health: An International Journal, 6 (1), 17-32*.
18. **Conner, K.O.**, Lee, B., Robinson, D., Mayers, V., Reynolds, C., Albert, S., & Brown, C. (2010). Attitudes and beliefs about mental health among African American older adults with depression. *The Journal of Aging Studies, 24(4), 266-277*.
19. **Conner, K.O.**, Koeske, G., & Brown, C. (2009). Racial differences in attitudes toward Professional mental health treatment: The mediating effect of stigma in an aging population. *The Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 52(7), 695-712*.
20. Newhill, C., Eack, S., & **Conner, K.O.** (2009). Racial differences between African and white Americans in the presentation of borderline personality disorder. *Journal of Race and Social Problems, 1, 87-96*.

21. Garland, L., Lingler, J.H., **Conner, K.O.**, & Dew, M. (2009). Diagnostic labels, stigma, and participation in research related to dementia and mild cognitive impairment. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 2(2), 112-21.
22. **Conner, K.O.** & Grote, N.K. (2008). A model for enhancing the cultural relevance of empirically-supported mental health interventions. *Families in Society*, 89(4), 1-9.
23. **Conner, K.O.** & Rosen, D. (2008). "You're nothing but a junkie": The multiple experiences of stigma in an aging methadone maintenance population. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 8(2), 244-264.
24. Rosen, D., Tolman, R.M., Warner, L., and **Conner, K.O.** (2007). Racial differences in mental health service utilization among low-income women. *Social Work in Public Health*, 23(2/3), 89-105.

### **Book Chapters**

1. **Conner, K.O.**, & \*Anderson, E. (In Press) African American women and health issues. In V. Copeland (Ed) *Health and Wellness for People of Color: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Problems and, Solutions*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.
2. **Conner, K.O.**, & \*Lesaca, N. (In Press) Latinos and health Issues. In V. Copeland (Ed) *Health and Wellness for People of Color: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Problems and, Solutions*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.
3. **Conner, K.O.** (In Press) Affirmative action in higher education. In R. L. Lawson (Ed) *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.
4. **Conner, K.O.** (In Press) Mental health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities. In R. L. Lawson (Ed) *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.
5. **Conner, K.O.** (In Press) Physical health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities. In R. L. Lawson (Ed) *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.
6. **Conner, K.O.**, & \*Monroe C. (In Press) Single-parent families: Racial, ethnic and class distinctions. In R. L. Lawson (Ed) *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.
7. **Conner, K.O.** & \*De Leon, A. (In Press) Social problems on American Indian reservations. In R. L. Lawson (Ed) *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.

8. **Conner, K.O.** & \*Funez, M.Y. (In Press) Substance use and abuse among racial and ethnic minorities. In R. L. Lawson (Ed) *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.
9. **Conner, K.O.** (In Press) The department of health and human services: Finding solutions to health problems affecting racial and ethnic minorities. In R. L. Lawson (Ed) *Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California.
10. Lane, T. B., Sears, R., **Conner, K. O.** (2018). Advancing Black Female and Latina Collegians in STEM: Mitigating Challenges through STEM Enrichment Program Opportunities. In N. AbdelRahman (Ed) *Girls and Women of Color in STEM: Navigating the Double Bind in Higher Education*. Routledge Taylor & Francis.
11. **Conner, KO**, Copeland, V., Grote, N., & Brown, C (2015). *Stigma: impact on mental health and people of color*. In V. Copeland (Ed) *Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today, Volume 4: Health and Wellness*. Greenwood.
12. Brown, C., **Conner, K.O.**, & McMurray, M., (2012). *Toward cultural adaptation of interpersonal psychotherapy for depressed African American primary care patients*. In G. Bernal and M. Domenech Rodriguez (Eds.) *Cultural Adaptations: Tools for Evidence-Based Practice with Diverse Populations*.
13. Rosen, D., Tolman, R.M., Warner, L., and **Conner, K.O.** (2007). *Racial differences in mental health service utilization among low-income women*. In R. Bangs, E. Ricci, L. Davis, (Eds.) *Racial Diparity in Mental Health Services: Why Race Still Matters*. Haworth Press.

### **Articles Under Review**

1. Gum, A., Conner, **K.O.**, & Schonfeld, L (Under Review). A Pilot Study of Brief, Personalized Behavioral Activation for Primary Care Patients with Depressive Symptoms. *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*.
2. Kosyluk, K.A., **Conner, K.O.**, \*Rivera Macias, D., \*Andrus, D.T., \*Chaney, N., \*Marquez, F., \*Vargas, A. & Yanos, P. (In Review). Examining the Impact of Service-Learning in a Group Counseling Course on Counselor Stigma, Empathy, and Self-Efficacy. *Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education*.
3. **Conner, K.O.**, \*Patterson-Price, J., Faulkner, N., & Young, K (Revise and Resubmit). "African Dance is Therapy". A Qualitative exploration of the psychological and physical health benefits of West African Dance. *Journal of Dance Education*
4. **Conner, K.O.**, Gum, A., Schonfeld, L., Baker-Douglin, J., Meng, H., Beckstead, J., Brown, C., & Reynolds, C. (Revise and Resubmit). Enhancing the care transitions intervention to improve outcomes among older adults with co-occurring clinical depression. *Aging in Society*.

5. **Conner, K.O.**, Meng, H., \*Marino, V., & Burton T. (Revise and Re-submit). Individual and Organizational Factors Associated with Hospital Readmission Rates: Evidence from a US National Sample. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*.
6. Lane, T. B., Sears, R., **Conner, K. O.**, & Coles, J. A. (under review). From Developmental Mathematics to Engineers: A Qualitative Study of Successful Black Male Engineering Students placing into Developmental Mathematics. *Journal of African American Males in Education*
7. Lane, T. B., Rincón, B., **Conner, K. O.** (under review). The racialized realities of Black students in STEM classrooms environments. *Journal of Research in Science Teaching*.
8. Cadet, T., Burke, S., Mitchell, J., **Conner, K.O.**, Burgess, A., Bullock, K., & Davis, C. (Under review). Does perceived loneliness matter for diverse older men and their prostate specific antigen testing behaviors? *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.
9. Cadet, T., Burke, S., Mitchell, J., **Conner, K.O.**, Burgess, A., Bullock, K., & Davis, C. (Under review). Differences among social engagement activities and its effect on prostate cancer screening participation among older men. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

### **Articles in Preparation**

1. **Conner, K.O.**, Brown, C., & Reynolds, C. (in preparation). The impact of peer support on stigma reduction over time among older adults with depression. *Journal of Aging Studies*.
2. Cadet, T., Mitchell, J., & **Conner, K.O.** (in preparation). Healthy aging: The role of neighborhood social cohesion, discrimination, and outlook on life in predicting health care services utilization among African American and White older adults. *Aging in Context*.
3. **Conner, K.O.**, Ward, C., & Brown, C. (in preparation). Training elders in recovery to become effective peer educators.
4. **Conner, K.O.**, Ward, C., & Brown, C. (in preparation). Motivational Interviewing: Training elders in recovery to utilize MI successfully with acutely depressed peers.
5. **Conner, KO** & \*Patterson, J. (in preparation). The psychological benefit of West African Dance for African Americans.

### **Published Progress Reports**

Brown C, Dobransky-Fasiska, D, Reynolds III CF, Pyle P, Cruz M, Parker LS, Pincus HA, McMurray ML, **Conner KO**, Post EP, Kilbourne AM, Zuckoff A, Ingram J, Castillo E, Begley A, Brantley K, Farmer-Teh C, Wieland M, Mayers V, Walnoha A, Hunt L, Solano FX, Zelenitz M, Dewalt P, Hall D, Ryan RJ, Bearer R, Rossner L, Schorr LJ, Nowalk MP, South-Paul J, Lee

BE, Research Network Development Core-Community Partnership 5 Year Progress Report April 1, 2005 – May 31, 2010. Advanced Center for Interventions and Services Research for Late Life Mood Disorders, University of Pittsburgh.

### **Peer Reviewed Presentations**

1. Kosylick, K., **Conner, K.O.**, Jeffries & Carver (2019). *Mental Illness Stigma and Suicidality Among Younger Adults*. Oral Presentation at the Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health Conference, Tampa, FL.
2. **Conner, K.O.**, & Bugos J. (2019). *African Drumming for Dementia: Strategies for Initiation of Culturally Sensitive Intervention to Impact Behavioral Outcomes*. Keynote Presentation at the Vascular Dementia Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
3. **Conner, K.O.**, & Gum, A. (2018). *Behavioral Activation Through Peer Support as a Strategy for Reducing Hospital Readmissions Among Older Adults with Chronic Medical illness and Depression*. 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Psychiatry and Mental Disorders, Cape town South Africa.
4. **Conner, K.O.**, & Gum, A. (2018). *Enhancing the Care Transitions Intervention with Peer Support to Improve Outcomes Among Older Adults with Co-Occurring Clinical Depression*. 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Psychiatry and Mental Disorders, Cape town South Africa.
5. **Conner, K.O.** & Patterson, J. (2018). *The psychological and physical health benefits of culturally-oriented dance*. Performance Art Medicine Conference, Tampa, FL.
6. \*Johnson, A., & **Conner, K.O.** (2016). *It Gets Better With Time: The Perception of Stigma in Older Adults who have experienced a Co-Occurring Mental Health Diagnosis*. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Undergraduate Scholarship, Lynchburg, VA.
7. **Conner, K.O.**, \*McKinnon, S., \*Roker, R., & Brown, C. (2016). *The Effect of Peer Education on Internalized Stigma Among Older Adults with Depression* (Poster Presentation). NIMH Health Services Conferences, Washington, DC.
8. **Conner, K.O.**, \*McKinnon, S., \*Roker, R., & Brown, C. (2016). *The Mechanisms behind Internalized Stigma Reduction Through Contact with a Peer* (Poster Presentation). NIMH Health Services Conferences, Washington, DC.
9. **Conner, KO**, \*Ward, C., \*McKinnon, S., & Brown, C (2016). *Peer Education as a Strategy for Reducing Internalized Stigma among Older Adults with Depression* (Poster Presentation). Research That Matters Conference, Tampa, FL.
10. **Conner, KO** (2015). *Engaging in Successful Community Based Research*. Aging in America Conference, Chicago, IL.



11. **Conner, KO**, \*Ward, C., & Brown, C (2015). *The Role of Peer Education on Mitigating the Impact of Stigma* (Poster Presentation). Society for Social Work Research Conference. New Orleans, LA.
12. **Conner, KO**, & Brown, C (2014). *Peer Education: Strategies for Enhancing Productive Aging and Community Engagement among Depressed Elders of Color*. The World Psychotherapy Congress, Johannesburg, South Africa.
13. **Conner, KO** (2014). *Attitudes and Beliefs about Mental Health Treatment among Older Adults of Color Suffering From Depression: The Impact of Stigma*. The World Psychotherapy Congress, Johannesburg, South Africa.
14. **Conner, KO**, & Brown, C (2014). *Peer Education: Opportunity for Productive Aging and Community Engagement for Depressed Elders of Color*. Aging In America Conference, San Diego, CA.
15. **Conner, KO**, & Brown, C. (2014). *Peer Education: A Culturally Relevant Strategy for Reducing Internalized Stigma with Mental Illness* (Poster Presentation). Minority Health and Health Disparities Conference. National Harbor, MD.
16. \*McKinnon, SA, & **Conner, KO** (2014). *The effect of a peer educator intervention on the reduction of perceived public and internalized stigma in depressed older adults*. IMSD-BMRS Undergraduate Research Symposium at San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
17. \*McKinnon, SA, & **Conner, KO** (2014). *The effect of a peer educator intervention on the reduction of perceived public and internalized stigma in depressed older adults* (Poster presentation). The Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), Los Angeles, CA.
18. **Conner, KO** (2014). *Peer Education in the African American Community* (Poster Presentation). National Association for Developmental Disabilities (NADD) conference, Orlando, FL.
19. **Conner, KO** (2014). *Racial Differences in Attitudes about Mental Health: Impact of Service Utilization* (Poster Presentation). National Association for Developmental Disabilities (NADD) conference, Orlando, FL.
20. **Conner, KO** (2013). *Internalized Stigma and Treatment Seeking Among Depressed African Americans*. The Internalized Stigma of Mental Illness Conference, Baltimore, MD.
21. **Conner, KO**, Brown C (2013). *Peer Education and Aging: Strategies for Recovery*. American Society on Aging Conference, Chicago, IL.
22. **Conner, KO** (2013). *The impact of internalized stigma on mental health attitudes and service utilization among older adults with depression*. The International Society for Affective Disorders Congress, London, UK.

23. **Conner, KO** (2013). *Peer education as productive engagement for depressed elders of color*. The International Society for Affective Disorders Congress, London, UK.
24. **Conner, KO**; Brown C (2011). *Health and Mental Health Disparities among Older Adults: The Impact of Race*. American Society on Aging Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
25. **Conner, K.O.**, Brown, C., McMurray, M., Lee, B., Reynolds, C. (2010). *Peer Educators as a Bridge to Treatment for Depressed African American Older Adults*. Quality of Behavioral Health Care Annual Conference, Clearwater, FL.
26. **Conner, K.O.**, Brown, C., McMurray, M., Lee, B., Reynolds, C. (2010). *Giving Back to Their Communities: Peer Educators as a Civic Engagement Opportunity for Depressed African American Older Adults*. American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
27. **Conner, K.O.**, Rosen, D., Wexler, S., & Brown, C. (2010). “ *It’s like night and day. He’s Black. I’m White*”: *Shared Stigmas between Counselors and Older Adult Methadone Clients*. American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
28. **Conner, K.O.**, Brown, C., McMurray, M., Lee, B., Reynolds, C. (2010). *Giving Back to Their Communities: Updates on the Depression Peer Educator Project*. Quality of Behavioral Health Annual Conference, Clearwater, FL.
29. Kasckow, J., Ingram, E., Brown, C., Tew, J., **Conner, K.O.** , Morse, J., Haas, G. , Reynolds, C., Oslin, D. (2009). *Treatment Preferences Between Subsyndromally Depressed African American and Caucasian Primary Care Veterans*. APA Institute for Psychiatric Services meeting, Boston, MA.
30. Brown, C., **Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., Lee, B. (2009). *Training Peer Educators to Improve Engagement in Depression Treatment in Community Based Primary Care Settings*. Poster Presentation at NACHC Community Health Institute and Expo, Chicago, IL.
31. **Conner, K.O.** Copeland, V., Grote, N., Rosen, D., Koseke, G., Reynolds, C., & Brown, C. (2009). *The Impact of Living With Depression in the Black Community on Mental Health Treatment Seeking Among African American Older Adults*. Oral Presentation at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
32. **Conner, K.O.** Copeland, V., Grote, N., Rosen, D., Koseke, G., Reynolds, C., & Brown, C. (2009). *Mental Health Treatment Seeking Among Older Adults with Depression: The Impact of Stigma and Race*. Oral Presentation at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
33. **Conner, K.O.** Copeland, V., Grote, N., Rosen, D., Koseke, G., Reynolds, C., & Brown, C. (2008). *Barriers to Treatment and Cultural Coping Strategies for African American Older Adults With Depression*. Poster Presentation at the University of Pittsburgh Institute on Aging, Pittsburgh, PA.

34. **Conner, K.O.** Copeland, V., Grote, N., Rosen, D., Koseke, G., Reynolds, C., & Brown, C. (2008). *Barriers to Treatment and Cultural Coping Strategies for African American Older Adults With Depression*. Poster Presentation at the NIH Summit: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities, National Harbor, Maryland.
35. Castillo, E., **Conner, K.O.**, & Brown, C. (2008). *Racial Identification and the Impact of Stigma*. Poster Presentation at the NIH Summit: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities, National Harbor, Maryland.
36. **Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., & Brown, C. (2007) .*Development and Evaluation of a Protocol to Train Older African American Peer Educators*. Oral Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
37. **Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., & Brown, C. (2007). *Treatment Preferences Among Older African Americans with Depression*. Oral Presentation at the Gerontological Society of American Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
38. Mayers, V. N., **Conner, K.O.**, Robinson, D., & Brown, C. (2007). *Training Graduate Students to Conduct Mental Health Research in Community Settings*. Oral Presentation ay the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
39. **Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., Lee, B., & Brown, C. (2007).*Beliefs About Depression and Depression Treatment Among Older African Americans*. Poster Presentation at the National Institute of Mental Health, Mental Health Services Research Conference, Washington, DC.
40. **Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., Lee, B., & Brown, C. (2007). *Bridges To Improved Depression Care Among Older African American Primary Care Patients*. Oral Presentation at the National Mental Health of America Annual Conference, **Washington, DC**.
41. **Conner, K.O.**, Rosen, Daniel (2007) .*The Multiple Experiences of Stigma on Older Adult Opiate Addicts*. Oral Presentation at the American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Washington, DC.  
\* Recipient of ASA's Graduate Student Research Award\*
42. **Conner, K.O.**, Rosen, Daniel. (2007). "You're Nothing But a Junkie": *Multiple Experiences Of Stigma in an Aging Methadone Maintenance Population*. Oral Presentation at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
43. **Conner, K. O.**, Koeske, G., Brown, C. (2006).*Racial Differences in Attitudes Toward Seeking Mental Health Treatment*. Poster Presented at the University Of Pittsburgh Institute on Aging Poster Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.  
\* Recipient of Graduate Student Presenter Award\*

44. **Conner, K. O.**, Davis-Jones, L., Singer, J. B. (2006). Incorporating social justice into transformative multicultural education. Paper presented at the 52nd annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Chicago, Illinois

45. Singer, J.B., Maguire, L., **Conner, K.O.** (2006) *How to Hire and Recruit New Faculty: Utilizing Students in the Process*. Paper presented at the 52nd annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Chicago, Illinois.

#### **Invited Presentations**

1. **Conner, KO** & De Jesus, E. (2016). How to Reduce Anger among Older Adults living with Depression. Hillsborough Housing Authority, Tampa, FL.

2. **Conner, KO** (2015). *How to Reduce Stigma among Individuals Living with Mental Illness*. Stigma: A Summit on Mental Health, Miami, FL.

3. **Conner, KO** (2015). *Culture and Mental Illness: The Role of Race and Ethnicity in Behavioral Health Disparities*. Presentation at the Institute on Black Life Speaker Series, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

4. **Conner, KO** (2014). *The Impact of Stigma on Health*. Presentation to the Mood and Emotional Lab, Department of Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

5. **Conner, KO** (2014). *Education in NAMI FL*. Annual National Alliance on Mental Illness Conference. Orlando, FL.

6. **Conner, KO** (2014). *How to complete an Effective Community Based Research Proposal*. Presentation to the New Ventures in Leadership Incoming Class. American Society on Aging Annual, San Francisco, CA.

7. **Conner, KO** (2014). *The Paradox of the African Women*. Presentation at the Institute on Black Life Speaker Series, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

8. **Conner, KO** (2013). *Obamacare and the Black Community*. Presentation to the Business Council at the White House, Washington, DC.

9. **Conner, KO** (2012). *Giving Back to Their Communities: Peer Educators as a Civic Engagement Opportunity for Depressed African American Older Adults*. Presentation to Center on Race and Social Problems Mental Health Research Group, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh, PA.

10. **Conner, KO** (2012). *Health and Mental Health Disparities among Older Adults: The Impact of Race*. Presentation to the New Ventures in Leadership Incoming Class. American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Washington, DC

11. **Conner, KO** (2011). *Health and Mental Health Disparities among Older Adults: The Impact of Race*. Presentation to the New Ventures in Leadership Incoming Class. American Society on Aging Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
  12. **Conner, KO** (2011). *Health and Mental Health Disparities among LGBTQ Persons of Color: The Impact of Race*. Lecture given at the First National POC LGBT Aging Convention, Washington, DC.
  13. **Conner, K.O.** (2011). *Giving Back to Their Communities: Peer Educators as a Civic Engagement Opportunity for Depressed African American Older Adults*. Presentation to University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work Doctoral Students, Pittsburgh, PA.
  14. **Conner, K.O.**(2011). *Depression: Signs, Symptoms and Coping Effectively*. Presentation to the Wednesday Wanderers Group, Community Human Services, Pittsburgh, PA.
  15. **Conner, K.O.** (2009). “*Peer Educators as a Civic Engagement Opportunity*”. Oral Presentation at the American Society on Aging Regional East Coast Conference on Aging. Philadelphia, PA, September, 2009.
  16. **Conner, K.O.** (2009) “*Reducing the Impact of Internalized Stigma: The Development of a Novel Engagement and Retention Intervention*” Presentation to the Late Life Depression Center. Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
  17. **Conner, K.O.** (2009). “*Peer Educators: Bridges to Improved Depression Care*”. Oral Presentation at the American Society on Aging Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV, March, 2009.
  18. **Conner, K.O.,** Brown, C. (2008) “*Mental Health Treatment Seeking: The Impact of Stigma and Race.*” Presentation to the Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers Investigators. Veteran’s Affairs Hospital Highland Drive Division, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2008.
  19. **Conner, K.O.** (2008)“*Cultural and Psychological Barriers to Treatment Seeking for African American Elders.*” Presentation to the Late Life Depression Center. Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
  20. **Conner, K.O.** (2007) “*The Mediating Effect of Stigma on Treatment Utilization.*” Presentation to the Late Life Depression Center. Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
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## **TEACHING:**

### **Graduate Courses**

- Fall 2019, 2017 Community Based Participatory Research and Evaluation, Doctoral level, University of South Florida
- Fall 2016 Human Growth and Development, Rehabilitation Counseling, University of South Florida,
- Spring, 2011 Couples Therapy, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh
- Fall, 2008 Models of Intervention, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh  
Spring, 2009  
2010
- Spring, 2006 Cognitive Behavioral Theory, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 2007, 2008

### **Undergraduate Courses**

- Fall 2018 Cultural Diversity, Health and Behavioral Health, MHLP online
- Spring 2018 Behavioral Health and the Family, MHLP department, USF  
Mental Health First Aid (MHS 3411)
- Fall 2016 Behavioral Health and the Family, MHLP department, USF  
Mental Health First Aid (MHS 3411)
- Spring 2016 Behavioral Health and the Family, MHLP department, USF  
Cultural Diversity and Behavioral Health, MHLP department, USF  
Mental Health First Aid (MHS 3411)
- Spring 2015 Behavioral Health and the Family, MHLP department, USF  
Mental Health First Aid (MHS 3411)
- Fall 2014 Cultural Diversity, Disparities and Behavioral Health, MHLP department, USF
- Spring 2014 Cultural Diversity, Disparities and Behavioral Health, MHLP department, USF
- Fall 2012 Clinical Introduction to African American Families, Department of Africana Studies, University of Pittsburgh,
- Fall, 2011 Instructor, Introduction to West African Dance, Department of Africana Studies  
University of Pittsburgh,

### **Study Abroad**

- Summer 2019 USF in London  
Summer 2018 USF in London

Summer 2017 USF in London

### **THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

- 2017-2018 Chair-Honors Thesis, Megan Trout, candidate for a BA in Psychology, University of South Florida, St Petersburg, FL
- 2016-2017 Chair- Honors Thesis, Tiffany O'Brian, candidate for a BS in Behavioral Healthcare, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2015- 2016 Chair- Honors Thesis, Semhal Redda, candidate for a BS in Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2014-2018 Dissertation Committee Member, Rosalyn Roker, MS, PhD candidate in Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
- 2014 Dissertation Defense Chair, Tiffany Young, PhD in Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Dissertation title: "Having Our Say": Exploring the Processes and Feasibility of a Community-Based Participatory Intergenerational Physical Activity Program for Grandparents and Grandchildren.
- 2011-2014 Masters Committee Member, Stephanie Vigil, BS; Masters Degree candidate in Public Health, University of Pittsburgh. MPH Thesis title: Giving Young Females a Voice: Perspectives of Somali Bantu Refugees Participating in a Wellness and Leadership Development Program.

### **University Lectures** (\* recurring Lectures)

1. *Aging and Mental Health: Attitudes About Seeking Professional Mental Health Services*, University of South Florida, Department of Psychology, Fall and Spring 2016, 17 and 18
2. *\*Cultural Diversity and Behavioral Health*, University of South Florida, Ethnics and Behavioral Health Course, Mental Health Law and Policy, Fall and Spring 2015, 16, 17, 18, Spring 19
3. *Aging and Mental Health: Attitudes About Seeking Professional Mental Health Services*, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, 1/28/09
4. *\*Barriers to Treatment for Older Adults and Racial and Ethnic Minorities*, Advanced Practice-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy ,University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Social Work, 9/13/07, 11/5/07, 10/2/08, 1/22/09, 1/25/10, 2/10/11, 2/9/12, 9/13/12
5. *Barriers to Treatment for Racial and Ethnic Minorities*, Introduction To Social Work, Community College of Allegheny County, 11/18/09

6. *Conceptualizing Stigma: Internalized Stigma, Public Stigma and Race*, Advanced Direct Practice: Human Behavior in the Social Environment, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Social Work, 3/10/05

7. *Working with Older African Americans, Their Families and Caregivers*, Social Work with African American Families, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Social Work, 4/04/06

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)	2013+
American Society on Aging (ASA)	2009-
Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW)	2006-
National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW)	2004-
Gerontological Society of America (GSA)	2004-
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)	2004-
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)	2004-

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### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship	2018-19
College of Behavioral and Community Sciences International Travel Award	2018
Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, USF	2015-16
Travel Award to attend the Advanced Research in Geriatric Psychiatry Institute	2013
Travel Award to attend the ASCP Randomized Controlled trial workshop, NY	2012
Travel Award to attend the Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar, Washington, DC	2011
Travel Award to attend the Summer Research Institute for Geriatric Psychiatry, University of Michigan	2009
Travel Award to attend the Career Development Institute for Psychiatry, Stanford University, CA	2009
NIH Loan Repayment Program Recipient	2009-current
Scholarship for the ASA New Ventures in Leadership Program	2009
GIAging Fellowship Award	2008
Graduation with Departmental Honors, Dissertation passed with Distinction	2008
Recipient of the Hartford Doctoral Fellows Award	2006-2008
Travel Award to attend the MCAAAR Training Fellow in Older African American Mental Health, University of Michigan	2007
Recipient of the ASAgging Graduate Student Research Award	2006-2007
Institute on Aging Graduate Student Presenter Award	2006
Recipient of the Hartford Doctoral Pre-Dissertation Award	2005-2006
Recipient of the CSWE Minority Research Fellowship Award	2005-2006

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### **MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS**



Academic Mentor, Black Faculty and Staff Association Mentor-Ship program 2016  
(Mentee: Alaina Branford)

Research Mentor, Summer Research Institute at University of South Florida 2016  
(Mentee: Angela Johnson)

Research Mentor, Summer Research Institute at University of South Florida 2014  
(Mentee: Symone McKinnon)

## **MENTORSHIP:**

### **Research Mentorship:**

2018-Current Erica Anderson; Doctoral student College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida

2017-Current Juanita Patterson Price; Doctoral student College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida

2016-Current Helenda Davis; Candidate for a BS in Behavioral Healthcare, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2016-Current, Tiffany Obrien; Candidate for a BS in Behavioral Healthcare, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2016-Current, Angela Johnson; Candidate for a BS in Psychology, Mary Baldwin University, Virginia

2015-Current, Semhal Redda; Candidate for a BS in Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2014-Current Rosalyn Roker; PhD Candidate in Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

2014-Current Stephanie A. McKinnon; Summer Research Institute Mentee, University of San Diego, CA.

### **Clinical Mentorship:**

2016-current Elenor DeJesus, BS Candidate in Behavioral Healthcare, Tampa, FL

2012-current Jackie Peters, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA

2012-current Alicia Haley, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA

2012-current Gena Burke, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA

2012-current Jasmine Wilson, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA

2012-current Curtis Miller, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA

### **Academic Mentorship:**

2015-current Alaina Brandford, BS Candidate in Biology, Tampa, FL  
2015-current Helena Davis, BC Candidate in Behavioral Healthcare, Tampa, FL  
2011- 2014 Latoya Johnson, BS, MSW Candidate, Pittsburg, PA  
2011- 2014 Michelle Masri, BS, MSW Candidate, Pittsburg, PA

### **GRANTS AND CONTRACT AWARDS**

Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program 3/1/2019-2/28/21  
*The Impact of an African Drumming for Dementia Intervention on Psychosocial Outcomes in African Americans with Alzheimer's Disease and their Caregivers.*

This project will utilize open trial methodology to examine the impact of a cultural sensitive music therapy intervention among older African Americans with early stage Alzheimer's Disease and their caregivers.

**Role: PI**

**Award Amount: \$95,000**

Humana Foundation 1/1/2018-6/1/2019  
*Community-Based Chronic Disease Self-Management Program*

This community-based wholistic health and wellness program will examine the impact of this 6 week health and wellness education program on the physical, psychological and nutritional health of community-dwelling older adult African Americas at risk for chronic medical disease.

**Role: Program Evaluator**

**Award Amount: \$150,000**

College of Public Health Internal Award 1/16/19-1/16/20  
*Exploring Factors that Influence Cost of Care Conversions Among the Elderly*

This study will assess determinants and differences in cost of care conversions among African American, Latino/Hispanic and White adults age 65 and older. This study will examine incidence, preference and outcomes of cost of care conversions in different ethnic groups with the intent to better understand and address the burden of rising healthcare costs in the US.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$20,000**

CBCS Internal Award 1/1/2016-12/31/2017

*Enhancing the Care Transitions Intervention to Facilitate Wellness and Reduce Hospital Re-Admissions among Older Adults with a Co-occurring Mental Health Diagnosis.*

This pilot project proposes to utilize randomized controlled trial methodology to examine the benefit of adding Peer Education supports to the Community Care Transitions Program (CTI), an evidence-based intervention designed to successfully transition older adults from the hospital to the community

**Role: PI**

**Amount Awarded: \$20,000**

K23 MH090151

05/10/2010-03/31/2015

NIMH

*Enhancing Mental Health treatment Engagement and Retention Among Older Adults with Depression.*

This research examined the impact of a motivation interviewing engagement strategy led by depression peer educators to help engage and retain depressed older adults in mental health treatment.

**Role: PI**

**Amount Awarded: \$499, 998**

LRP

01/01/2010-01/01/2015

NIMHD

*Examination of the Mental Health Service Utilization Disparities Facing Older Adults of Color Living with Mood Disorders.*

This research utilized mixed methodology to identify potentially modifiable barriers and challenges to mental health service utilization facing older African Americans with depression.

**Role: PI**

**Amount Awarded: \$60,000**

P30MH071944

Reynolds (PI)

9/1/2005 – 2/28/2010

*“Advanced Center for Interventions and Services Research for Late-Life Mood Disorders”*

The aim of the ACISR/LLMD Principal Research Core is to facilitate the testing of interventions (preventive, rehabilitative, and treatment) in elderly persons at high risk for depression and in those already living with mood disorders.

**Role: Research Network Development Core Investigator**

**Amount Awarded: \$6, 717, 431**

Staunton Farm Foundation Brown (PI)

11/1/2007-11/1/2009

*Peer Educators: Bridges to Improved Depression Care in African American Primary Care Patients*

This research will examine the impact of Peer Education on improving attitudes about mental health treatment among older adult African American primary care patients.

**Role: Co-I**

**Amount Awarded: \$150,000**

The John A. Hartford Foundation

10/1/2006-9/30/2008

*Treatment Seeking Among Older Adults with Depression: The Impact of Stigma and Race*  
This mixed-methods research examined the impact of stigma and race on the utilization of mental health services among depressed African American and white older adults.

**Role: PI**

**Amount Awarded: \$75,000**

Steven Manners Faculty Development Award, University Center for Social and Urban Research,  
University of Pittsburgh Brown (PI) 7/1/2005 – 6/30/2006

*Depression Stigma, Race, and Treatment Seeking Behavior and Attitudes*

This research utilized a representative sample of adults with depression to examine the nature of the relations among public stigma of depression, internalized stigma of depression, treatment seeking behaviors, and race.

**Role: Co-I**

**Amount Awarded: \$50,000**

### **Research Grants Under Review**

PCORI (Resubmission)

Initial Score: Impact 32

*Examination of the Evidence-based Care Transitions Intervention Enhanced with Peer Support to Reduce Racial Disparities in Hospital Readmissions and Patient Outcomes.*

The proposed mixed methods study will evaluate the Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) and CTI + Peer Support (PS), as compared to usual care (UC), on hospital readmissions and depression severity, quality of life, functional status for older African Americans and Latinos as a strategy for reducing disparities in health outcomes.

**Role: PI**

**Award Amount Requested: \$1, 664, 212**

RO1

Initial Score: Impact 48

NIMHD (Resubmission)

*Reducing disparities in hospital readmissions through the evaluation of care transitions intervention with the addition of peer support for older adults with co-occurring medical illness & depression*

The proposed 3 armed trial is designed to evaluate the Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) and CTI + Peer Support (PS), as compared to usual care (UC), on hospital readmissions (primary outcome) and secondary patient-centered outcomes (e.g., depression severity, quality of life, functional status and mortality).

**Role: PI**

**Award Amount Requested: \$2, 500, 000**

NIDA

Johnson and Hills (PI)

*HEALing Communities*

To reduce overdose deaths by 40%, this study proposes to prepare state-community partnerships to use data-driven decision-making processes and tools. We hypothesize that using a shared data-driven decision process at the state and community level with multiple service providers and other community members will yield sustainable change and that this monitoring and feedback system will be agile enough to accommodate changing community needs. As a Co-Investigator on this study, I will be responsible for developing and leading cultural competency trainings for counties who identify this need.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount Requested: \$30,000,000**

R01

Gum (PI)

NIA

*Outcomes for older adults waiting for aging services: Predicting decline, maltreatment, institutionalization, and death using statewide aging service and adult protective service data in Florida*

This study will utilize predictive analytic techniques to develop risk profiles for older adults who are waiting for aging services. The results of this study may help to change the way older adults are screened when they are seeking services. As Co-I on this study I would be responsible for assisting with developing plans to sustain techniques for successful and effective screening of older adults needing services.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount Requested: \$2,500,000**

R21

Brown (PI)

NIDA

*Testing the interaction of depression and race in HIV-related stigma and HIV treatment outcomes among older MSM living with HIV.*

The proposed study will investigate the interaction of behavioral health and a medical illness (HIV) and the impact of stigma on treatment engagement and retention among a high-risk sample of men who sleep with men. As a Co-I on this award, I would be responsible for examining the impact of stigma on treatment engagement and dealing with the impact of mental illness in this population.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount Requested: \$275,000**

The Retirement Research Foundation (RRF)

Gum (PI)

*Adverse Outcomes for People on Waiting Lists for Aging Services*

The proposed study will evaluate the health and well being of older adults who are on waiting lists to receive services from the Aging Network. This study provides an opportunity to examine possible factors that place these individuals at greater risk for negative outcomes. As Co-I on this project, I would be responsible for all qualitative data collection and analysis.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount Requested: \$158,030**

**Other Research Related Activities:**

Editorial Board, Global Scientific Research Journals, Geriatrics and Psychiatry  
Ad hoc reviewer for the Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice  
Ad hoc reviewer for the International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry  
Ad hoc reviewer for the Journal of Internal Medicine

**SERVICE:**

2018	Ad-Hoc Reviewer for NIH, Mental Health Services Division
2018-current	Vice President National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Board of Directors, for the State of Florida
2016-current	Member, Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Council
2015-current	Member-Diversity Committee, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida
2015-current	State Liaison- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Hillsborough
2014-current	Board Member- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) FL
2014-current	Chair- Education Committee, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
2014-2015	MHLP department member of College Tenure & Promotion committee
2014-2015	Member-College of Behavioral and Community Studies PhD Program development committee
2014-2015	Board Member- Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association
2013-2015	Member-USF Internationalizing the curriculum Faculty Service committee
2013-2015	Faculty Sponsor USF Dance Organization
2012-2015	Member of the Diversity Task Force, Institute for Clinical Research Education, University of Pittsburgh, PA
2012-2015	Board Member of the Career Education and Enhancement for Health Care Research Diversity (CEED) program, Pittsburgh, PA
2012-2015	New Ventures in Leadership Re-Development Task Force
2011- 2013	MSW Student Advisor and Field Liaison (10 students)
2010-2013	Board of the New Ventures in Leadership Program (ASA)
2006-2008	President of the Social Work Doctoral Student Organization
2005-2008	Doctoral Student Representative for the Doctoral Faculty committee
2005-2008	Doctoral Student Representative for the Academic Integrity and Review Committee
2005-2006	Business Manager for Social Work Doctoral Student Organization
2004-2007	Doctoral Student Representative for Graduate School of Social Work Student Executive Council (SEC), University of Pittsburgh
2004-current	Member of Center on Race and Social Problems Mental Health Research Advisory Panel, University of Pittsburgh
2002-2004	President Black Action Society Graduate School of

2000- 2001

Social Work, University of Pittsburgh  
President Pro-Tempore Student Government Board

**REFERENCES:**

**Charles F. Reynold, III, MD**, UPMC Professor of Geriatric Psychiatry; and professor of neurology and neuroscience; Senior Associate Dean University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; and professor of behavioral and community health sciences at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, WPIC Bellefield Towers Room 758, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 (412) 246-6414

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