



February 21, 2013

HARRIS PASTIDES
PRESIDENT

Tony Kester
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Dear Mr. Kester

I am writing to nominate Dr. Mindi Spencer as a representative of the University of South Carolina on the Advisory Council for the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center. Dr. Spencer received her Ph.D. in life-span developmental psychology from West Virginia University in 2006, with graduate certificates in gerontology and women's studies. She went on to complete her postdoctoral training as a Kellogg Health Scholar at the University of Pittsburgh, where she focused on cultural and psychosocial influences on health in older adults. She continues to conduct research on caregiving for persons with Alzheimer's disease, particularly among Native American and African Americans, and physical functioning in older adults. Dr. Spencer is a Fellow of the APA Minority Aging Network in Psychology and Minority Task Force, a "Grantmakers in Aging" Fellow, an AARP Scholar and a NIH Health Disparities Scholar.

She is currently an assistant professor at the USC's Arnold School of Public Health, where she teaches health care policy and a course titled "Southern Discomfort: Public Health in the American South," in the Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior and the Institute of Southern Studies. I highly recommend Dr. Spencer as USC's representative on this prestigious council.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

2004-2006 West Virginia University, PhD (Life-span Developmental Psychology, Gerontology Graduate Certificate, Women's Studies Graduate Certificate)

2001-2004 West Virginia University, MA, (Life-span Developmental Psychology)

1996-2001 West Virginia University, BA, BS, (Regents with Gerontology Certificate, Biology with Honors)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008- Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior & the Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2006-2008 Kellogg Health Scholar, Multidisciplinary Disparities Track, Center for Minority Health and Department of Epidemiology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

2003-2005 Research Assistant, Center on Aging, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

2002-2003 Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

2001-2002 Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

GRANTS AND RESEARCH AWARDS

2012-2013 Harriet Hancock Center Grant for the Youth Empowerment Against HIV (YEAH!) Project

2012-2013 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence and Office of the Provost "Distributed-Learning" Grant

2012-2013 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence "Service-Learning" Grant

2012-2013 University of South Carolina Social Sciences Grant Program

2011-2012 Carnegie Foundation's Initiative for South Carolina's Future University-Community Research Grant

2011-2012 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence "Service-Learning" Grant

2010-2012 Kaiser Permanente Chris Burch Minority Leadership Development Award

2011 University of South Carolina Service-Learning Grant

2010-2011 Magellan Scholars Award for Undergraduate Student Research (A. Johnson, Scholar)

2010-2011 University of South Carolina Institute for African American Research (IAAR) Faculty Research Award

2010 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence "Teaching Larger Classes" Grant

- 2007-2009 National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program (Health Disparities Scholar)
- 2007 National Institutes of Health, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Research Center of Excellence in Minority Health Disparities at the University of Pittsburgh (2P60MD000207-06; Co-I, Community Research Engagement Core)
- 2006-2008 W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Kellogg Health Scholars Program Multidisciplinary Disparities Track (P0117943; Scholar, University of Pittsburgh Site)
- 2004 West Virginia University Equity in Education Grant for Graduate Student Research
- 2003 American Psychological Association Division 44 Malyon-Smith Award for Graduate Student Research
- 2000 The Henry Hurlbutt Memorial Fund for Honors Research Award

HONORS AND SERVICE RECOGNITION

- 2010 Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2006 Outstanding Graduate, West Virginia University Gerontology Program
- 2005 AARP Scholars Program (\$10,000 Award Recipient)
- 2005 Grantmakers in Aging (Graduate Student Research Fellow)
- 2005 Hake Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Career
- 2005 Velma M. Miller / WV Alliance for Women's Studies Scholar Award
- 2004 West Virginia University Alumni Association Award for Social Justice
- 2004 Morgan Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Volunteer of the Year
- 2004 William E. Vehse Endowment for Graduate Student Travel
- 2003 American Psychological Association Minority Aging Network in Psychology (Fellow)
- 2003 The Winifred South Knutti Graduate Scholarship in Women's Studies
- 2000 Morgan Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Volunteer of the Year
- 1998-2001 Loyalty Permanent Endowment Fund of the West Virginia University Alumni Association Scholarship

COMPETITIVE TRAINING INSTITUTES

- 2010 Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center Summer Institute on Behavioral Medicine Interventions, "Mind-Body Science, Tools, and Strategies"
- 2008 Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center Summer Institute on Behavioral Medicine Interventions, "Basic Pathways Linking Behavior and Disease"
- 2008 University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences Course on Scientific Management and Leadership
- 2007 National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging Summer Institute for Aging Research
- 2007 Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center Summer Institute on Behavioral Medicine Interventions, "Sleeping, Eating & Physical Activity: A Focus on Health Behavior"
- 2006 Summer Research Career Development Institute in Minority Health and Health Disparities, University of Pittsburgh EXPORT Health
- 2003 Jayne Armstrong Women's Leadership Program

PUBLICATIONS (excluding all of those in any stage of the Tribal review process)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Byrd, J. C., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2011). Differences in caregiving: Does residence matter? *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 30(4), 407-421.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, McGuire, L. C., Henderson, J., & Goldberg, J. (2011). Adult caregiving among American Indians: The role of cultural indicators. *The Gerontologist*, 51(3), 310-320.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Byrd, J. C. (2011). Research on rural caregiving. In R. C. Talley (Series Ed.) and R.C. Talley, K. Chwalisz, & K. C. Buckwalter (Vol. Eds.), *Rural caregiving in the United States: Research, practice, policy* (pp. 103-132). New York: Springer Publishing.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Williams, K. (2011). Lay meanings of health among rural older adults in Appalachia. *The Journal of Rural Health*, 27(1), 13-20.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, Goli, S., & Rogers, J. J. C. (2010). Assistive technology use among older American Indians: The Native Elder Care Study. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 58(11), 2185-2190.

Spencer, S. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2010). Revisiting traditional survey methodology to recruit and survey lesbian, gay, and bisexual older adults. In D. L. Streiner & S. Sidani (Eds.), *When research goes off the rails* (pp. 211-218). New York: Guilford.

Spencer, S. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2009). Social support and personal mastery as protective resources during emerging adulthood. *Journal of Adult Development*, 16(4), 191-198.

Spencer, S. M., Patrick, J. H., & Steele, J.C. (2009). An exploratory look at preferences for seven long-term care options. *Seniors Housing & Care Journal*, 17(1), 17-25.

Spencer, S. M., Schulz, R., Rooks, R., Albert, S., Thorpe, Jr., R., Brenes, G., et al. (2009). Racial differences in self-rated health at similar levels of physical functioning: An examination of health pessimism in the Health, Aging and Body Composition Study. *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 64(1), 87-94.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.** & Byrd, J. C. (2009). Research on rural caregiving: A literature review. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 28(2), 139-170.

Hash, K., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2009). "You've got subjects": The promise of the Internet in research with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender populations. In W. Meezan & J. I. Martin (Eds.), *Handbook of research with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations* (pp. 238-258). New York: Routledge.

Spencer, S. M., Albert, S. M., Bear-Lehman, J., & Burkhardt, A. (2008). Relevance of race and ethnicity for self-reported functional limitation. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 56, 553-557.

McCallum, T. J., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2008). Lost in summation: Depression among African American caregivers and noncaregivers. *Journal of Cross-cultural Gerontology*, 23, 77-84.

Fredman, L., Cauley, J. A., Satterfield, S., Simonsick, E., **Spencer, S. M.**, Ayonayon, H. A., et al. (2008). Caregiving, mortality and mobility decline: Findings from Health ABC. *Archives of Internal Medicine*, 168(19), 2154-2162.

Goins, R. T., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2005). Public health issues among older American Indians and Alaska Natives. *Generations*, 29(2), 30-35.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, Roubideaux, Y., & Manson, S. (2005). Differences in functional ability of rural American Indian and White elders with comorbid diabetes. *Research on Aging*, 27(6), 643-658.

Goins, R. T., Williams, K. A., Carter, M. W., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Solovieva, T. (2005). Perceived barriers to healthcare access among rural elderly: A qualitative study. *Journal of Rural Health*, 21(3), 206-213.

Goins, R. T., Gainor, S. J., Pollard, C., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2003). Geriatric knowledge and educational needs among rural health care professionals. *Educational Gerontology*, 29(3), 261-272.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Krummel, D. A. (2003). Effect of obesity on health-related quality of life among Appalachian elderly. *Southern Medical Journal*, 96(6), 552-557.

Goins, R. T., Tichner, A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2003). Awareness and use of home- and community-based long-term care by rural American Indian and white elderly with co-morbid diabetes. *Home Health Care Services Quarterly*, 22(3), 65-81.

Non-Refereed Publications

Goins, R. T., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2006). Lay meanings of health among older adults. In *Rural culture: West Virginia's legacy*. Morgantown, WV: Mountain State Geriatric Education Center, Center on Aging.

Patrick, J. H., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2005). Aging parents. In N. Salkind (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Human Development*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publishing.

Spencer, S. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2004). Review of *A dignified life: The best friend's approach to Alzheimer's care* [book]. *Clinical Gerontologist*, 27(3), 90-91.

PRESENTATIONS

Scientific Meetings

Bergeron, C. D., & **Spencer, S. M.** (Accepted for 2013, August). Formal care providers' perceptions of post-fall decision making among older women. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.

Bergeron, C. D., & **Spencer, S. M.** (Accepted for 2013, June). Formal care providers' perceptions of post-fall decision making among older women. Poster to be presented at the Canadian Public Health Association, Ottawa, Canada.

Cayir, E., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (Accepted for 2013, April). *Differences by gender and the experience of trauma in depressive symptomatology among American Indian elders*. Paper to be presented at the 2013 meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Charlotte, NC.

Welihindha, S. V., **Spencer, S. M.**, Wilson, R. C. & Coleman, J. C. (2013, February). *Turn up the H.E.A.T. (HIV Education Activities Toolkit)*. Workshop presented at the 2013 Creating Change Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Cayir, E., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2012, December). *Differences by gender and the experience of trauma in depressive symptomatology among American Indian elders*. Paper presented at the 2012 World Conference on Psychology and Sociology, Ankara, Turkey.

Williams, L. R., Annang, L., **Spencer, S. M.**, Thrasher, J. F., Lindley, L. (2012, October). *A mixed-methods approach to understanding body image and sexual risk behaviors among female college students: The influence of race and sexual orientation* (student's dissertation project). Paper presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.

Spencer, S. M. (2012, April). *Southern Discomfort and the scourges of the South*. Paper presented as part of the Southern Studies Forum, 2012 meeting of the European Association for American Studies, Izmir, Turkey.

Spencer, S. M. (2011, September). *American Indians: Health in all policies and the politics of health*. Paper presented as part of the Health in All Policies Panel, 2011 meeting of the International Society for Equity in Health, Cartagena, Colombia.

Johnson, A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2011, November). *Through aging eyes: Environmental gerontology through PhotoVoice* (student's undergraduate Magellan Scholars project). Poster presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Annang, L., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2011, October). *My Mother's Keeper: Raising breast cancer awareness in the Black family through upstream intergenerational communication*. Poster presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC

Spencer, S. M., Goins, R. T., McGuire, L. C., Henderson, J., Wen, G., & Goldberg, J. (2010, November). *Health-related quality of life of American Indians across different caregiving types: Lessons from the EARTH Study*. Paper presented at the Task Force in Minority Issues in Gerontology Symposium, 2010 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, McGuire, L. C., Henderson, J., & Goldberg, J. (2009, November). *Adult caregiving among American Indians: The role of cultural indicators*. Paper presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.

Spencer, S. M., & Albert, S. A. (2008, November). *The influence of social capital and physical functioning on the health-related control beliefs of Black, Hispanic, and White older adults*. Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Rogers, J. C. (2008, November). *Assistive technology use among older American Indians: The Native Elder Care Study*. Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Lim, S. H., **Spencer, S. M.**, Marshal, M., & Silvestre, A. (2008, November). *Changing trajectories of depressive symptoms among aging men who have sex with men (MSM)* (student's dissertation project). Poster presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

McCallum, T. J., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2008, November). *Aranda and Knight revisited: An updated model of Sociocultural Stress and Coping*. Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Blosnich, J. R., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2007, November). *Beyond sticks and stones: School bullying in the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth* (student's practicum project). Poster presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.

Spencer, S. M., Albert, S. A., Bear-Lehman, J., & Burkhardt, A. (2007, November). *Relevance of culture for self-reported functional limitation*. Poster presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Spencer, S. M., Schulz, R., Rooks, R., Thorpe, Jr., R. J., Brenes, G., Harris, T., et al. (2007, November). *Racial variations in self-rated health in the Health, Aging, and Body Composition Study*. Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Spencer, S. M.*, & Thorpe, Jr.* R. J., Simonsick, E. M., Newman, A. B., & Whitfield, K. E. (discussant) (2007, November). *Beyond racial differences in the Health, Aging, and Body Composition Study: Explaining health disparities in late life*. Symposium presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA. *symposium co-organizers

Thorpe, Jr. R. J., **Spencer, S. M.**, Foy, C., Koster, A., Kritchevsky, S., Satterfield, S., Shlipak, M., Harris, T., Newman, A., & Simonsick, E. M. (2007, November). *Race, poverty, and physical function: Does lung function explain the disparity?* Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Fredman, L., Cauley, J., **Spencer, S. M.**, Hochberg, M., Ayonayon, H., Satterfield, S., et al. (2007, November). *The association of caregiving with mortality is influenced by physical activity: Results from the Caregiver-SOF and Health ABC Studies.* Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Hicks, G. E., Shardell, M., Miller, R., Newman, A., **Spencer, S. M.**, Satterfield, S., et al. (2007, November). *Are there racial differences in musculoskeletal pain in older adults? Findings from the Health, Aging and Body Composition Study.* Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Spencer, S. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2007, August). *Social support, heterosexism, and mental health in emerging adulthood.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Downes, S. A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2007, August). *Social support for women across sexual orientation (student's capstone project).* Poster presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Hash, K., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2007, January). *"You've got subjects: The promise of the Internet in researching hard to reach populations.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

Spencer, S. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2006, November). *Short-term longitudinal change in self-assessed health in mid-life.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

McCallum, T. J., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2006, November). *Lost in summation: Depression among African American caregivers and noncaregivers.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

Byrd, J. C., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2006, April). *Rural and urban caregivers in West Virginia: More similar than different.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Lexington, KY.

Spencer, S. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2006, February). *Incorporating diversity in discussions of aging: Strategies and the student response.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Indianapolis, IN.

Spencer, S. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2005, November). *"Who does what" matters: The diverse social support networks of middle-aged and older sexual minorities.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.

Spencer, S. M. (2005, October). *"There's work to be done": Research issues with older American Indians.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Grantmakers in Aging, Baltimore, MD.

Spencer, S. M., Hash, K. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2004, November). *Lesbian, gay, and bisexual older adults: Applying the "CRAFT" model to negotiate research challenges.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & McCallum, T. J. (2004, November). *Unique cultural and historical considerations when conducting cortisol research with American Indian caregivers*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Patrick, J. H., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Stafford, B. A. (2004, November). *Strategic information search strategies*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Samsell, J. L., Goins, R. T., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2004, November). *Use of folk medicine among rural elderly*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Spencer, S. M., & Hash, K. M. (2004, June). *Applying the "CRAFT" model of successful research to older LGBTs: Methodological challenges and strategies*. Paper presented at the SAGE National Conference on Aging in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities, New York, NY.

Spencer, S. M. (2003, November). *Preferences for future living arrangements*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Aspinall, R. (2003, November). *Differences in functional disability of rural American Indian and White elders*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Goins, R. T., Tincher, A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2003, November). *Awareness and use of home- and community-based long-term care by rural American Indian and white elderly with co-morbid diabetes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.

Johnson, J. C., Patrick, J. H., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2003, August). *Age differences in reasons for volunteering: Applications of SST theory*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Patrick, J. H., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Johnson, J. C. (2003, August). *Age effects in decision making processes and outcomes*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Spencer, S. M., Goins, R. T., & Krummel, D. A. (2002, November). *The impact of obesity on health-related quality of life among Appalachian elderly*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Invited Talks

Spencer, S. M. (2013, January). *Legacies of historical trauma: Mental health in the Native Elder Care Study*. Invited speaker for the "Serenade Lecture Series" at Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

Spencer, S. M. (2012, November). *Issues of "Southern Discomfort"*. Invited speaker for the Chapin Women's Club, Chapin, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2012, October). *The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: A public health perspective*. Invited speaker in a debate organized by the University of South Carolina Honors College and Premed Student Organization, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2012, August). *Issues of "Southern Discomfort"*. Invited speaker for the Golden K Kiwanis Club, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M.* & Annang, L.* (2012, March). *Southern discomfort: Causes and Cures*. Closing plenary session for the 2012 Women's and Gender Studies Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. *panel co-organizers

Spencer, S. M. (2011, November). *From the Cotton Belt to the Stroke Belt: Policy challenges in the South*. Keynote speaker for the Roosevelt Institution's Southern Regional Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2011, February). *The influence of U.S. history on health policy and research with American Indians and Alaska Natives*. The Roosevelt Institution Seminar Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2011, January). *Racial disparities in late-life physical functioning*. Center on Bio-Behavioral and Social Aspects of Health Disparities, Duke University, Durham, NC.

Spencer, S. M. (2010, December). *Evidence of health pessimism among older African Americans*. Department of Psychology, Radford University, Radford, VA.

Spencer, S. M. (2010, April). *Lesbian, gay, and bisexual older adults: Applying the "CRAFT" Model to overcome research challenges*. Presidential Symposium, 31st Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society of America, Richmond, VA.

Spencer, S. M. (2010, February). *From the Cotton Belt to the Stroke Belt: Policy challenges in the South*. The Roosevelt Institution Seminar Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2009, June). *Assistive technology use among older American Indians: The Native Elder Care Study*. 7th Annual Disparities in Health in America Workshop, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

Spencer, S. M. (2009, March). *"Southern Discomfort": A new course on public health in the American South*. Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Seminar Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2009, January). *Southern discomfort: Public health in the American South*. Tea and Grits Lecture Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2008, June). *A sociocultural approach to understanding racial disparities in late-life physical function*. 6th Annual Disparities in Health in America Workshop, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

Spencer, S. M. (2008, March). *Research at the Center for Minority Health*. Center for Aging and Population Health, Works in Progress Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spencer, S. M. (2007, April). *Race variations in self-rated health in the Health, Aging, and Body Composition study*. Department of Epidemiology, Healthy Aging Works in Progress Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spencer, S. M. (2006, December). *Cultural variations in self-reported hand functioning: Findings from the SITE project*. Department of Epidemiology Healthy Aging Works in Progress Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spencer, S. M. (2005, November). *Responding to heterosexism: Bullying and social support within the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community*. Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA.

Spencer, S. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2005, April). *Building family in the face of adversity: Support and well being of diverse young adults.* State Health Education Council, Pipestem, WV.

Spencer, S. M., Hash, K. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2004, September). *A different kind of family: Social support in the older lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.* Department of Women's Studies Fireside Chat, Morgantown, WV.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses

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| 2013 | Taught a multidisciplinary undergraduate course on the American South in the 20 th Century. Responsibilities included development of the syllabus, selection of readings and in-class activities, presentation of the lectures, coordination of guest speakers, development of exams/outside assignments, and grading. |
| 2012 | Helped to coordinate the professional development seminar for 1 st -year doctoral students in the Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior. |
| 2009-2012 | Developed and taught an undergraduate/graduate course to encourage trans-disciplinary learning between Southern Studies and Public Health, entitled "Southern Discomfort: Public Health in the American South." Responsibilities included development of the syllabus, selection of readings and in-class activities, presentation of the lectures, coordination of guest speakers, development of exams/outside assignments, and grading. Featured in the University of South Carolina's <i>Breakthrough Magazine</i> and the <i>USC Times</i> . |
| 2009-2011 | Taught "Health Problems in a Changing Society," an undergraduate/graduate course which offered students the opportunity to examine a wide array of current public health issues and discuss strategies, programs, and policy development designed to address these issues. Responsibilities included development of the syllabus, selection of debate-oriented readings and in-class activities, presentation of the lectures, development of exams/outside assignments, and grading. Resulted in an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Mortar Board Honors Society and two grants from the University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence. |
| 2007 | Assisted in the development of a new graduate-level public health course at the University of Pittsburgh, "Research and Interventions in Minority Health and Health Disparities." Responsibilities included co-development of the course syllabus by outlining key content and selecting readings for specific topical areas. |
| 2006-2007 | Practicum preceptor for Masters of Public Health program, West Virginia University. Responsibilities included intensive mentoring of an MPH student in research design, data collection, statistical analysis, and scientific writing. |
| 2005-2006 | Developed an online educational module for the Mountain State Geriatric Education Center for professionals in the health and social service fields to expand their knowledge in gerontology and receive continuing education credits. This course, "The Rural Elderly," is currently being offered to students at West Virginia University. |
| 2004 | Teaching Assistant for two sections of an undergraduate course, "Gerontology Field Experience," Center on Aging, West Virginia University. Responsibilities included assisting in the development of the syllabus, creating and grading assignments, and facilitating online discussions. |

2002-2003 Instructor for two sections of an undergraduate course, "Research Methods in Psychology," at West Virginia University. Responsibilities included creating and presenting course lectures, developing and grading exams and activities, and supervising the statistics research lab. Course evaluations available on request.

Mentoring

2008- Currently working on research activities and professional development with graduate and undergraduate students in the Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina.

2007-2009 Assisted a University of Pittsburgh epidemiology doctoral student on the conceptualization and execution of his dissertation and a post-graduate Fulbright Scholar on her publications and applications to doctoral programs.

2005-2007 Practicum preceptor for a West Virginia University MPH student (see "courses").

2002-2007 Provided research supervision to eight West Virginia University undergraduates across a range of disciplines (psychology, communications, and women's studies) as they completed honor's theses (3) and capstone experiences (5).

Guest Lectures

Spencer, S. M. (2012, January). *Reflection as a hallmark of service learning*. Panel presentation and lecture for the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2012, October). *Lay meanings of health: Resurrecting a qualitative "zombie paper."* Guest lecture for "Qualitative Methods," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2012 & 2011, September). *A historical perspective on health policy and research with American Indians and Alaska Natives*. Guest lecture for "Socio-cultural Perspectives on Population Health," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2012, February). *Health in all policies and the politics of health*. Guest lecture for "Race, Ethnicity, and Health," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2011, March). *The influence of U.S. history on health policy and research with American Indians and Alaska Natives*. Guest lecture for "Health Promotion Research Methods," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2011, January). *Improving large classrooms: Lessons in "Technogogy."* Panel presentation and lecture for the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M. (2010, December). *Negotiating your first academic position*. Guest panelist for the Kellogg Health Scholars Program "Scholars conference call about the job search."

Spencer, S. M. (2010, March & 2010, January). *From "The Cotton Belt" to "The Stroke Belt."* Guest lectures for the Health Services Policy and Management "Health Economics" and "Doctoral Seminar Series," respectively, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Spencer, S. M., & Lane, A. (2010, February). *The role of research and policy on the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives*. Guest lecture for "Race, Ethnicity, and Health," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

- Spencer, S. M.** (2009, November). *"Applying the "CRAFT" Model of research to older LGB adults: Methodological challenges and strategies.* Guest lecture for "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2011, November, 2009, October & 2010, March). *"Southern Discomfort": A course on public health in the American South.* Guest lectures for "Introduction to Southern Studies," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2009, October). *The aging woman.* Guest lecture for "Women and their Bodies in Health and Disease," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2009, March). *Thematic group on aging visit to National Institute on Aging.* Guest panelist for the Kellogg Health Scholars Program Webinar "Advocacy 101: Translating health disparities / community-based participatory research into policy – Skills for community and academic researchers."
- Spencer, S. M., & Lane, A.** (2009, March & 2011, February, 2009, February). *The role of research and policy on the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives.* Guest lectures for "Socio-cultural Perspectives on Population Health" and "U.S. Ethnic Minorities and Health," respectively, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2008, October). *The influence of aging on the client-provider interaction.* Guest lecture for "Behavioral Practices and Concepts for the Health Professional," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2009 & 2008, September). *How to identify and secure research funding in the field of public health.* Guest lecture for "Planning Health Promotion Programs," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2007, April). *Research issues with the American Indian and Alaska Native population.* Guest lecture for "Research and Interventions in Minority Health and Health Disparities," University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2007, April). *Personal resources and health: An overview of social support, personal mastery, and religion.* Guest lecture for "Epidemiology of Aging," University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Spencer, S. M., & Blossnich, J.** (2006, March). *Violence within the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community.* Guest lecture for "Gender and Violence," West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2003, February). *Social support of rural elders.* Guest lecture for "The Rural Elderly," West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2002, February). *Health status of rural elders.* Guest lecture for "The Rural Elderly," West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Professional Organizations

2008-	W.K. Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance
2005-	American Public Health Association
2001-	American Psychological Association
2001-	Gerontological Society of America

Professional Service

2012-	<i>Student Learning through Mentored Scholarship</i> (Editorial Board Member)
2012-	<i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
2012-	<i>Journal of Rural Health</i> (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
2012	Oregon Alzheimer's Research Partnership (Grant Reviewer)
2011-2012	American Public Health Association Aging & Public Health Section Masters Student Research Award Committee (Chair)
2010	American Public Health Association Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award Review Committee
2010	Kellogg Health Scholars Program Review Committee for the 2010-2012 Cohort of Scholars
2009-	<i>Annals of Behavioral Medicine</i> (Editorial Board Member)
2009-2010	<i>Psychology & Health</i> (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
2008-2009	Kellogg Health Scholars Annual Meeting Planning Committee
2008-2009	Kellogg Health Scholars Thematic Group on Aging (Coordinator)
2007-	<i>Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences</i> (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
2007-	<i>Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology</i> (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
2006-2007	National Institutes of Health Committee on Public Representatives (Associate Member)
2005-2006	West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Planning Committee for the 1 st LGBTQ Statewide Summit
2004-2006	American Psychological Association (APA) Division 44 Research and Education Committee
2004-2006	Gerontological Society of America Humanities and Arts Committee (Jr. Representative)
2003-2004	APA Minority Task Force Publications Committee
2003-	APA Minority Task Force
2001-	Gerontological Society of America Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology

University Service

2012-	Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Masters Comprehensive Examination Grading Committee
2012-	University Diversity Committee, University of South Carolina
2011-	Women's & Gender Studies Advisory Committee, University of South Carolina
2011-	Working Group for the Office for Community Engagement and Service, University of South Carolina
2011-	Institute for Southern Studies Faculty Search Committee (3 total)
2010-	Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Faculty Search Committee
2010-	Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Doctoral Qualifying Examination Grading Committee
2010-	Carnegie Foundation's Initiative for South Carolina's Future (Invited Member)
2010-2011	Arnold School of Public Health Academic Responsibility and Grievance Committee
2010-2011	Palmetto State Geriatric Education Center Gerontology Curriculum Subcommittee
2010-2011	Institute for Southern Studies Postdoctoral Application Review Committee
2009-	Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Health Disparities Research Group
2009-	Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Scholarships and Awards Committee
2009-2011	Lt. Governor Bauer's Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (University of South Carolina Representative)
2008-2010	Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Faculty Search Committee, University of South Carolina
2008-2009	Arnold School of Public Health Research Advisory Committee, University of South Carolina (Departmental Representative)
2004-	West Virginia University Council on Sexual Orientation

- 2004-2005 Developmental Psychology Training Committee, West Virginia University (Graduate Student Representative)
- 2003-2004 The Gerontological Society of America Emerging Scholars and Professional Organization (Chair, West Virginia University Chapter)
- 2002-2003 Sigma Phi Omega (Gerontology Honorary Society-Chair, Delta Kappa Chapter)
- 2002-2003 The Gerontological Society of America Student Organization (Chair-Elect, West Virginia University Chapter)

Community Service

- 2011- Harriet Hancock Center Youth Empowered Against HIV (YEAH!) Advisory Board
- 2006-2008 Career Literacy for African American Youth, Duquesne University (Mentor)
- 2003-2004 Careers in Aging Week event at West Virginia University, sponsored by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (Co-Organizer, Organizer)
- 2002 West Virginia University Safe Zone® Training
- 2000-2006 Morgan Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Morgantown, WV (Volunteer)