

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D. Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2000 M.S.W. University of California, Los Angeles
- 1997 M.A. Gerontology, San Francisco State University
- 1986 B.A. Psychology, *Cum Laude*, University of California, Santa Cruz

LICENSURE

- 2011-present Associate Clinical Social Worker #30018, Board of Behavioral Sciences, CA

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2013-present Clinical Associate Professor, USC School of Social Work, Virtual Academic Center
- Co-Chair, Health Concentration,
 - Lead, Policy in the Health Care Sector
 - Lead, Program Planning and Evaluation in Health Care
 - Lead, Advanced Theories and Clinical Interventions in Health Care
 - Co-Lead, Human Behavior and the Social Environment
 - Clinical Faculty Research Group, Technology, Teaching and Learning
- Courses taught:
- Policy in the Health Care Sector SOWK 636
 - Social Welfare SOWK 535
 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment SOWK 505
 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment SOWK 503
- Workshops:
- Community Immersion
 - Health Concentration Selection & Immersion
- 2012-2013 Adjunct Lecturer, USC School of Social Work
- 2007-2010 Assistant Professor, New York University (NYU), Silver School of Social Work
- Courses taught:
- History of Social Work and Social Welfare (*Doctoral Seminar*)
 - Grief, Loss and Bereavement
 - Advanced Social Policy in Health Care
 - Social Welfare Programs and Policies I
 - Field Instruction III & IV

- 1999-2007 Graduate Instructor, UCLA, Department of Social Welfare, Courses taught:
Primary Instructor
- Death & Dying
 - Frontiers in Human Aging
- Teaching Associate*
- Social Welfare Policies & Programs
 - Foundations of Social Work and Social Welfare Policy
 - Diversity in Aging: The Roles of Gender and Ethnicity
 - Dynamics of Human Behavior II: Community and Organizational Theory
 - Dynamics of Human Behavior I: Human Growth and Development
 - Dynamics of Human Behavior III: Advanced Psychopathology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Bikson, K.** (Accepted for publication). Hospital-based interdisciplinary palliative care: *Got social work?* Submitted to *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*
- Bikson, K.**, Lorenz, K., & Benjamin, A.E. (revise/resubmit). Organizational challenges to implementing hospital-based palliative care: A comparative case study. Submitted to *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*
- Bikson, K.**, McGuire, J., Blue-Howells, J., & Seldin-Sommer, L. (2009). Psychosocial problems in primary care: Patient and provider perceptions. *Social Work in Health Care*, 48, 8:736-749.
- McGuire, J., **Bikson, K.**, & Blue-Howells, J. (2005). How many social workers are needed in primary care? A patient-based needs assessment example. *Health & Social Work*, 30, 4:305-313.
- Torres-Gil, F. & **Bikson, K.** (2002). The emerging nexus of aging and diversity: Implications for public policy and entitlement reform. *Elder's Advisor: The Journal of Elder Law and Post-Retirement Planning*, 4, 1:1-10.
- Torres-Gil, F., & **Bikson, K.** (2001). Multiculturalism, Social Policy and the New Aging. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 36, 3-4:13-32.
- Bikson, K.** (in preparation). Towards an implementation science of health services: Translating palliative care. Working title, in preparation for submission to *Social Service Review*

Other Publications

- Bikson, K.**, & Bikson, T.K. (2001). The impact of internet use over time on older adults: A field experiment, in Charness, N., Park, D. C. & Sabel, B. (Eds.) *Communication, Technology and Aging*, New York: Springer Publishing Company (chapter co-author).
- Torres-Gil, F., & **Bikson, K.** (1999). *The politics of intergenerational relationships: A conceptual framework*. Co-author of testimony to the United States Senate Special Committee on Aging, entered into the Congressional Record, November 8, 1999.
- Estes, C., Linkins, K., & Associates (1999). *Long-Term Care for the Disadvantaged Elderly: Grassroots Activism and Successful Strategies*. Institute for Health & Aging, UCSF, funded by Public Welfare

Foundation and the AARP/Andrus Foundation (**report co-author**).

Bikson, K. (1996, July/August). Atlanta's Olympics plan for elders. *Aging Today*, newspaper of the American Society on Aging.

Bikson, K. (1996, July/August). From Tuskegee in the 40's to Los Angeles in the 90's: How far have we come? *Synapse*, newspaper of the University of California, San Francisco.

Bikson, K. (1996, May/June). Cosmetic surgery: Is it gerontologically correct? *Aging Today*, newspaper of the American Society on Aging.

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2004-2006 Principal Investigator, *Understanding innovation in end of life care: Hospital-based palliative care programs*, Hartford Doctoral Fellowship in Geriatric Social Work, John A. Hartford Foundation, \$40,000 over two years, \$20,000 UCLA match support
- 2004-2006 Principal Investigator, *Understanding innovation in end of life care: Hospital-based palliative care programs*, VA Social Work Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Academic Affiliations, \$37,500 over two years.
- 2004 Principal Investigator, VA Health Services Research & Development Locally Initiated Project Grant, Center for the Study of Healthcare Provider Behavior, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, pilot study on implementation of palliative care, \$8,500.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2004-2005 Research Associate, Inter University Consortium training evaluation for Department of Children and Family Services, UCLA
- 2002-2003 Research Associate, Consumer-Directed Movement in Health Care project, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, UCLA
- 1998-2000 Research Associate, Social Work Service Research and Program Evaluation Office, Veterans Affairs (VA) Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
- 1997-1999 Research Assistant, Center for Policy Research on Aging, UCLA
- 1998 Research Assistant, In Home Supportive Services project, UCLA
- 1996-1997 Research Associate, Institute for Health & Aging, UCSF

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2013 Clinical Social Worker, Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center, Torrance, CA
- Emergency Department
 - House Social Worker
 - Palliative Care

- 2005-2006 Psycho-Educational Group Leader, Beverly Hospital, Montebello, CA
- Behavior management, behavioral modification, and cognitive therapeutic techniques for caregivers.
- 2000-2002 Clinical Social Worker, Providence Trinity Care Hospice, Los Angeles, CA
- Psychosocial assessment, care planning and clinical end-of-life care interventions.
- 1998 Program Evaluation Consultant, WISE Senior Services, Santa Monica, CA
- Fiduciary Abuse Specialist Team
- 1997-1998 Case Manager Intern, Compass House, Los Angeles CA
- Residential crisis treatment for severely mentally ill adults
 - Psychosocial assessment, case management, individual & group therapy
- 1996 Science Writer Intern, American Society on Aging, San Francisco, CA
- 1994-1995 Program Assistant, UCSF- Mount Zion Alzheimer's Day Center, San Francisco, CA

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (peer reviewed)

- Bikson, K.** (2010, March). *Organizational challenges to implementing hospital-based palliative care.*
Paper presented at American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Annual Assembly, Boston.
- Bikson, K.** (2010, January). *Organizational challenges to implementing hospital-based palliative care.*
Paper presented at Society for Social Work and Research's Annual Conference, San Francisco.
- Bikson, K.** (2008, November). *Understanding innovation in end-of-life care: A comparative case study of hospital-based palliative care programs.* **Paper** presented at Gerontological Society of America's 61st Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Bikson, K.** (2007, February). *Improving interdisciplinary palliative care delivery: A qualitative case comparison study.* **Plenary paper** presentation at the VA Health Services Research & Development Service National Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Bikson, K.** (2006, February). *Understanding innovation in end of life care: Hospital-based palliative care programs.* **Paper** accepted at the Council on Social Work Education Gero-Ed Forum, Chicago.
- Bikson, K.** (2004, January). *Psychosocial problems in primary care: Patient and provider perceptions.*
Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Young Investigators Award, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, 2010
- Paper Award, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), 2010
- Scholarship Award, College of Palliative Care, AAHPM Annual Assembly 2007
- Regents Conference Travel Award, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA 2003-2004
- Department of Social Welfare Fellowships, UCLA 1999-2001
- Toby Gold Fellowship, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA 1998-1999

- Graduate Dean's Fellowship Award, Graduate Division, UCLA 1997-1998
- President, Chapter Beta Xi, Sigma Phi Omega, National Gerontological Honor Society 1996-1997, Member 1995-1997

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Reviewer, journal manuscripts:

- *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*, 2011-present
- *International Journal for Applied Psychoanalytic Studies*, 2011-present
- *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, 2009-present
- *AIDS and Behavior*, 2008-present
- *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 2008-present

Reviewer, meeting abstracts:

- Gerontological Society of America 2010-present
- Society for Social Work Research 2009-present

Session moderator, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Annual Assembly, Boston, March 2010

Submitted formal comment to Federal Drug Administration Docket FDA-2009-N-0143 on Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies for Certain Opioid Drugs, June 2009

Invited presentation, Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program Site Visit, Boston College, April 2008

Session aide, Sixth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA, January 2002

Session aide, Gerontological Society of America's Forty-eighth Annual Scientific meeting, Los Angeles, CA, November 1995

Academic Service

USC Service:

- Assisted in VAC conversion of Health Concentration selection and immersion workshops
- Mentored doctoral student for teaching practicum, 2013
- Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Contributions to the LGBTQ Community, USC Rainbow Alliance Caucus, 2013
- Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Contributions to the LGBTQ Community, USC Rainbow Alliance Caucus, 2012

NYU Service:

- Member, Gero Research Colloquium, Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, College of Nursing, 2009-2010
- Group discussion facilitator for *Almost Home: Changing Aging in America*, April 2010
- Presentation on doctoral education for Professional Development Day, November 2009
- Presentation on doctoral education for Doctoral Program Open House, October 2009
- Faculty reader/reviewer for MSW admissions applications, 2008-2009

- Faculty member, Dean's Advisory Group for Social Work Licensure, 2008-2009
- Faculty advisor, Student Committee on Licensing Issues, 2008-2009
- Break-out session leader, New MSW Student Orientation, September 2008
- Faculty representative for MSW Admissions Open House, December 2007
- Presentation on funding opportunities for doctoral students, November 2007

UCLA Service:

- Invited presentation for new teaching fellows, *Keys to developing a successful freshman honors seminar*. College of Letters and Science, UCLA, December 2002
- Outreach and fundraising for UCLA IDEAS: Improving Dreams Equality Access and Success, serving the undocumented student community, 2005-2006
- Minority student outreach recruitment speaker, Psychology Research Opportunity Programs, UCLA, April 2001.
- Student Representative, Doctoral Committee, Social Welfare, UCLA, 2000-2001.

Service to the Community (selected)

Invited participant in collaboration meeting at New York Academy of Medicine for New York City area gerontological social work faculty, April 2009

Grand Rounds on palliative care at Bellevue Hospital, NY, January 2009

Interviewed by BBC Television about challenges facing LGBTQ elders, December 2008

Invited speaker, Alzheimer's Association Greater East Los Angeles Regional Office 13th Annual Care Giver Recognition Luncheon, May 2006

Outreach and recruitment speaker to underrepresented Santa Barbara public high school students, Santa Barbara Cesar Chavez Leadership Institute, May 2006

Invited Delegate to the California Social Work Education Center (Cal SWEC) Aging Summit, California State University, Long Beach, October 2004

Outreach for a joint student and agency-led grassroots project to gather community recommendations for the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, San Francisco, CA, May 1995

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Spousal/Partner Abuse Detection, Assessment and Intervention, NASW-CA Annual Conference, Irvine, CA, October 2012

Human Sexuality, NASW-CA Continuing Education, Burbank, CA, June 2012

Child Abuse, NASW-CA Continuing Education, Burbank, CA, June 2012

Strategies for Conducting Implementation Research, Research Methods Workshop, SSWR, San Francisco, CA, January 2010

Promoting Excellence in Pain Management and Palliative Care for Social Workers, Advanced Track,

Southern California Cancer Pain Initiative and the City of Hope, Duarte, CA, July 2009

Palliative Care: A Global Perspective, NYU Global Public Health, April 2008

Translation and Diffusion of Geriatric Social Work Research, Hartford Translational Research Conference Training Retreat, GSA, Washington D.C. April 2008

Sort and Sift, Think and Shift: Multidimensional Qualitative Analysis, Research Talk Workshop, El Segundo, CA, October 2006

Introduction to ATLAS.ti, and Advanced Features of ATLAS.ti, Research Talk Qualitative Software Seminar, El Segundo, CA, October 2006

Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research: Improving the Quality of Science and Addressing Health Issues of Diverse Populations, GSA Pre-Conference Workshop, Orlando, FL, November 2005

Combined Elder Care/32nd Annual Irving M. Rasgon Family Medicine Symposium, Kaiser Permanente Department of Clinical Services, Anaheim, CA, June 2005

Working with Mexicans: Workshop for Social Workers, immersion Spanish & social issues, Cemanahuac School (Cuernavaca, Buenavista, Cuetzalan, San Miguel Tzinacapan, & D.F.), July 2005

Qualitative Research Workshop, UCLA Center for Research, Education, Training, and Strategic Communication on Minority Health Disparities (CRETSCMHD), Los Angeles, CA, April 2005

Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research: Improving the Quality of Science and Addressing Health Disparities, GSA Pre-Conference Workshop, Washington D.C. November 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
- Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR)