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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles 2007

M.S.W. University of California, Los Angeles 2000

M.A. Gerontology, San Francisco State University 1997

B.A. Psychology, *Cum Laude*, University of California, Santa Cruz 1986

Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris III 1984-1985

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| 2013-present | <p>Clinical Associate Professor, University of Southern California (USC) School of Social Work
 <i>Virtual Academic Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair, Health Concentration • Co-Lead, Health Concentration Courses • Co-Lead, Human Behavior and the Social Environment <p><i>Courses</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy in the Health Care Sector 636 • Program Planning and Evaluation in Health Care 632 • Social Welfare 535 • Human Behavior and the Social Environment 505 • Human Behavior and the Social Environment 503 <p><i>Workshops</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Immersion • Health Concentration Selection & Immersion <p><i>Academic Service</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity Committee • Clinical Faculty Research Group • VAC conversion of Health Concentration selection and immersion workshops • Doctoral teaching practicum mentor, 2013 • 2013 Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Contributions to the LGBTQ Community, USC Rainbow Alliance Caucus |
| 2012-2013 | <p>Adjunct Lecturer, USC School of Social Work</p> <p><i>Courses</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Welfare 535 • Human Behavior and the Social Environment 505 • Human Behavior and the Social Environment 503 <p><i>Academic Service</i></p> |

- 2012 Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Academic Contributions to the LGBTQ Community, USC Rainbow Alliance Caucus

2007-2010 Assistant Professor, New York University (NYU) Silver School of Social Work

Courses

- 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

Academic Service

- Advisor, Student Committee on Licensing Issues
- Member, Gero Research Colloquium, Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing
- Dean's Advisory Group for Social Work Licensure
- Presenter for Professional Development Day, Funding Opportunities for Doctoral Students, Doctoral Program Open House, MSW Admissions Open House, and MSW Student Orientations
- Reviewer, MSW admissions applications

1999-2007 Graduate Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Department of Social Welfare

Courses

- Death & Dying
- Frontiers in Human Aging

Teaching Associate/Assistant

- Diversity in Aging: The Roles of Gender and Ethnicity
- Dynamics of Human Behavior I: Community and Organizational Theory
- Dynamics of Human Behavior II: Human Growth and Development
- Dynamics of Human Behavior III: Advanced Psychopathology
- Foundations of Social Work and Social Welfare Policy
- Social Welfare Policies & Programs

Academic service

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

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.

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

2004-2006 Principal Investigator, Doctoral Fellowship in Geriatric Social Work, \$60,000 plus \$20,000 UCLA matching support, Hartford, John A. Hartford Foundation. Comparative case study of hospital-based palliative care.

2004-2006 Principal Investigator, VA Social Work Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, \$37,500. Office of Academic Affiliations, Department of Veterans Affairs. Comparative case study of hospital-based palliative care.

2004 Principal Investigator, VA Health Services Research & Development Locally Initiated Project Grant, \$8,500. Center for the Study of Healthcare Provider Behavior, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Pilot study on implementation of palliative care in hospital settings.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2004-2005 Research Associate, Inter University Consortium, UCLA
- Evaluation of concurrent planning training for Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).
- 2002-2003 Research Associate, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, UCLA
- Secondary data analysis for Consumer-Directed Movement in Health Care project.
- 1998-2000 Research Associate, Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
- Research design, IRB applications, data collection and analysis, manuscript and report writing and presentation preparation for the Social Work Service Research and Program Evaluation Office.
- 1997-1999 Research Assistant, Center for Policy Research on Aging, UCLA
- Secondary data collection, manuscript and report writing.
- 1998 Research Assistant, UCLA
- Data analysis for In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) project.
- 1996-1997 Research Associate, Institute for Health & Aging, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)
- Primary and secondary data collection and analysis, report writing, presentation preparation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2013 Clinical Social Worker, Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center
Torrance, CA
- Palliative Care Department
 - Emergency Department
 - House Social Worker
- 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 evaluation design.
- 1997-1998 Case Manager, Compass House
Los Angeles, CA
- Internship position
 - Residential crisis treatment for severely mentally ill adults.
 - Psychosocial assessment, case management, individual & group therapy.

- 1996 Science Writer, American Society on Aging
San Francisco, CA
- Internship position
 - Interviewing, researching and writing for *Aging Today*, a national trade newspaper.
- 1994-1995 Program Assistant, UCSF- Mount Zion Alzheimer's Day Center
San Francisco, CA
- Volunteer position
 - Preparing and leading activities for people living with Alzheimer's disease.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- 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, D.C.
- 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 (selected)

- 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
- Toby Gold Fellowship, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA 1998-1999
- Graduate Dean's Fellowship Award, Graduate Division, UCLA 1997-1998
- Chapter Beta Xi, Sigma Phi Omega, National Gerontological Honor Society 1995-1997

SERVICE (selected)

Article reviewer

- *AIDS and Behavior*
- *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*
- *International Journal for Applied Psychoanalytic Studies*
- *International Journal of STD & AIDS*,
- *Journal for the Society of Social Work and Research (JSSWR)*
- *Supportive Care in Cancer*

Abstracts reviewer

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

Community

- Session moderator, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Annual Assembly, Boston, March 2010
- Formal comment to Federal Drug Administration Docket FDA-2009-N-0143 on Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies for Certain Opioid Drugs, June 2009
- Invited participant in collaboration meeting at New York Academy of Medicine for New York City area gerontological social work faculty, April 2009
- Invited Grand Rounds on palliative care at Bellevue Hospital, NY, January 2009
- Interviewed by BBC Television about challenges facing LGBTQ elders, December 2008
- Invited presentation, Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program Site Visit, Boston College, April 2008
- Volunteer, Sixth Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA, January 2002
- Invited speaker, Alzheimer's Association Greater East Los Angeles Regional Office 13th Annual Care Giver Recognition Luncheon, May 2006
- Invited 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
- Volunteer, Gerontological Society of America's Forty-eighth Annual Scientific meeting, Los Angeles, CA, November 1995
- Grassroots organizer gathering community recommendations for the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, San Francisco, CA, May 1995

LICENSURE

Associate Clinical Social Worker #30018

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, May 2014
- 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 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
- Social Work Spanish immersion & Mexican social issues, Cemanahuac School in Cuernavaca, Buenavista, Cuetzalan, San Miguel Tzinacapan, and the Distrito Federal, July 2005
- Qualitative Research Workshop, Center for Research, Education, Training, and Strategic Communication on Minority Health Disparities, UCLA, April 2005
- Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research: Improving the Quality of Science and Addressing Health Disparities, GSA Workshop, Washington D.C. November 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society on Aging (ASA)
- 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)