

Curriculum Vitae
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I. CONTACT INFORMATION

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II. EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Work & Psychology, University of Michigan, May, 1991.
M.S.W., Clinical Practice, University of Michigan, May, 1980.
B.A., Psychology, University of Michigan, May, 1975.

III. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Tulane University School of Social Work, July, 1999 to present
Assistant Professor, Tulane University School of Social Work, 1993-1999

IV. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Editorial Boards: Editorial Staff for The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse (2009-12)

Ad Hoc Reviewer: Traumatology, Research on Social Work Practice (2009-10)

Grant and Research Reviewer: NIMH, 2007-8

V. PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Affiliations

NASW since 1978
APA since 1987

VI. HONORS

Named Professor of the Year by Tulane University MSW Students, 2011

VI. PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

1) Publications and Presentations:

a. Refereed Journal Articles

Ager, R. D. (2012). The Learning Activities Questionnaire: A Tool to Enhance Teaching. *Journal of Social Work Education, 48*(1), 127-138.

Wood, A. R., Ager, R. D., & Wood, R. J. (2011). Motivational Interviewing: A qualitative examination of factors impacting adoption and implementation in a community-wide

- setting. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 11(4), 336-351.
- Ager, R. D., Roahen-Harrison, S., Toriello, P. J. Kissinger, P. Morse, P. Morse, E. V., Carney L. Rice, J., & (2011). Predictors of Adopting Motivational Enhancement Therapy. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 21 (1), 65-76.
- Ager, R. D. (2008). Denial of hurricane risks: Reflections of an addictions researcher. *Traumatology*, 14 (4), 48-54.
- Ager, R. D., Parquet, R., & Kreutziger, S. (2008). The Youth Video Project: An innovative program for substance abuse prevention. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 8 (3), 303-321.
- Ager, R. D., & Parquet, R. (2008). Public housing residents making their courtyard safe from drugs. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 8 (1), 95-115.
- Ager, R. D. (2006). Critical variables for infusing community content into a clinical program: An empirical study. *Journal of Community Practice*, 13 (3), 91-106.
- Ager, R. D., Roahen-Harrison, S. Toriello, P. J. Morse, P. Morse, E. V., Carney L. Rice, J., & Kissinger, P. (2005). A study on the effectiveness of a brief Motivational Enhancement Therapy training. *Journal of Addictive Diseases*, 24 (Suppl. 1), 15-31.
- Toriello, P. J., Roahen-Harrison, S., Rice, J., Ager, R., Morse, E. V., Morse, P., Carney, L., & Kissinger, P. J. (2005). The relationship between substance abuse counselors' clinical orientations and their readiness to change counseling techniques. *Journal of Addictive Diseases*, 24 (Suppl. 1), 75-92.
- Kreutziger, S. S., Ager, R. D., Lewis, J. S., & England, S. (2001). Settlements revisited: The new neighborhood ideal. *Journal of Community Practice*, 9,(2), 49-70.
- Kreutziger, S. S., Ager, R. D., Harrell, E., & Wright, J. (1999). The Campus Affiliates Program: A case study in response to "The university's responsibilities in troubled times". *American Behavior Scientist*, 42, 827-839.
- Thomas, E. J., Yoshioka, M. R., & Ager, R. D. (1996). Spouse enabling of alcohol abuse: Conception, assessment and modification. *Journal of Substance Abuse*. 8, 61-80.
- Yoshioka, M. R., Thomas, E. J. & Ager, R. D. (1992). Nagging and other drinking control efforts of spouses of uncooperative alcohol abusers: Assessment and modification. *Journal of Substance Abuse*, 4, 309-318.
- Thomas, E. J., & Ager, R. D. (1991). Treatment mediation and the spouse as treatment mediator. *American Journal of Family Therapy*, 19(4), 315-326.
- Thomas, E. J., Adams, K. B., Yoshioka, M. R., & Ager, R. D. (1990). Unilateral relationship

enhancement in the treatment of spouses of uncooperative alcohol abusers. *American Journal of Family Therapy*, 18(4), 334-344.

b. Articles Submitted for Publication or in Preparation

Ager, R. D. (2014). *A qualitative study of perpetrator intimate partner violence from a cognitive behavioral perspective*. Manuscript in progress.

Ager, R. D. (2014). *Unilateral Family Therapy (UFT) with spouses of alcohol abusers: A randomized trial*. Manuscript in progress.

Ager, R. D. (2014). *A qualitative study of intimate partner violence from a cognitive behavioral perspective*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

c. Published Refereed Abstracts

Thomas, E. J., & Ager, R. D. (1993). Characteristics of unmotivated alcohol abusers and their spouses [Abstract]. *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*, 17, 493.

Thomas, E. J., Yoshioka, M. R., Ager, R. D., & Adams, K. B. (1990). Reaching the uncooperative alcohol abuser through a cooperative spouse. [Abstract]. *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*, 14, 237.

d. Chapters

Ager, R. D., & Thomas, E. J. (2001). The Spouse Treatment Mediation Inventory(STMI). In J. Touliatos, B. F. Perlmutter, & G. W. Holden (Eds.), *Handbook of family measurement techniques. Volumes 2 & 3* (2nd Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Thomas, E. J., Yoshioka, M. R., & Ager, R. D. (2001). The Spouse Enabling Inventory(SEI). In J. Touliatos, B. F. Perlmutter, & G. W. Holden (Eds.), *Handbook of family measurement techniques. Volumes 2 & 3* (2nd Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Yoshioka, M. R., Thomas, E. J., & Ager, R. D. (2001). The Spouse Sobriety Influence Inventory(SSII). In J. Touliatos, B. F. Perlmutter, & G. W. Holden (Eds.), *Handbook of family measurement techniques. Volumes 2 & 3* (2nd Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Ager, R. D., & Thomas, E. J. (1994). The Spouse Treatment Mediation Inventory(STMI). In J. Fischer & K. Corcoran (Eds.), *Measures for clinical practice*. (2nd Ed.). New York: The Free Press.

Thomas, E. J., Ager, R. D., & Yoshioka, M. R. (1994). The Life Distress Inventory(LDI). In J. Fischer & K. Corcoran (Eds.), *Measures for clinical practice*. (2nd Ed.). New York: The Free Press.

Thomas, E. J., Yoshioka, M. R., & Ager, R. D. (1994). The Spouse Sobriety Influence Inventory (SSII). In J. Fischer & K. Corcoran (Eds.), *Measures for clinical practice*. (2nd Ed.). New York: The Free Press.

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Thomas, E. J., & Ager, R. D. (1993). Unilateral family therapy with spouses of uncooperative alcohol abusers. In T. J. O'Farrell(Ed.), *Treating alcohol problems: Marital and family interventions*. New York: Guilford Press.

e. Non-refereed Publications

Thomas, E. J., Ager, R. D., & Yoshioka, M. R. (November, 1996). Measuring Spouse Sobriety Influence. *Issues of Substance, 1*, 6-7.

2) Lectures, Speeches, Workshops, and Conference Presentations

Sujan, H., Borrero, S. Sujan, M. Harlan, T. & Ager, R. (January, 2013). *Persuading Young Adults to Engage in Greater Physical Activity: From Proving it to Others to Proving it to Yourself*, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA, January 2013.

Sujan, H. Harlan, T., Ager, R. Buhrau, D. & Sujan, M. (December, 2012). *Evaluating the Effectiveness of Doctors as Salespeople: The Motivating Effect of Patient-Physician Interactions*, NASMEI Great Lakes Conference, Chennai, India, December 2012.

Sujan, H. Harlan, T. Sujan, M. Ager, R. D. (May, 2012). *Evaluating the effectiveness of doctors as salespeople: The motivating effect of patient-physician interactions*. Paper presented at the 2012 Academy of Marketing Science Annual Conference, New Orleans.

VIII. RECENT (since 2008) GRANT PROPOSALS

Dates	Title and Role	Funding Source	Amount
8/15 -- 8/16	Certificate in Family Practice: A Program to Enhance Graduate Education and Community Capacity	Board of Regents Support Fund	Requested: \$82,390
8/12 – 8/13	A Certificate Program in Family Practice for Master's of Social Work Students: PI	Board of Regents Support Fund	Requested \$80,800 Received \$0

3/10/10 – 3/10/11	Questionnaire for Evidence-Based Practice with Violent Couples PI	Dean’s Incentive Fund	Requested \$7,500 Received: \$7,500
5/10	Improving Health Outcomes: Increasing Adherence to Physician Recommendations for Chronic Condition Care Regimes via Message Framing PI	COR (Provost fund)	Requested \$10, 000 Received \$0
11/1/06 – 12/31/08	A Questionnaire for Evidence-Based Practice with Violent Couples. Role: PI	Research Enhancement Fund (Tulane Univ)	Requested: \$25K Received: \$22.5K

IX. CURRENT BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

A. Research Interests: 1. Family Practice; Interests focus on treatment outcome research along with training community service providers in state-of-the-art evidence-based practice methods. 2. Addictions: Interests focus on treatment outcome research. 3. Inter-partner Violence: Interests focus on developing new methods to assess and treat those demonstrating this problem

B. Teaching Assignments (in the last ten years):

I have taught Methods I (SW 731) and Methods II (SW 732) for each of the last 10 years. During 2003 to 2005, I taught Qualitative Methods (SW 942). I have also served as a Field Liaison from 2001 through 2009.

C. Major Professor (PhD Dissertation Chair)

ABD:

- Abbey Garfinkle (School of Social Work): An Intervention for High Risk Children, (ABD)
- Laury Guillory (School of Social Work): Factors Associated with Completing Comprehensive Brain Injury Evaluation (ABD)
- Lindann Malloney (School of Social Work): Alcohol Addiction in Elderly Women: A Qualitative Study (ABD)
- Dale Robinson-Rogers (School of Social Work): Addiction Amongst the Elderly: Stories of Recovery. (ABD)

Completed:

Reginald Parquet (School of Social Work): A Comparative Analysis of Public Housing Residents who Relocate to Either Other Public Housing Developments, Section 8 Housing, or Non-subsidized Housing; Successfully defended April 2013.

Carmen Williams (School of Social Work): Educators' Attitudes, Characteristics and Strategies Associated with Successful Father Involvement in Early Childhood Programs. (Defending in April, 2013)

Merlin Young (School of Social Work): Predictors of Stigmatization of Homeless Individuals by LCSW Practitioners in Louisiana, (Defending in April, 2013)

D. Dissertation Committees Membership

Abbe Garfinkle (School of Social Work): Childhood exposure to traumatic events and the development of posttraumatic stress symptom clusters (Defending in April, 2015)

X. RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

A. School

Master's Professional Project Advising

- I have served as evaluator for the poster session during each semester
- I am supervising 2 masters Professional Project groups.

Supervision of Research Assistant

- I am supervising a former masters student, Samra Harpreet, who is a research assistant on my grant.

-Coordinated the revamping of the Advanced Methods course. I have chaired a committee that has been working the past three months on developing this course into a more integrative clinical-community course.

-Developed a new course called Advanced Family and Couple Practice (7360).

-I taught the new course, Advanced Family and Couple Practice (7360), for the first time in Fall, 2014. This course is required for students in the Certificate in Family Practice program.

-Doctoral Program in City, Culture and Community: I have been involved in various aspects of this program including student orientation and guest teaching

-Course Coordinator (Methods I & Methods II)

-Committee assignments:

- Retention, Promotion & Tenure
- Educational Policy Committee
- Admissions Committee
- Methods Sequence (Chair)
- Doctoral Program Committee
- Graduation Commencement Coordinator

-Faculty liaison for the Student Government Association

-Graduation Commencement Coordinator

b. University

University Senate Committee on University Honors

University Senate Committee on Committees

University Senate Budget Committee

c. Community

-External tenure reviewer for University of Utah professor, 7/14/14

-I have been involved in coordinating a number of collaborative meetings with directors and service deliverers focusing on developing a network for exchanging family practice training

XI. Administrative Responsibilities

Director of the Porter Cason Family Institute (PCI)

First and foremost, we initiated the new Certificate in Family Practice (CFP) program beginning Fall 2014. This has involved a series of presentations in both the EPC and faculty meetings to inform the faculty about our mission and plans. We have also engaged our board to assist us in improving the family practice curriculum, and developing a model for assisting field supervisors who plan to supervise our CFP program students. We have been meeting with and talking with several agencies concerning their involvement in this program.

This year we have also held 13 workshops, two of them were 4-day intensive workshops by George Fallor and his trainers in Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT). As a result, we now have 20 of the first EFT trainers in the Deep South who are in the position to spread this evidence-based treatment in their areas. We have also involved our board members in providing consultation and assistance to several community agencies in the New Orleans Metro area. Furthermore, we have provided several talks to our students including a daylong event where the PCI board presented to the entire student body and faculty. We have collaborated with other University and outside agencies to bring in experts in family therapy and special enhancement activities for community practitioners such as bringing William Madsen on one occasion to provide a free workshop.

Director of the Center for Life Long Learning

We have held over almost a dozen workshops and licensing trainings. We served over a hundred and fifty social workers and issued over 500 CEUs. We have also served as a provider in Louisiana's authorization process for continuing education credits.